**Event Title:** Essential Queer Voices of U.S. Poetry

**Event Description:** This reading features four poets from *Essential Queer Voices of U.S. Poetry* (Green Linden Press, Feb. 2024), which includes 100 poets who illustrate the brilliant range of poetry being written today: Frank Bidart, Jericho Brown, Franny Choi, CAConrad, Natalie Diaz, Mark Doty, Nikki Giovanni, Ocean Vuong, and many others. The Essential Voices series aims to make less insular the various poetries of the world and to correct mis- or underrepresentation in the broader culture.

**Event Category:** Poetry Reading

**Event Organizer:** Green Linden Press

**Event Moderator:**

Christopher Nelson is the author of *Blood Aria* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2021) and four chapbooks, including *Blue House*, winner of a Poetry Society of America Chapbook Fellowship. The recipient of the 2023–24 Amy Lowell Traveling Scholarship, he is the founding editor of Green Linden Press, a nonprofit publisher dedicated to poetic excellence and reforestation.

**Event Participants:**

Lisa Dordal teaches at Vanderbilt University and is the author of *Mosaic of the Dark*, which was a finalist for the 2019 Audre Lorde Award for Lesbian Poetry; *Water Lessons*, which was listed by Lambda Literary as one of their most anticipated books for 2022; and *Next Time You Come Home* (2023).

Marcelo Hernandez Castillo is the author of *Children of the Land: a Memoir* (Harper Collins), *Cenzontle* (BOA editions), and *Dulce* (Northwestern University Press). He is a founding member of the Undocupoets. He teaches at the St. Mary’s College MFA program Ashland University.
Donika Kelly is the author of the full-length collections *The Renunciations* and *Bestiary*. She is an assistant professor at the University of Iowa.

Paul Tran is the author of the debut poetry collection *All the Flowers Kneeling*, from Penguin in the US and the UK. They are an Assistant Professor of English and Asian American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.