

The Visiting Writers Series
presents a reading by poet

PATRICIA SMITH

National Book Award Finalist and Four-Time National Poetry Slam Champion



TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1PM

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Patricia Smith is the author of five books of poetry including *Blood Dazzler*, a finalist for the National Book Award, and *Teahouse of the Almighty*, a National Poetry Series selection. She has won a Pushcart Prize and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award. Smith is also a four-time National Poetry Slam individual champion, and her performance accolades include reading her work on *Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry*, the Folger Shakespeare Library, Carnegie Hall, and the Dodge Poetry Festival. She has also authored children's books including *Janna and the Kings* and co-authored *Africans in America*, a companion volume to the groundbreaking four-part PBS history series. Smith is an Assistant Professor of English at CUNY College of Staten Island and on the core faculty of the Stonecoast MFA program at the University of Southern Maine.

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