

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

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Poets Laura Tohe & Orlando White



About Laura Tohe:

Laura Tohe is Diné/ Navajo. She is Sleepy Rock clan born for the Bitter Water clan. A librettist and an award-winning poet, she has written 3 books of poetry, edited a book of Native American Women writing, and the oral history book, Code Talker Stories. Her commissioned libretto, *Enemy Slayer, A Navajo Oratorio* made its world premiere in 2008 and was performed by The Phoenix Symphony. She is Professor with Distinction in Indigenous Literature at Arizona State University and is the Poet Laureate of the Navajo Nation for 2015-2017.

About Orlando White:

Orlando White is the author of two books of poetry: *Bone Light* (Red Hen Press, 2009) and *LETTERS* (Nightboat Books, 2015). He holds a BFA from the Institute of American Indian Arts and an MFA from Brown University. His poems have appeared in *The Kenyon Review*, *Omnidawn Poetry Feature Blog*, *Sentence: A Journal of Prose Poetics*, *American Indian Culture And Research Journal*, *Evening Will Come: A Monthly Journal of Poetics*, and elsewhere. He is the recipient of a Lannan Foundation Residency and a Bread Loaf John Ciardi Fellowship. He teaches at Diné College and in the low-residency MFA program at the Institute of American Indian Arts.

Friday, April 15th, 2016

5:30-6:30 p.m.

All-Ages Community Writing Workshop

6:30-9:30 p.m.

Open Mic Performance + Light Refreshments



**Gila Community College
San Carlos Campus**

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Arizona poets Laura Tohe and Orlando White will lead an all ages interactive workshop with participants of *Poets on the Rez* at the San Carlos Campus of Gila Community College.

Founded in 2010, *Poets on the Rez* provides a friendly collaborative atmosphere for community members to get to know one another and provide an opportunity to share their gifts with the community. Join us for this open mic gathering which will feature art, music, and writing.

Follow @AZhumanities on twitter to check out daily writing prompts from Laura, Orlando and other poets all month long.

FREE EVENT!