

emily thornton calvo

Leadership

Chicago Slam Works, Chicago, IL • 2009 to present
Co-founder, board member and Slambassador

“How to Promote Your Poetry”
Harold Washington Library, Poetry Month Fest
Panelist, Chicago, IL • 2011

Chicago Public Schools Magnet Cluster Institute
Chicago IL • 2005, Speaker on topic of “Integrating Poetry
into Other Subjects” for 100+ CPS elementary school
principals and lead teachers

Teaching Artists Collective, Chicago, IL • 2005
Sulzer Regional Library, Panelist on teaching
poetry for arts instructors

National Poetry Slam
Marketing Director, Chicago, IL • 1999, 2003

Publication Highlights

Lending Color to the Otherwise Absurd, 2014
Journal of Psychological Poetry, 2010
Coleré, Coe College, IA 2002
After Hours, Chicago, IL 2002, 2004, 2007, 2009
Oyez Review, Roosevelt University Press,
Chicago, IL, 1998

Featured Readings

Not Your Grandma’s Poetry Show
Harold Washington Library, Poetry Fest
Chicago, IL • 2016, Featured poet/artist

Poetry with Vision
Loyola University, Gender Studies Program
Chicago, IL • 2016, Featured poet/artist

Poetry with Vision, Women & Children First Bookstore
Chicago, IL • 2015, Featured poet/artist

Elizabeth’s Crazy Little Thing, Phyllis’ Musical Inn,
Chicago, IL • 2015, Featured poet

Podcast Series: “Poet at the End of the World”
2015, Featured poet

Caffeinated Confessions, Everybody’s Coffee
Chicago, IL • 2015, Featured poet

Uptown Poetry Slam, Green Mill Jazz Lounge
Chicago, IL • 2015, Featured Artist/Poet

Applied Words, Guild Complex/Woman Made Gallery
Chicago, IL • 2011 Featured artist/poet

The Body Politic of Pierre Marie Brisson, Th!nkArt
Gallery, Chicago, IL • 2011, Featured poet in Sister Cities
International Paris Committee fundraiser

Atropolis, A Celebration of Art, Antiques & Culture
Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL • 2011, Featured poet

War & Peace, Th!nkArt Gallery, Chicago, IL • 2009
Featured poet at art gallery opening

Encyclopedia Show, Chopin Theater, Chicago, IL
2009, Featured artist (webcast on WBEZ)

Poetry Month Celebration, Harold Washington Library
Chicago, IL • 2009, Featured poet

Flatfile Gallery, Universe of Poetry, Chicago, IL
2008, 2009, Featured poet

Chicago Poetry Festival, Chicago, IL • 2005
Featured poet in two-day festival

Chicago Poetry Explosion, Beat Kitchen
Chicago, IL 2005, Featured poet

Ben Around Town, WYCC-TV, Chicago, IL • 2003
Featured poet

Uncommon Ground, Chicago, IL • 2003, 2004, 2009
Featured poet at special events

WHPK Radio, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
2003, Featured poet

WQNA, Flyover Zone, Springfield, IL • 2003
Featured poet on morning talk radio show

WBEZ Radio, Chicago, IL • 2002
Featured poet in series

Around The Coyote Fall Arts Festival, Chicago, IL
2002, Featured poet

Civic Center, Fontenay Le Comte, France
2001, 2002, Featured poet at mayoral event

WZRD Radio, Northeastern Illinois University
Chicago, IL • 1998, 2002, Featured poet on
university radio

Cook County Fair, Chicago, IL • 2002
Featured poet at multicultural arts festival

Mental Graffiti, Chicago, IL • 2001
Featured poet

Celebrate Poetry Month, Lincoln Library
Springfield, IL 2000, Featured poet/event organizer

Poetry Instructor

South Middle School, Mount Prospect, IL
2005, 2008, One-day reading/workshop for 100+ middle
school children

Joseph Sears Elementary School, Kenilworth, IL
2007, Two-day performance/workshop for middle school
students



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Poetry Instructor (continued)

Young Women's Leadership Charter School, Chicago, IL
2001 thru 2005, Poet-in-Residence for 7th, 8th and 12th
graders through The Poetry Center of Chicago's Hands
on Stanza program (20-week residency per semester)

Unity Junior High School, Cicero, IL • 2004, 2005
One-day workshops for three classes of eighth graders

Victor Herbert Elementary School, Chicago, IL
2005, One-day workshops

Chicago Poets Uncensored, Chicago, IL
2004, Featured poet at Chopin Theater

Roosevelt Elementary School, Cicero, IL
2003, 2004, One-day workshops for middle
school students

Awards

Semi-finalist in the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry
Award, 2007

Memberships/Affiliations

Chicago Writers Association
Member (2011 - Present)

The Poetry Center of Chicago
2005 - 2008, Board member

Society of Midland Authors
(2002 to Present) Member

