

# emily thornton calvo

## Literary Leadership

One Poetic Voice, Chicago, IL • 2014 to Present  
Co-founder, organizer of international exchanges

Chicago Slam Works, Chicago, IL • 2009 to 2017  
Co-founder, board member and “Slambassador”

“How to Promote Your Poetry”  
Harold Washington Library, Poetry Month Fest  
Panelist, Chicago, IL • 2011, 2017

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

## Publication Highlights

*Nourish*, 2018

*Dictionary of Midwestern Literature, Volume Two*, 2016  
Co-authored, with Marc Kelly Smith, entry on  
*Poetry Slam*, University of

*Lending Color to the Otherwise Absurd*, 2014

*Helium180, A Journal of Contemporary Writing*, 2014

*Journal of Psychological Poetry*, 2010

*Coleré*, Coe College, IA 2002

*After Hours*, Chicago, IL 2002, 2004, 2007, 2009

*Oyez Review*, Roosevelt University Press, 1998

## Featured Readings

*Writer’s Week*

Niles North High School

Skokie, IL • 2016, 2017, 2018, Featured poet

*Not Your Grandma’s Poetry Show*

Sulzer Regional Library, Poetry Fest

Chicago, IL • 2017, Featured poet/artist

*Pop-Up Poetry* at the Art Institute of Chicago

Sponsored by the Poetry Foundation,

Chicago, IL • 2017, One-woman show

*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



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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

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

American Writers Museum  
Member 2017

Chicago Writers Association  
Member (2011 - Present)

The Poetry Center of Chicago  
2005 - 2008, Board member

Society of Midland Authors  
(2002 to Present) Member

