

proudly presented by

MoSt poetry

Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center

Featured Readers

Carnegie Arts Center Gemperle Gallery

250 N. Broadway Ave. Turlock, CA

Sunday, December 1, 2019 2:00 P.M.



Lee Herrick



Zaid Shlah

Ash Young

Free and open to the public. Open mic following the reading. Join us in celebrating the spoken word!

POETRY ON SUNDAY SERIES FEATURED READERS– DECEMBER 1, 2019

Ash Young currently lives in Modesto with her husband, two sons, and two Pomeranians. She writes poetry about her life, and hopes to never be famous.

Born in Canada, and of Iraqi heritage, **Zaid Shlah** currently resides in Northern California with his family. His poetry has appeared in literary magazines, journals, and anthologies in both Canada and the U. S. In May of 2005, he was awarded the American Academy of Poets Award. His first book of poetry, *Taqsim*, was published in the US and in Canada (Frontenac House, 2006). His second book of poems and essays is entitled *Clockwork* (Frontenac House, 2015). He teaches composition and literature at Modesto Junior College.

Lee Herrick is the author of three books of poems: Scar and Flower, Gardening Secrets of the Dead, and This Many Miles from Desire. His poems appear widely in literary magazines, textbooks, and anthologies, including Columbia Poetry Review, The Poetry Foundation, Indivisible: Poems of Social Justice and Here: Poems for the Planet, with an introduction by the Dalai Lama. He is co-editor of The World I Leave You: Asian American Poets on Faith and Spirit (forthcoming in Spring 2020 by Orison Books). Born in Daejeon, Korea and adopted to the United States, he served as Fresno Poet Laureate (2015-2017) and teaches at Fresno City College and the MFA Program at Sierra Nevada College.