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FRI., SEPTEMBER 24 • 7:30PM
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**Felicia Zamora and
Mary Jo LoBello Jerome**

Felicia Zamora is the author of six poetry books including, *I Always Carry My Bones*, winner of the 2020 Iowa Poetry Prize (University of Iowa Press, 2021), *Quotient* (forthcoming from Tinderbox Editions, 2021), *Body of Render*, Benjamin Saltman Award winner (Red Hen Press, 2020), and *Of Form & Gather*, Andrés Montoya Poetry Prize winner (University of Notre Dame Press). A CantoMundo and Ragdale Foundation fellow, she won the 2020 C.P. Cavafy Prize from Poetry International, the Wabash Prize for Poetry, and the Tomáš Šalamun Prize. Her poems appear or are forthcoming in *AGNI*, *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *American Poetry Review*, *Boston Review*, *Georgia Review*, *Guernica*, *Missouri Review*, *Poem-of-the-Week*, *Orion*, *POETRY*, *The Nation*, and others. She is an assistant professor of poetry at the University of Cincinnati and associate poetry editor for the *Colorado Review*.

Mary Jo LoBello Jerome, 2019 Bucks County Poet Laureate, edited *Fire Up the Poems*, an anthology of creative writing prompts for teachers by the Bucks Poets Laureate, published by the college earlier this year. A number of Mary Jo's poems and short stories are forthcoming or have been published in the *Paterson Literary Review*, *Poets Reading the News*, *Literary North*, *Schuykill Valley Journal*, *The Stillwater Review*, *River Heron Review*, *Little Patuxent Review*, *Moonstone*, *Short Story*, among others. She holds an MFA from Vermont College and has written for *The New York Times*, *Scholastic Publications*, and many other publications. She is working on her first full-length poetry collection.



FRI., OCTOBER 22 • 7:30PM
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**John Gallaher and
Tyler Kline**

Poet and editor **John Gallaher** earned a BA and an MFA at Texas State University and a PhD at Ohio University. Gallaher's poetry collections include *Levis Poetry Prize*–winner *The Little Book of Guesses* (2007), *Map of the Folded World* (2009), *Your Father on the Train of Ghosts* (2011, written in collaboration with G.C. Waldrep), the book-length essay-poem *In a Landscape* (2014), and *Brand New Spacesuit* (2020). With Mary Biddinger, he edited *The Monkey & The Wrench: Essays into Contemporary Poetics* (2011), and with Laura Boss, he edited *Time Is a Toy: The Selected Poems of Michael Benedikt* (2014). Gallaher is an associate professor at Northwest Missouri State University and has served as an editor for the *Laurel Review* and for the *Akron Series in Contemporary Poetics*. He lives in rural Missouri.

Tyler Kline is a high school English teacher and writer living in Pennsylvania. In 2015, he was named the Poet Laureate of Bucks County (judged by Martha Collins). His work has appeared or is forthcoming in *Best New Poets*, *Nashville Review*, *Passages North*, and *The Southeast Review*. He is currently at work on his first collection of poems.



SUN., NOVEMBER 14 • 1:00PM
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**Ernest Hilbert and
2020 Poet Laureate**

Ernest Hilbert is the author of *Sixty Sonnets*, *All of You on the Good Earth*, and *Caligulan*, which was selected as winner of the 2017 Poets' Prize. His fourth collection, *Last One Out*, appeared in March 2019. He lives in Philadelphia where he works as a rare book dealer and book reviewer for *The Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*. His poem "Mars Ultor" appeared in *Best American Poetry* 2018. Visit him at www.ernesthilbert.com

All events are free and open to the public and will be held live and broadcast on [Zoom](#).

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