

Ava Serra

Poetry | Prose | Performance

PUBLICATIONS

WEST TRADE REVIEW

- harbingers

OPEN MINDS QUARTERLY

- Freya

INKLETTE

- Emily & Sappho

NAILED MAGAZINE

- Amendments for the Judge
- The Unnaming

SONDER MIDWEST

- Bite

LAVENDER REVIEW

- Drawing on History Books

POSTSCRIPT PUBLICATION

- Ink Epiphora
- No Vagina Required
- Spell Criminal With a 'K'

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

GULO GULO COLLECTIVE

- Monthly reading's feature poet and workshop leader (May 2022)

FORT COLLINS FIRST FRIDAY SLAM

- Second place overall with a final score of 29.7/30 (2022)

GWENDOLYN BROOKS OPEN MIC AWARDS

- Finalist (2018) & Honorable Mention (2019)

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

- First place in English Department poetry competition, judged by Jacob Edmond
- First place in Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) 2019 Poetry Competition

EDUCATION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

B.A. Environmental Science | September 2019

- **Related coursework:** Introduction to Reading/Writing Poetry with C. Russell Price, Introduction to Reading/Writing Fiction with Sarah Valentine, Queer Modernisms with Todd Nordgren, Observant Writer with Thomas Burke, Introduction to Playwriting with Julie Marie Myatt, Introduction to Screenwriting with Erik Gernand

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

February—June 2019

- **Related coursework:** Advanced Creative Writing with Lynley Edmeades, additional lectures by poet Tusiata Avia, playwright Emily Duncan, novelists Sue Wootton, Majella Cullinane, Liam McIlvinney

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

MFA Creative Writing—Poetry | In Progress

EXPERIENCE

WOLVERINE FARM WRITER IN RESIDENCE | 2021

- Minimum 8 hours/week writing in residence for the month of December
- Designed and hosted a poetry class and workshop
- Featured poet at monthly open mic

DEADWOOD WRITERS' WORKSHOP | 2013-2015

- Weekly fiction & novel workshop for adults

VOX FERUS | FEBRUARY 2018—JANUARY 2020

- Monthly poetry workshop run by award-winning poet Marty McConnell

PERFORMANCE

- Poetry readings at Northwestern University, the televised Gwendolyn Brooks Open Mic Awards, and in Dunedin, NZ
- Background in musical theatre and professional film acting