

# FORWARD

## Living Writers Series 2021

Events open to Campus and Community.

**Claudia D. Hernández will visit the campus  
virtually at 7 pm on September 27th.**

**All other events will be held  
virtually from 3:00-4:20.**

**Please visit [calendar.oswego.edu](http://calendar.oswego.edu)  
and search for the Living Writers Series  
to find the virtual link.**



### Zach Howard / September 15



Zach Howard is a freelance professional illustrator of 20 years. His most notable employers include Marvel, Disney, DC, Warner Bros., Image, IDW, Boom, Simon & Schuster, and Steve Jackson Games. Zach's most popular projects are Hellboy, Wild Blue Yonder, Shaun of the Dead, Judge Dredd, Spider-Man, X-Men, GI Joe, The Cape, and Detective Comics. He has been nominated for an Eisner Award, multiple Indie awards and received an Amazon Book of the Month selection for Wild Blue Yonder. In addition to his professional work, Zach is passionate about supporting young artists and has dedicated much of his time to helping nurture the next generation of creators.

### Claudia D. Hernández \* / September 27



Claudia D. Hernández was born and raised in Guatemala. She's a photographer, poet, editor, translator, and a bilingual educator residing in Los Angeles. Hernández is the author of *Knitting the Fog*, a finalist for the 2020 Firecracker Award in Creative Nonfiction. She is also an award winning editor for her anthology photography book titled *Women, Mujeres, Ixq: Revolutionary Visions*, which received the International Latino Book Award in 2019. She is the founder of the ongoing project: Today's Revolutionary Women of Color. [www.Todaysrevolutionarywomenofcolor.com](http://www.Todaysrevolutionarywomenofcolor.com)

Claudia holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Antioch University Los Angeles. Various online literary journals and anthologies throughout the United States, the UK, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, and Spain have published her work. Claudia is the recipient of the 2018 Louise Meriwether First Book Prize. [www.Claudiadhernandez.com](http://www.Claudiadhernandez.com)

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### Angie Cruz / October 11



Angie Cruz is a novelist and editor. Her novel, *Dominicana* is the inaugural book pick for GMA book club and chosen as the 2019/2020 Wordup Uptown Reads. It was shortlisted for The Women's Prize, longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction, The Aspen Words Literary Prize, a RUSA Notable book and the winner of the ALA/YALSA Alex Award in fiction. The New York Times Book Review called it "Lovely and Compelling". It was named most anticipated/best book in 2019 by Time, Newsweek, People, Oprah Magazine, The Washington Post, The New York Times, and Esquire. Cruz is the author of the novels, *Soledad* and *Let It Rain Coffee* and the recipient of numerous fellowships and residencies including the Lighthouse Fellowship, Siena Art Institute, and the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute Fellowship. She's published shorter works in The Paris Review, VQR, Callaloo, Gulf Coast and other journals. She's the founder and Editor-in-chief of the award winning literary journal, *Aster(ix)*. She's an Associate professor at University of Pittsburgh where she teaches

### Laura Donnelly / October 20



Laura Donnelly's second collection of poetry, *Midwest Gothic*, received the Snyder Prize from Ashland Poetry Press and was published in 2020. Her first collection, *Watershed*, won the 2013 Cider Press Review Editors' Prize. Her poems have been published widely in literary magazines, and her work has been awarded a Provost Award at SUNY Oswego and fellowships from Yaddo, the Sewanee Writers' Conference, and elsewhere. Originally from Michigan, she has an MFA in poetry from Purdue University and a PhD in Creative Writing from Western Michigan University. Before graduate school, she worked as a waitress, a piano teacher, an accompanist, and (briefly) a baseball scorekeeper. She now teaches at SUNY Oswego where she serves as Director of the Creative Writing Program.

### Chuck Austen/ November 3



Chuck Austen (born Chuck Beckum) is an American comic book writer and artist, TV writer and animator. In the comics industry, he is known for his work on *War Machine*, *Elektra*, *JLA*, Action Comics, and the *X-Men* franchise. For television, Austen is known for co-creating the animated TV series *Tripping the Rift*, directing on *King of the Hill* for FOX, *Penn Zero*, and *Randy Cunningham* for Disney, and various shows at Nickelodeon, and as a producer on Cartoon Network's *Steven Universe* (2013). He has also most recently served as an Executive Producer on multiple Dreamworks properties including *She-Ra and the Princesses of Power* (2018), *Dawn of the Croods*, and *Rocky and Bullwinkle*, as well as a support producer on *Kipo and the Age of Wonderbeasts* (2020). Austen is currently working with artist Pat Olliffe on his brand new sci-fi series *Edgeworld* released through Comixology.

### Ben Philippe / November 17



Ben Philippe is a New York-based writer and screenwriter. Born in Haiti and raised in Montreal, Canada, he has a Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University and an MFA from the Michener Center for Writers in Austin, Texas. He has written two young adult novels: *Field Guide to the North American Teenager*, winner of the 2020 William C. Morris Award, and *Charming as a Verb. Sure, I'll Be Your Black Friend* is his first book of adult nonfiction. <http://benphilippe.com/>; Twitter: @gohomeben



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