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Ashley Lumpkin is a Georgia-raised, Carolina-based writer, editor, actor, and educator. She is the author of five poetry collections: { } At First Sight, Second Glance, Terrorism and Other Topics for Tea, #AshleyLumpkin, and Genesis. Her book "I Hate You All Equally.", is a collection of conversations from her years as a classroom teacher. A lover of performance as well as the written word, she has been a competing member of the Bull City Slam Team since 2015 and currently serves as its assistant coach. She co-curates the series "First Draft," a reading of new works and works in progress. She is one-fifth (and only Slytherin member) of the Big Dreams Collective and currently serves as a member-at-large on the board of the North Carolina Poetry Society.

Above all else, Ashley considers herself a teacher, poet, and fryer of food. She is a lover of mathematics and language. She loves you too.

Publications

Collections

Genesis <i>Pinnacle Place Books</i>	2020
I Hate You All Equally. <i>Pinnacle Place Books</i>	2019
#AshleyLumpkin <i>Pinnacle Place Books</i>	2017
Terrorism and Other Topics for Tea	2013
{ } At First Sight	2011

Journals / Anthologies

<i>Bloody Sunday</i> Our Rhythm, Our Blues	2021
<i>Homeland</i> Red Sky, Sable Books	2016
<i>[Super]Nova</i> Kinfolks Quarterly	2015
<i>How to Tie a Noose</i> Saracen Literary Journal	2006

Selected Performances

Remembrance and Renewal Storytelling Festival	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2021
Charlotte Shout	Charlotte, NC	2019
SoFar Sounds	Greensboro, NC	2019
Arts in the Heart of Augusta	Augusta, GA	2016
Taste of Raleigh: SEAHO Conference	Raleigh, NC	2016
White Coats, Black Doctors	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2015
Feminism Without Form: SEWSA Conference	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	2014
<i>Unleashed</i>	Greensboro, NC	2014
Poetry Slam		
Finalist, Rustbelt Regional Slam	St. Louis, MO	2019
Semifinalist, National Poetry Slam	Chicago, IL	2018
3 rd Place, Southern Fried Regional Slam	San Antonio, TX	2018
Finalist, Women of the World Poetry Slam	Dallas, TX	2018
Semifinalist, National Poetry Slam	Decatur, GA	2016
Semifinals showcase, National Poetry Slam	Oakland, CA	2015
2 nd Place, Southern Fried Regional Slam	Little Rock, AR	2015
1 st Place, Southeastern Regional Poetry Festival	Fayetteville, NC	2015

Bull City Grand Slam Champion	Durham, NC	2015
Finalist, Southern Fried Regional Slam	Grenville, SC	2014
Scupp Slammers Grand Slam Champion	Greensboro, NC	2014
5 th Place, National Poetry Slam Group Piece Finals	Charlotte, NC	2012
Piedmont Grand Slam Champion	Winston Salem, NC	2011
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Workshops

Finding Inspiration: Crafting a Metaphor

In this generative workshop, writers examine extended metaphor as a device for effective storytelling and techniques for establishing and including these kinds of

Form and Freedom

In this generative workshop, writers explore traditional and contemporary poetry forms and discuss the usefulness of using and breaking those constraints.

Page to the Stage

Intended for writers who are new to public readings or competitions, this workshop covers performance basics to enhance the participant's' presence on