

## GENNY LIM

**Education: SF State University, M.A. English, Creating Writing emphasis, 1988; SF State, Theater Arts major, Music, minor, B.A., 1977; Certificate of Journalism, Michele Clark Fellow, Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University**

## TEACHING

Feb.2023-June 2023	<i>Diaspora Writers</i> Zoom Workshop
Sept. 2020-Oct. 2024	<i>Memory, Meaning &amp; Memoir</i> : Intergenerational API Writers Zoom Workshop sponsored by APICC
Mar 2010- June 2022	Seniors Writing Workshop Instructor, Japanese American Community Cultural Center, SF.
2013	Guest Associate Professor, Summer Mixed Genre Writing Seminar. Notre Dame De Namur Univ., Belmont, CA.
2010-2012	Faculty Advisor, MFA Writing and Consciousness, CIIS,
Jan, 2009 – 2010	Adjunct Associate Professor, Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Humanities Program, California Institute of Integral Studies.
Sept.1989 – Mar. 2008	Core Faculty, Humanities BA Degree Completion Program, New College of California, Comparative Literature, Creative Writing, Poetry, Interdisciplinary Art and Performance Studies.
April 1998-April 2006	Adjunct Faculty, Naropa Institute West, University of Creation Spirituality, Writing as Meditation, Performance Poetry, Ritual Theater.
Oct, 1989 - June 1993	Poetry Curator, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Poets-in-the Galleries, School Program.
Oct,1986 - June 1989	Writer-in-Residence, Visitacion Valley, Middle School, California Arts Council, S.F., CA.
Feb. 1986 - June 1986	Poetry Instructor, California Poets-in-the Schools Program and California Heritage Program, Golden Gate Elementary, SF and Lafayette Elementary, Oakland, CA.
Fall 1983 - Spring 1984	Visiting lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of California at Berkeley, Asian American Studies, Dept. of Ethnic Studies.
Oct. 1981 - Oct. 1982	California Arts Council Community Artist-in-Residence, Kearny Street Workshop, S.F., CA.

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

**La Morte Del Tempo** by Genny Lim, Multimedia Edizioni, Italy, 2017  
**Kra! Poems** by Genny Lim, Omerta Pub., 2017  
**Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island**, Second Ed., Univ. of Wash., expanded ed. 2014, First ed.,1980, American Book Award.  
**From Both Shores: Anthology of Senior Asian American Women**, ed. Genny Lim, Japanese Community & Cultural Center of Northern California, 2014  
**Paper Gods and Rebels, Poetry by Genny Lim**, Ishmael Reed Pub. Co. 2013  
**Cheers to Muses: Contemporary Works by Asian American Women, Asian Amer. Women Artists, 2007**  
**Huizache: Magazine of Latino Literature**, Univ. of Houston, 2012  
**Child of War, Poetry**, Kalamaku Press, 2003

***The Politics of Life: Four Plays by Asian American Women ,Bitter Cane***, Temple Univ., 1993

***Unbroken Thread: Anthology of Plays by Asian American Women, Paper Angels***, Univ. of Mass., 1993

***Two Plays: Paper Angels, Bitter Cane***, Kalamaku Press, 1991

***Winter Place, Poetry***, Kearny St. Workshop Press, 1989

#### **SELECT LIVE & STAGE PERFORMANCES:**

- Oct. 6, 2024           **Haiti Solidarity!** Ben Barson, Francis Wong, Avotcja, Genny Lim  
La Peña, Berkeley.
- Oct. 5, 2024           **Wathershed Environmental Poetry Festival**, Berkeley, Civic  
Center Park.
- June 10-21, 2024      ***Molte Lengua***: Poetry tour in Northern Italy, Dezenzano Del Garda,  
Museums in Lombardy, Trieste, presented by Casa Della Poesia.
- April 20,2023          **Bernice Bing**, Celebrating her life & Art, *The Last Hoisan Poets* &  
Del Sol Quartet, Asian Art Museum.
- March 18, 2023.      **World Poetry Day**. Pop-up poetry in the galleries of the de Young  
Presented by The Last Hoisan Poets with guest poets & Marcus  
Shelby.
- Feb. 18, 2023         Poetry in Chinatown, Inaugural Reading for Clarion Performing Arts  
Center, featuring Genny Lim & Tongo Eisen-Martin.
- Jan. 21, 2023         **American People, Celebrating Hung Liu**; *The Last Hoisan Poets*  
& Del Sol Quartet, De Young Museum.
- Nov. 18, 2022         **American People, Celebrating Faith Ringgold**, presented by The  
Last Hoisan Poets with Destiny Muhammad, Del Sol Quartet, Koret  
Auditorium, de Young Museum.
- Oct. 22-23, 2021      Premiere of Huang Ruo's **Angel Island Oratorio** featuring Del Sol &  
Rolti with *The Last Hoisan Poets*, Angel Island Immigration Station.
- Oct. 19, 2018         **Word/Jazz, Litquake**, Café du Nord, Curator and performer.
- April 9, 2018         **Don't Shoot! Requiem in Black**, Poetry Jazz Collaboration, SF  
Jazz Center.
- Sept. 9-17, 2017      **Within These Walls** on Angel Island: Lenora Lee Dance. Poetry  
Text by Genny Lim.
- June 4, 2016          **Freedom Now Suite**, featuring poet Genny Lim with Anthony  
Brown & Asian American Orchestra, San Francisco International  
Arts Festival, Fort Mason.
- April 2016             **Paper Angels** by Genny Lim, Seattle Fringe Festiva
- May 20-21,2016        Premiere of **Black Geomancy & Liminal Space**, San Francisco  
International Arts Festival, Poetry & Music Fort Mason,
- Aug.-Oct. 2015        **1945: A Year of Infamy** with Anthony Brown, Japantown Peace  
Plaza, Asian Art Museum, Yerba Buena Gardens Festival, Bird  
and Beckett, Herbst Theater, San Francisco Music Day.
- 2015-2016             **Living History Performances, "I Want to Go to School,"** Lim  
portrays Mamie Tape in Tape vs. SFUSD 1884 with Charlie Chin,  
Chinese Historical Society of America.
- May 20-21, 2016.     **Black Geomancy & Liminal Space** with Marshall Trammell, SF  
International Arts Festival, Fort Mason Firehouse
- Feb. 27 & Mar. 5,     **Paper Angels**, Center House Theater, Seattle Fringe Festival  
2016                   Award.
- Aug. 7-16 2015        **Paper Angels**, Dukesbay Theater, Tacoma, WA.
- Aug. 20-31, 2015     **Paper Angels**, INScape, Seattle, WA.

Aug. 8, 2010 **Afro Solo Arts Festival**, Buriel Clay Theatre, S.F.  
 Sept. 15-17, 2010 **Paper Angels**, Portsmouth Square, SF Chinatown, SF Fringe Festival Award.  
 Dec. 4-5, 2009: **Where is Tibet?** CounterPULSE, S.F.  
 April 29-May 2, 2009 **Paper Angels**, University Settlement, New York City, *Villager Award*, AAPA *James Wong Howe Award*.  
 Oct. 28-30, 2007 International Poetry Festival, KINO-TEATAR "PRVIMAJ" (KINO "BOSNA"), Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Casa della Poesia.  
 July 25-31, 2005 **Festival Mundial de Poesia**, World Poetry Festival, Caracas, Venezuela  
 1990 **Sense Us**, Festival 2000 Premiere of *Freedom Now Suite*: Poetry and Music Collaboration with Max Roach, Sonia Sanchez, John Santos, Victor Hernandez Cruz, Jon Jang and Genny Lim, commissioned by SF Arts Commission, Davies Symphony Hall.

## SELECT VIDEO

2020 **Legacy & Lineage**: Feature video short documentary on Genny Lim produced by APICC (you tube)

Oct. 2002 **The Voice: Genny Lim**, feature documentary premiere of the poet by David Moragne, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Filmworks, Oakland Filmmakers' Hall of Fame

1996 **Chinatown: Neighborhoods: The Hidden Cities of San Francisco** by Felicia, narrated by Charlie Chin, Poetry by Genny Lim, KQED-TV, PBS.

1995 **The United States of Poetry**, *Winter Place* by Genny Lim featured in two part PBS documentary special, Washington Square Films.

1987 **The Only Language She Knows**, Short feature monologue of mother-daughter generational conflict by Genny Lim, prod. by Steven Okazaki, Silk Screen Series, PBS.

1985 **Paper Angels**, National video broadcast adaptation of Genny Lim's play on American Playhouse, PBS.

### **SELECT AUDIO/CD:**

- 2004            **Devotee**, vocals and poetry by Genny Lim, music by Francis Wong, Glenn Horiuchi and Eliot Humberto Kavee, Asian Improv Records.
- 1997            **Immigrant Suite** by Jon Jang Sextet, featuring Genny Lim on vocals and poetry, Soul Note.
- 1993            **Arkaeology**, Poetry and Music Collaboration featuring Genny Lim with Herbie Lewis and Francis Wong, Asian Improv Records.

### **SELECT RECOGNITION/ AWARDS:**

- 2024 – San Francisco Poet Laureate
- 2024 – SFSU Hall of Fame, San Francisco State University Alumni Association Inductee.
- 2024 – Spirit of Angel Island Award, Angel Island immigration Station Foundation
- 2024 – Creative Work Fund Award for *Songs of Diaspora* with Del Sol Quartet
- 2023 – PEN Oakland Reginald Lockett Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2022 – Berkeley Poetry Festival Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 2017-2019 – San Francisco Jazz Poet Laureate, SF Jazz Center.
- 2014 – Hong-Lim Mural Dedication to Genny Lim for inspiring creative expression, Oakes College, UC Santa Cruz.
- 2013 – Arts & Communities in Partnership Award, Cultural Equity Grants, San Francisco Arts Commission Artists-in-Partnership
- 2011 – SF Arts Commission, Individual Artist Commission
- 2009 – Ca\$h Grant, Theater Bay Area
- 2007 – Individual Artist Commission, San Francisco Art Commission.
- 2004 – Creative Work Fund, Haas Family
- 1997 – John D. Rockefeller Foundation Award
- 1996 – Distinguished Award for Culture, The San Francisco Culture Center Foundation.
- 1994 – Authors' Award, Kimochi Inc., Sansei Live! Salute to Asian American Writers.
- 1993 – ImprovisAsians Award for artistic excellence and community service from Asian Improv Arts, San Francisco.
- 1991 – Bay Guardian Goldie Award (Outstanding Local Discovery)
- 1991 – John D. Rockefeller Foundation Award, New Langton Arts Award
- 1986 – James Wong Howe Award for Paper Angels, AAPAA, Asian American Pacific Actors' Association, Los Angeles, CA.

### **SELECT COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

- 2013 – Present: Before Columbus Foundation- Board Member of non-profit Literary organization, which presents the annual American Book Awards.
- 2012 – Present: The Center (Formerly the Japanese Community Cultural Center of Northern California).
- 1991-1995: San Francisco Arts Commissioner, Visual Arts, Community Arts and Education, Street Artists Committees, Advisory Board, San Francisco Writers Corps, SF Arts Commission.