

*Samantha Thornhill's work is joyfully ambitious, the way she summons sense and memory to re-illuminate voices and events from both geographic and psychic spaces—all in a language meant to reach a wide range of audiences across many borders.*

-Patrick Rosal, author of American Kundiman

## Samantha Thornhill's Poetry Resume

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### Education

*University of Virginia*  
Master of Fine Arts, Poetry  
Henry Hoyns Fellow

*Florida State University*  
Bachelor of Arts, Creative Writing  
Magna Cum Laude

## Current Employment

2/2009-present The Bronx Academy of Letters  
Writer in Residence

12/2004-present The Juilliard School  
Poetry Professor

## Publications

2012 *Seventeen Seasons*  
G.P Putnam & Sons—Penguin Books

2010 *Little Odetta*  
Scholastic Books

2008 *Everybody Hates School Presentations*  
Simon Spotlight—Simon & Schuster

## Awards & Honors

Squaw Valley Writer's Retreat Scholarship  
One week writing residency

Jerome Foundation Travel Grant  
Three month grant

Hedgebrook Retreat for Women Writers  
Six week Writing Residency

Soul Mountain Writing Fellowship  
Eight week Writing Residency

Archie D. & Berth H Walker Scholarship  
Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown

Henry Hoyns Writing Fellowship  
University of Virginia

Mart P. Hill Honors Thesis Award  
Florida State University

Cody Harris Poetry Award  
Florida State University

UCLA Center for African American Studies  
Interdisciplinary Research Internship

## **Notable Readings & Lectures**

Headliner at Celebrate Brooklyn @ Prospect Park Bandshell  
Brooklyn, NY

Guest lecturer at Spalding University  
Louisville, KY

Guest lecturer at Ya'del Tabernacle  
Caparo, Trinidad

Featured poet at Kentucky Women's Writers Conference  
Lexington, KY

Featured poet at Lockshin Supper Club  
Cape Town, South Africa

Featured poet at Jackson Heights Poetry Festival  
Queens, NY

Featured poet at Arts Alive Festival  
Johannesburg, South Africa

Featured poet at St. John's College  
Johannesburg, South Africa

Featured poet at Brooklyn Museum  
Brooklyn, NY

Featured poet at Nuyorican Poets Café  
New York City

Featured poet at Bausch & Lomb's Black History Month  
Rochester, NY

Guest poet at Guilford College  
Greensboro, NC

Featured poet at James Madison University  
Harrisonburg, VA

Featured poet at South Carolina Book Festival  
Columbia, SC

Featured poet at the Yale Club  
New York City

Featured poet at Florida Gulf Coast University  
Fort Pierce, FL

Guest speaker at Rhode Island College  
Providence, RI

Guest speaker Chicago State University  
Chicago, IL

Featured poet at College of Charleston  
Charleston, SC

Featured poet at Virginia Union College  
Richmond, VA

Featured poet at Duke University  
Durham, NC

Featured poet at Savannah School of Art & Design  
Savannah, GA

## **Previous Teaching Experience**

Satellite Academy High School  
Poetry Instructor

Medgar Evers College  
Poetry Instructor

Poets & Writers Inc.  
Creative Writing Instructor

Harlem Children's Zone  
Poet in Residence

University of Virginia  
Poetry Instructor

## **Poetry Journals & Anthologies**

Solo Café

[Gathering Ground Anthology](#)

Indiana Review

Meridian Magazine

Rhapsodia

Crab Orchard Review

Re)verb Magazine

## **Television Appearances**

KET's Connections with Renee Shaw  
Interview

South Africa's Headrush Talk Show  
Interview

South Africa's Weekend Live Morning Show  
Interview

South Africa's Talk 3 Live Talk Show with Noeleen  
Interview