

6th Annual People's Poetry Festival 2021

(All events are hosted on Zoom – see <https://www.peoplespoetryfest.com/>)

Thursday, Feb. 25

7:00-8:00 PM Private Event: Robb Jackson writing awards and reading – Alice Berecka
 8:00-8:30 PM Poet Laureate ceremony and reading – Tom Murphy & Juan Manuel Pérez

Friday, Feb. 26

2:00-3:00 PM Word-Image / Image-Word: Visual and Ekphrastic Intersections in South Texas Poetry Panel
 3:00-4:00 PM Break
 4:00-5:00 PM The Rising Poets Panel
 5:00-7:00 PM Dinner Break
 7:00-8:00 PM Poetry in Translation Panel
 8:00-9:00 PM Break
 9:00-11:00 PM Open Mic at Revolve1 [Podcast](#), hosted by Rudy & Crystal Garcia

Word-Image / Image-Word Panel Chair: Joshua Hamilton Nick Carbó Andrea Hempstead Octavio Quintanilla Natalia Trevino	Rising Poets Panel Chair: Dylan Lopez Crystal Garcia Raven Reese Zoe Ramos Nicole Bren	Poetry in Translation Panel Chair: Rosy Lima de Padilla Juan Armando Rojas Joo / Jennifer Rathbun translator Christopher Carmona / Gerald Padilla translator Carolina Sánchez / Ariel Francisco translator	Revolve1 Podcast Open Mic Hosts: Rudy & Crystal Garcia
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Saturday, Feb. 27

12:00-1:00 PM Hope Panel
 1:00-2:00 PM Break
 2:00-3:00 PM Contributors from *Switchgrass Review: Literary Journal of Health and Transformation* (Vol. 5) Panel
 3:00-4:00 PM Break
 4:00-5:00 PM The Matters of Spirit Panel
 5:00-7:00 PM Dinner Break
 7:00-8:00 PM CC Writes Anthology Roundtable

Hope Panel Chair: Alan Berecka Dorothy Alexander Ken Hada Alan Berecka Alex Salinas	Contributors from <i>Switchgrass Review: Literary Journal of Health and Transformation</i> (Vol. 5) Panel Chair: Robin Carstensen Cindy Huyser Regina Jamison Roxana Cazan Odilia Galván Rodríguez	The Matters of Spirit Panel Chair: Stefan Sencerz Danny Solis Karrie Waarala Scott Woods Stefan Sencerz	CC Writes Anthology Roundtable Chair: Bill Mays Robin Carstensen Alan Berecka Karen Kline Tardiff Juan Manuel Pérez Tom Murphy Javier Villarreal Patty Alaniz Roberta Dohse Joshua Hamilton Zoe Ramos
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For more information, including the Zoom address and to order books, go to the website: <https://peoplespoetryfest.com> or email Thomas.Murphy@tamucc.edu or Robin.Carstensen@tamucc.edu or like [People's Poetry Festival on Facebook](#).



About Robb Jackson

Robb Jackson, M.F.A., Ph.D., CAPF, CJF was Regents Professor and Professor of English at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, where he was a rhetoric-composition specialist.

Robb's poetry originated from his journal writing practice and was informed by close observation of his adopted home, Corpus Christi, Texas. While still in Ohio, Robb had a chapbook called *Arthur Zen Comes to America* (1981) and a pamphlet *Junctures* (1983) published.

His first full book of poetry, *Living on the Hurricane Coast* (2003), contains poems that stem from his transition from his northern roots of Huron, Ohio to a new life along the Gulf Coast of south Texas. *From Halsdon Mill Cottage* (2005) a poem cycle written about and around the Halsdon Mill Cottage in England that was part of his in-laws the Furse family. *Child Support* (2010) was written over a 20-year period during and after his separation and divorce from his four children's mother. *Crane Creek, Two Voices* (2011) is a collection of facing poems by Robb and his wife of 26 years, Vanessa Furse Jackson. This posthumous collection, *Open Heart* (2013) was collection of Robb's poetry that had been published in the *Journal of Poetry Therapy*. Robb Jackson died of a heart attack in his last semester before retirement in January 2013.