

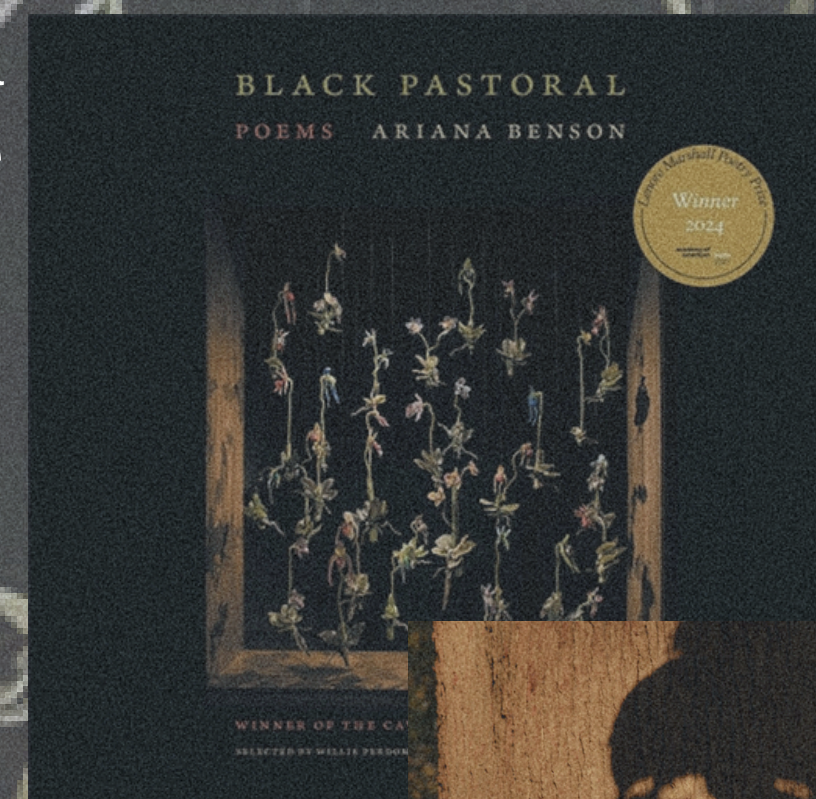
# Juneteenth Dialogues

June 19th | 6 PM (CET) | Zoom

## "the Land Speaks B(l)ack"

### *Poetry Reading and Conversation with Ariana Benson*

Ariana Benson is a southern Black storyteller. Their debut poetry collection, *Black Pastoral* (University of Georgia Press, 2023) won the Cave Canem Poetry Prize, the Lenore Marshall Prize from the Academy of American Poets, and was a finalist for the National Books Critics Circle Leonard Prize and the Library of Virginia Prize in Poetry. A National Endowment for the Arts fellow, Benson has also received the Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Fellowship, the Furious Flower Poetry Prize and the Graybeal Gowen Prize for Virginia Poets, among others. Benson is a proud alumna of Spelman College, where she facilitates creative writing and storytelling workshops for HBCU students, and also holds Masters of Arts degrees in both Poetic Practice and Scriptwriting, which she earned in the U.K. as a Marshall Scholar. Through her writing, she strives to fashion vignettes of Blackness that speak to its infinite depth and richness.



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