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Call for  
HTCC Nominations

## Time for poet-volunteers to reap their reward!

Submit a full-length poetry manuscript to the  
[Hilary Tham Capital Collection at The Word Works!](#)

**NOMINATIONS: APRIL 30. SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR POETS: MAY 15.**

*A message from Series Editor Brad Richard:*

You are invited to nominate outstanding poets to submit a full-length poetry collection to this competition, **open only to poets who have volunteered for a literary cause or organization**. Or, if you are poet-volunteer, ask your organization to nominate you!

The Hilary Tham Capital Collection (HTCC) is an imprint of The Word Works, an independent poetry press now celebrating its 50th year of bringing vital new voices to the world. Once nominated by the organization whose mission their labor has helped to advance, poets are invited to submit their work.

Submissions are read by a diverse team of readers, and the final selection is made by an external judge who is not affiliated with the press. This year's judge is **Ariel Francisco Henriquez Cos**, the author of the forthcoming *All the Places We Love Have Been Left in Ruins* (Burrow Press, 2024).

Recent winners include Tara Betts (whose collection *Refuse to Disappear* was an SPD bestseller for ten months in a row!), Jennifer Bartell Boykin (SC), Nikia Chaney (CA), Ed Madden (SC), Kevin McLellan (MA), and Michelle Nicholson (LA).

**TO NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER**, review the submission details on our [Guidelines](#) page and complete the [Hilary Tham Capital Collection Nomination Form](#). Thank you!

OUR MISSION: Publishing and supporting contemporary poetry for the cultural enrichment of humankind. The Word Works, founded in 1974, is a 501(c)3 dedicated to publishing full-length poetry collections and creating community and audience for poetry. In addition to its general interest titles, it also publishes several specialized imprints: [International Editions](#), [The Hilary Tham Capital Collection](#), [The Washington Prize](#), and [The Tenth Gate Prize](#).



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### Past HTCC Winners

