



21-Year Old Creative Writing Program, The First at an HBCU  
**Fall 2018 Literary Reading Series**

## Michele Reese

Thursday, October 4 at 7pm ADM 220



**Michele Reese** is a Daughter of the American Revolution and the daughter of a Jamaican immigrant. Her poetry focuses on this place of intersection as well as others including race, gender, and sexuality. She is the author of the poetry collection *Following Phia* (Word-Tech, 2006). Her poems have also been published in several journals and anthologies including *Crack the Spine Literary Magazine*, *The Oklahoma Review*, *Poetry Midwest*, *The Paris Review*, *The Tulane Review*, *Chemistry of Color: Cave Canem South Poets Responding to Art*, *Hand in Hand: Poets Respond to Race*, and *Home is Where: An Anthology of African American Poets from the Carolinas*. She is currently a Professor of English at the University of South Carolina Sumter where she has also served as the Director of the South Carolina Center for Oral

Narration. She is also a Graduate Fellow of The Watering Hole, a tribe of southern poets of color.

## Student Poetry SLAM

Monday, October 22 at 5:30pm ADM 220

*New Voices* 2017-18 contributors and students open mike

## Ken Waldman

Thursday, November 1 at 7pm ADM 220



**Ken Waldman** has drawn on his thirty years in Alaska to produce poems, stories, and fiddle tunes that combine into a performance uniquely his. Nine CDs mix Appalachian-style string-band music with original poetry. Eleven books include nine poetry collections, a memoir, and a children's book. Since 1995 he's performed at some of the nation's leading concert series, festivals, universities, and clubs. Of note are two CDs, *Some Favorites* contains tracks from Waldman's first seven CDs, and the double-CD, *All Originals, All Traditionals*. Also, Waldman's newest book, *Trump Sonnets, Volume 3* (Ridgeway Press, 2019) is the third in a series. More at [www.kenwaldman.com](http://www.kenwaldman.com) and [www.trumpsonnets.com](http://www.trumpsonnets.com)

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