In conjunction with The Georgia Poetry Circuit, The Department of Writing and Linguistics is pleased to announce that poet and photographer Rachel Eliza Griffiths will be giving a public reading of her poetry on Thursday, April 6, from 7 to 8 p.m. in IT 1005. A question and answer session will follow the readings. Griffiths will also be giving a craft talk at 1:00 p.m. in Newton 1114. These events are free and open to the public. Griffith's books will be available for purchase before and after the evening reading.


She is widely known for her literary portraits, fine art photography, and lyric videos. Griffiths is the author of Miracle Arrhythmia (Willow Books 2010) and The Requited Distance (The Sheep Meadow Press 2011). Griffiths' third collection of poetry, Mule & Pear (New Issues Poetry & Prose 2011), was selected for the 2012 Inaugural Poetry Award by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association. Her most recent full-length poetry collection is Lighting the Shadow (Four Way Books 2015), which was a finalist for the 2015 Balcones Poetry Prize and the 2016 Phillis Wheatley Book Award in Poetry. Currently, Griffiths teaches creative writing at Sarah Lawrence College and IAIA (Institute of American Indian Arts). She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

For more information about The Georgia Poetry Circuit at Georgia Southern University, please contact Christina Olson.

The Department of Writing and Linguistics is housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences is the largest of the eight colleges that make up Georgia Southern University, and it plays a central role in every student's core of knowledge. CLASS, also described as the University's College of the Creative Mind, prepares students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical skills, enhance their creativity, and embrace their responsibilities as citizens of their communities, their nations, and the world.

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The Georgia Southern University Department of Writing and Linguistics is pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 Roy F. Powell Creative Writing Awards:

**Creative Nonfiction**
Winner: Devan Pride
Honorable Mentions: Kelsey Allman & Kenneth Lee

**Fiction**
Winner: Ena Mangon
Honorable Mention: Aleyna Rentz

**Poetry**
Winner: Ashanti Hardy
Honorable Mention: Summer Kurtz

The winners and finalists will read at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, in IT 1005. Pride, Hardy, and Mangon will each receive a cash award of $100, a framed award certificate, and recognition at the University’s Honors Day ceremonies on April 5.