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# Georgia Poetry Circuit Welcomes Aimee Nezhukumatathil on Feb. 8

January 25, 2018



In conjunction with The Georgia Poetry Circuit, The Department of Writing and Linguistics is pleased to announce that poet [Aimee Nezhukumatathil](#) will be giving a public craft talk and reading of her poetry on Thursday, February 8. The schedule of events is:

- Craft talk/Q&A: 2-3 pm, 1111 Newton
- Reading: 6:30-7:30 pm, IT 1005

Both events are free and open to the public. Nezhukumatathil's books will be available for purchase before and after the 6:30 pm reading.

Nezhukumatathil is professor of English in the University of Mississippi's MFA program. Her newest collection of poems, *OCEANIC*, is forthcoming with Copper Canyon Press in early 2018. She is also the author of the forthcoming book of illustrated nature essays, *WORLD OF WONDER* (2018, Milkweed Editions), and three previous poetry collections: *LUCKY FISH* (2011), *AT THE DRIVE-IN VOLCANO* (2007), and *MIRACLE FRUIT* (2003)—all from Tupelo Press. Her most recent chapbook is *LACE & PYRITE*, a collaboration of nature poems with the poet Ross Gay. She is the poetry editor of *Orion* magazine and her poems have appeared in the *Best*

*American Poetry series, American Poetry Review, New England Review, Poetry, Ploughshares, and Tin House.* Honors include a poetry fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Pushcart Prize.

For more information about The Georgia Poetry Circuit at Georgia Southern University, please contact [Christina Olson](#).

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# Georgia Southern Student Places Second in National Tau Sigma Scholarship Competition

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Georgia Southern University student Abigail Hey, an English major from Stem, North Carolina, has received a \$4,000 scholarship from the Tau Sigma National Honor Society. Hey placed second out of more than 90 applicants representing chapters from across the nation.

The scholarship committee evaluated applicants based on their involvement in and service to the chapter, university, community and individual academic achievement. As an academic honor society for transfer students, Tau Sigma National Honor Society promotes academic excellence, requiring students to maintain a minimum academic average of a 3.5, while staying engaged on campus and in the chapter.

Georgia Southern staff members and the chapter's co-advisors, Brittanie Blunt and Neal Richardson, selected Hey as the nominee to represent the chapter in the scholarship competition.

“There were many students that deserved to have their application submitted to the Tau Sigma National Scholarship Committee, but Abby's involvement both in and out of the society and her attendance and presentation at the Tau Sigma National Conference in Chicago set her apart from the rest,” said Richardson. “I am really proud that 2018 marks the second year in a row a Georgia Southern student won a top Tau Sigma National Scholarship.”

Hey attributes her success at Georgia Southern and opportunities such as presenting at the national conference to her participation and membership in the honor society. As an officer of campus outreach for Tau Sigma and member of Sigma Tau Delta and Phi Theta Kappa, she has helped new transfer students find their place and make long-lasting relationships. Hey stated this scholarship will help with upcoming costs as she finishes her bachelor's degree and prepares to attend graduate school to complete a Master of Arts in English.

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