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**Poetry & Spoken Word**

*2026 Workshop Series*

**Celebrating Human Intelligence**

*Join the Soul-to-Soul Poetic Revolution*

**Free and Public Events through April**

Hybrid Workshops: 5-6p Zoom or Live, Jackson Hall 220

\* Apr. 08: "Sensing" Explore how human connections help us be the versions of ourselves. led by Melissa Gordon

\* Apr. 15: "Say my Name" Familial inherited legacies, led by Dr. Michelle J. Pinkard

\* Apr. 22: "Embrace Your Ci.(Creative Intelligence)" led by Floyd Boykin Jr.

**On Campus Events**

\* April 10 | 1-4p, Holland Hall 110:

Hamilton Screening and Academic Discussion: Hip hop and history, politics and poetry, ethical storytelling

\* April 16-17 | 12:30 - 2:30p. Holland Hall 110

LLP "Historical Witness" Exhibitions and Poetry Performances

\* April 18 | 6-8p: Otis Payne Forum, hosted by Southern Word

Tennessee Grand Slam, The state's top youth poets, emcees, & spoken word artists compete for a more powerful young writer community.

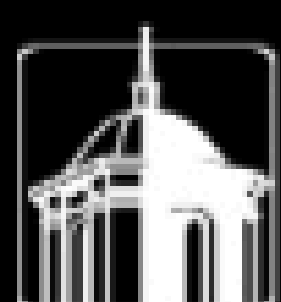


**THE HOSTS**

LLP Soul Fire Poetry Group | Southern Word Org

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**PROGRAM INCLUDES**

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Poetry and Spoken  
Word Workshops,  
Exhibitions, and more

**THE VENUE**

Virtual Zoom  
TSU Main Campus

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