

## 2026 Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration

The Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration will be held on April 18 at the Parkview Methodist Church in Benton, Arkansas. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m.

This year's speaker will be Ellie Black who is a poet, memoirist, editor, critic, screenwriter, performer, and educator originally from Arkansas. She received a BA in English from Hendrix College and later an MFA in poetry and a PhD in English with a Creative Writing Concentration, both from the University of Mississippi. She is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor in Poetry at Hendrix College.



**ELLIE BLACK**

Her poems have appeared in or are forthcoming from *The Adroit Journal*, *Bennington Review*, *The Common*, *Washington Square Review*, *Mississippi Review*, *Poetry Online*, *Black Warrior Review*, *Best New Poets*, *DIAGRAM*, and elsewhere. Her prose and criticism appear in *Hayden's Ferry Review*, *Colorado Review*, the *Georgia Review*, *Fandom Spotlight*, and *Adroit*.

She has attended the DISQUIET International Literary Program, the Kenyon Review Writers Workshop, the Bucknell Seminar, and NYU's Writers in New York program.

Ellie won the 2023 Pinch Literary Prize in Poetry and was a finalist for the 2025 DISQUIET Prize in Poetry. She has also received awards and recognition from the C.D. Wright Women Writer's Conference, the Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas, the University of Mississippi, Hendrix College, *Split Lip Magazine*, the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection at the University of Southern Mississippi, and the Austin Film Festival. Her debut poetry collection, *REVELATOR*, is the winner of the 2026 APR/Honickman First Book Prize and will be published in the fall of this year.