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Literary Talks & Readings

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Join us for an insightful presentation by Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes on how his poetry is inspired by his community. His goal, as the first undocumented poet to reach this position, is to help people find poetry in their everyday lives. Reyes was chosen to be a 2024 Creative Ambassador by the City of San Jose, The Advocate named him one of “13 LGBT Latinos Changing the World,” and Remezcla included him in “10 Up And Coming Latinx Poets You Need To Know.” Reyes has been awarded a NALAC Catalyst for Change Grant, a Gerbode Foundation Grant, and most recently, a Walter & Elise Haas Creative Work Fund Grant. His writing has appeared in numerous publications, including *Mariposas: A Modern Anthology of Queer Latino Poetry*; *Somewhere We Are Human: Authentic Voices on Migration, Survival, and New Beginnings*; and the forthcoming *UndocuPoetics*. Following the presentation, Reyes will lead “Documenting Joy: A Writing Workshop” from 1 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. in the nearby Student Equity Center (Lower Level, Cayton Center). Hosted by the SMC Associates, SMC Dream Resource Center, Dream Program, Student Equity Center, Ethnic Studies program/SMC History Department, Adelante/ Latino Center, Black Collegians/UMOJA, and EOPS/CARE. Sponsored by The SMC Associates and Student Equity Center.

Thu, April 3 | 11:15 a.m. | Free

Student Services Center, Orientation Hall (SSC 183)



JOSÉ PABLO BARRAGÁN NIETO

Finding nuestra voz!

Award-winning poet José Pablo Barragán will lead a hands-on poetry workshop that explores several poems by well-known Latine authors on the topics of mixed identity, migration, and belonging. Participants will have a chance to write and share their own poems written in English, Spanglish, and/or Spanish. Barragán teaches Spanish languages and cultures at Temple University and has co-organized numerous poetry festivals in the US and Spain. He is a skilled translator who has published numerous academic works, and the author of three collections of poetry. His most recent book, *Tarea de español* (2023), won the prestigious 34th José Hierro International Poetry Prize. His previous collections, *Lugares comunes* (2008) and *La Nave* (2012), were also well received by readers and reviewers alike. Sponsored by the SMC Associates and SMC Modern Languages and Cultures Department.

Tue, April 8 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Online; see event date at smc.edu/events for details

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