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# Visiting Writers Series

MARISSA JOHNSON-VALENZUELA



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Marissa Johnson-Valenzuela is a 2005 recipient of a Leeway Transformation Award, as well as numerous other honors for her creative work. She is currently working on both an untitled novel and a collection of stories. The novel begins in Detroit and moves to a fictional Latin American country, and is about the exceptions we are all capable of, if only in moments, about how beauty resists and exists—in unlikely places, in hesitant exchanges. In an effort to utilize her organizing skills and zine making background, as well as give back to her literary community, Marissa is the co-founder of a small press, *Thread Makes Blanket*. In addition to instructing a free course in Latino History and Culture for inmates in solitary confinement, Marissa is currently a Visiting Professor at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.



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