

# DEESOUL CARSON

POET | EDUCATOR | PERFORMER

## DETAILS

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[Personal Website](#)

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## EDUCATION

### Masters of Fine Arts, New York University

Sep 2021 — May 2024

Current graduate student in the NYU Creative Writing Program's poetry MFA program.

### Bachelor of Arts, Stanford University

Sep 2017 — Jun 2021

B.A. in Psychology with a specialization in Mind, Culture, and Society, as well as a minor in Creative Writing

## TEACHING/WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE

### New York University

Adjunct Course  
Instructor

Jan 2022 — May 2022

Courses Taught:

- *Learning the Rules to Break the Rules: Intro to Prose and Poetry* (CRWRI-UA.815.019)

### Teachers & Writers

Educational Assistant

Sep 2021 — Jun 2022

Working with four classes of third and fourth-grade students at a Queens, NY public school on poems that we will compile into an anthology at the end of a 20-week residency.

### The Adroit Journal

Editorial Assistant

Aug 2020 — Dec 2021

Handle and organize the scheduling of meetings between leaders of the organization, as well as sending out the monthly staff newsletter and any miscellaneous tasks assigned by my superior.

### Stanford Spoken Word Collective

Co-Director ('19-'21)

Sep 2017 — Jun 2021

Led and maintained a group of 16 poets on campus, regularly offering free writing workshops and quarterly spoken word performances to the general community.

### Stanford University

Student Course  
Instructor

Jan 2019 — Mar 2020

Courses Taught:

- *Poetry and Performance*
- *Penning Poems We're Proud Of*

## ANTHOLOGIZED POEMS

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### 2020

***Between My Body and the Air***, YouthSpeaks and First Words Press

["I Think of My Grandmother, Still Waking" "Poem of Numerous Things Unspoken" "And When They Finally Hand Me a Name"](#)

## SELECTED POEMS

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### 2023

#### **The Offing**

[Black History Month \(as Told by my Spam Folder\)](#)

#### **Fine Print Press**

[What If, Today, We Are Not What We Are](#)

#### **Narrative Magazine**

[Daydreaming](#)

#### **Hayden's Ferry Review**

[golden shovel at the shore of lake lanier](#)

### 2022

#### **Poetry.Onl**

[Genesis](#)

#### **Voicemail Poems**

[What's Going On](#)

#### **Half Mystic**

[In The Mourning](#)

#### **No Tokens**

[Self-Portrait in a '99 Cadillac de Ville](#)

#### **Neighbor News**

[Ode to Dirt-Blackened Nails](#)

#### **The CookOut Literary Journal**

[Church Cousins \(Prize Finalist\)](#)

### 2021

#### **Half Mystic**

[Ode to \*Telephone\*](#)

#### **Poetically Magazine**

[pineapple upside down cake](#)

#### **Sienna Solstice**

[A Classmate Uses a Word I've Never Heard Before as a Poem Title](#)

#### **Leland Quarterly**

[The Negro Paints a Sunset](#)

[Self-Portrait as Sticky Notes](#)

#### **Pigeon Pages NYC**

[Nothing Blacker than My Bank Account \(Contest Winner\)](#)

## 2020

### StanfordLive Magazine

[Elegy for Black Boys Still Breathing](#)

### Ex/Post Magazine

[Hood Proverbs](#)

[I dream of a darker planet.](#)

### Adroit Journal

[Poem Always Having to Repeat Itself](#)

### Dishsoap Quarterly

[Dog Days](#)

[Forgive Me If I Say](#)

### Oakland Arts Review

[Captain's Log](#)

### Sienna Solstice

[This Poem Has Already Forgotten Its Name](#)

### The Pandemic Post

[Vignettes of Pandemic and Protest](#)

## SONKU

[transit](#)

### Leland Quarterly

[Someone Told Me Once the Philly Pride Flag is 'Aesthetically Displeasing](#)

[Mother Keeps Us on a Merry-Go-Round](#)

## SELECTED PERFORMANCES

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## 2021

### Button Poetry

"Dream Journal (after Danez Smith)"

## 2020

### Testimony

*A Kronos Quartet Production*

"Hood Proverbs"

### Button Poetry

"Captain's Log"

## 2019

### Write About Now Poetry

"Black Matter" (w/ Angel Smith)

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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## 2022

2022 The Watering Hole Writing Workshop Graduate Fellow

2022 Ploughshares Emerging Writer's Contest Honorable Mention

2022 Palette Poetry Previously Published Prize Finalist

2022 Write About Now Poetry's The Cookout Literary Prize Finalist

**2021**

Best of the Net Nominee (Pigeon Pages NYC)

Pathos Labs PopShift Narrative Impact Fellow

Planet Earth Arts Creative Writing Prize

Pigeon Pages NYC Poetry Prize

Foglifter Journal Start a Riot! Chapbook Prize Semifinalist

2021-22 Writer in the Public Schools Fellow

**2020**

Button Poetry Video Contest Finalist

Stanford ORSL Meeting the Moment Fellow

California Relief Grant for Artists and Cultural Practitioners Grant

Adroit Prize for Poetry Semifinalist

**2018 - 2019**

College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational Finalist, 2018 (2nd Place) & 2019 (3rd Place)