

## CONTRIBUTOR NOTES

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**Hadara Bar-Nadav** is the author of *A Glass of Milk to Kiss Goodnight* (Margie/Intuit House, 2007), awarded the Margie Book Prize, and *The Frame Called Ruin* (New Issues, 2012), Runner Up/Editor's Selection for the Green Rose Prize. Her chapbook *Show Me Yours* (GreenTower Press, 2010) won the 2009 Midwest Poets Series Award. Bar-Nadav is currently an assistant professor of English and director of creative writing at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

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Omnidawn will publish **Calvin Bedient's** fourth book of poems, *The Multiple*, early this fall. Bedient is the co-editor of *Lana Turner: A Journal of Poetry and Opinion* (LanaTurnerJournal.com).

**Victoria Brockmeier's** first book of poems, *My Maiden Cowboy Names*, won the 2008 T. S. Eliot Prize and was published by Truman State University Press. She recently completed her PhD at the University at Buffalo, writing on poetry, secularism, and myth in the twentieth century.

**Logan Burns** is from Baltimore. His poems have been published in *Conjunctions*, *Web Conjunctions*, and *Barrow Street*.

**Bill Capossere's** work has been listed in the "Notable Essays" section of *Best American Essays* and nominated for several Pushcart Prizes. Previous appearances include *Colorado Review*, *Harper's* "Readings" section, *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Rosebud*, and other journals, along with the anthologies *In Short* and *Short Takes*. He lives in Rochester, New York.

**Victoria Chang's** second book of poems, *Salvinia Molesta*, was published by the University of Georgia Press as part of the VQR Poetry Series. Her first book, *Circle*, was published by Southern Illinois University Press and won the Crab Orchard Review Open Competition. She lives in Southern California and works as a business writer.

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**Eric Ellingsen's** bio is missing. It had blue eyes and dribbled and said heart over and over. It was the 666<sup>th</sup> thing I found.

**Sara Gelston's** recent work appears or is forthcoming in *Poetry Northwest*, *Indiana Review*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, the *Cincinnati Review*, and elsewhere. Currently, she is the Diane Middlebrook Poetry Fellow at the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing.

**Endi Bogue Hartigan's** book *One Sun Storm* (Center for Literary Publishing, 2008) was selected for the Colorado Prize for Poetry and was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award. Her recent work has appeared in *Verse*, *Volt*, *Chicago Review*, *Pleiades*, *Yew*, and other journals. She lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband and son.

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**Elise Juska** is the author of three novels, most recently *One for Sorrow*, *Two for Joy*. Her short stories have been published in numerous journals, including the *Missouri Review*, the *Hudson Review*, *Harvard Review*, and the *Carolina Quarterly*, and cited by the *Best American Short Stories 2010*. She lives in Philadelphia, where she is an assistant professor of creative writing at the University of the Arts.

**Joan Naviyuk Kane** is Inupiaq. She is the author of *The Cormorant Hunter's Wife*, which received a 2009 Whiting Writers' Award, and *Hyperboreal*, recently selected for the Donald Hall Prize in Poetry in the 2012 AWP Award Series. She lives in Anchorage with her husband and toddler sons.

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**Edward Porter's** fiction has appeared previously in *Colorado Review*, as well as *Barrelhouse*, *Booth: A Journal*, and *Best New American Voices* 2010. He has received fellowships from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the MacDowell Colony, holds an MFA from Warren Wilson College, and is a PhD candidate at the University of Houston.

**Matt Reeck** has published poetry, translations, and reviews. *Bombay Stories*, his translations from the Urdu, with Aftab Ahmad, of Saadat Hasan Manto, will be published by Viking Classics (India). He has won a Fulbright Fellowship and, for his upcoming translation work, PEN and NEA grants.

**Nick Ripatrazone** is the author of two books of poetry, *Oblations* and *This Is Not About Birds* (Gold Wake Press, 2012), and a forthcoming book of criticism, *The Fine Delight: Postconciliar Catholic Literature* (Cascade Books, 2013). His writing has appeared in *Esquire*, the *Kenyon Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Pleiades*, and the *Iowa Review*, and has received honors from *ESPN: The Magazine*.

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**Siobhán Scarry's** poems have appeared in *Jubilat*, *Mid-American Review*, *New Letters*, and *Sentence*, among other journals. She has an MFA from the University of Montana and is completing a PhD in poetry and poetics with SUNY Buffalo. She currently teaches literature at the University of Victoria, in British Columbia.

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**Chad Sweeney's** recent books are *Parable of Hide and Seek* (Alice James) and *Wolf's Milk: Lost Notebooks of Juan Sweeney* (Forklift Books). His poems have appeared in *Best American Poetry* and *The Pushcart Prize Anthology*. He teaches poetry in the MFA program at California State University, San Bernardino.

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**Michael Thomas Taren** was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. His poems have been published in *HTMLGIANT*, the *Claudius App*, and *Fence* and are forthcoming in *Bestoned*. He spent nine months in Slovenia on a Fulbright Scholarship (2010–11). His manuscripts "Puberty" and "Where Is Michael" were finalists for the Fence Modern Poets Series in 2009 and 2010, respectively.

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