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BIO:

Poet, essayist, curator, and cultural strategist **Kay Ulanday Barrett** is a 2024 Disabled Futures Fellow awarded by The Ford Foundation and United States Artists. They are the 2022 winner of the Cy Twombly Award for Poetry from The Foundation for Contemporary Arts. They are a recipient of a 2023 Millay Arts A.I.R. nominated by Lambda Literary, 2022 Tin House Next Book Residency and a 2020 James Baldwin Fellowship at MacDowell. Their second book, *More Than Organs* (Sibling Rivalry Press, 2020) received a 2021 Stonewall Honor Book Award by the American Library Association and is a 2021 Lambda Literary Award Finalist. They have received fellowships from Lambda Literary, Baldwin for the Arts, Macondo, Drunken Boat, VONA Voices, Monson Arts, and The Lambda Literary Review. They have featured at The United Nations, The Lincoln Center, The Hemispheric Institute, The Museum of Modern Art, Symphony Space, Tin House, Brooklyn Museum, Princeton, Columbia University, Manchester PRIDE, University of the Arts London, & more. Their contributions are found in *The New York Times*, *Poetry Magazine*, *The Literary Hub*, *The Advocate*, *Huffington Post*, *Yahoo News*, *Poetry Unbound*, *Split This Rock*, *The Massachusetts Review*, *The Indiana Review*, *Poetry Unbound*, *Asian American Literary Review*, *F(r)iction*, *Al Jazeera*, *NYLON*, *Vogue*, *The Rumpus*, and *Disability Arts* to name a few. Currently, they remix their mama's recipes and live in Jersey City with their partner and jowly dog.

HONORS (Selective list)

Faculty – Poetry, Lambda Literary Fellowship (Upcoming 2025)

Faculty – Poetry, Tin House (Winter 2024)

Best of The Net, selected by Split This Rock (November 2024)

Disabled Futures Fellowship by Ford Foundation & U.S. Artists (July 2024)

Millay Arts Residency – Nominated by Lambda Literary (October 2023)

Best of the Net – Nominated by Split This Rock (October 2023)

Lambda Literary Awards, Transgender Poetry – Judge Panel (2023-2024)

Public Poetry – Judge Panel (August 2023)

The Whitney Museum – Featured Poet & Panelist Disability Pride Month (July 2023)

Autostraddle – *12 Books to Read to Be a Better Ally to Disabled People*
This Disability Pride Month (2022)

Bookriot – *10 2SLGBTQ Disabled Authors to Read* (2022)

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) – Guest Lecturer *Writing Club at Home: On Wholeness* (2022)

Winner of the Cy Twombly Award for Poetry from The Foundation For Contemporary Arts (2021-2022)

Tin House – Winner of the Next Book Residency (November 2022)

The Ruth Lily Award, Poetry Foundation – Judge Panel (2022)

American Library Association – Stonewall Book Honor Award in Literature, Barbara Gittings Literature Award (2021)

The Lily + Washington Post – *7 Books by Trans and Nonbinary Authors to Read This PRIDE Month* (2021)

Lambda Literary Review – Recipient of Lambda Literary Finalist Award (2021)

MacDowell – Residency for Poetry & Non-Fiction (Winter 2020)

MacDowell – James Baldwin Fellowship Award Recipient (2020)

F(r)iction – Poetry Contest Judge (2020)

Pushcart Prize Nomination, Best of the Net Nomination – The Maine Review (2020)

Best of the Net Nomination – Split This Rock (2019)

Featured – Academy of American Poets' Poem-a-day (2019)

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CONTRIBUTIONS (Selective list)

Academy of American Poets, Poem-A-Day (2022, 2024)
The Hopkins Review (Spring 2024)
Split This Rock Poem-of-the-Week (2019, 2023, 2024)
Women's Studies Quarterly, The Feminist Quarterly (2023)
The Indiana Review (2022)
The Massachusetts Review (2022)
Them. Magazine (2019, 2022)
The Asian American Literary Review (2021, 2018)
The University of Arizona, Poetry Center (2021)
The Bellingham Review (2021)
Cave Canem + Lambda Literary Review (2021)
3Elements Review (2021)
Poem-a-Day (2021)
F(r)iction (2020)
Frontier Poetry (2020)
The Maine Review (2020)
The Rumpus (2020)

FELLOWSHIPS & RESIDENCIES

Baldwin for the Arts, Poetry + Non-Fiction (February 2024)
Tin House Winter Workshop Faculty (March 2024)
Millay Arts, A.I.R. Poetry + Non-Fiction (Fall 2023)
Zoeglossia (Summer 2022 + Summer 2023, Guest Faculty)
Tin House, Next Book Residency (November 2023)
Monson Arts, Residency (October-November 2022)
MacDowell / Poetry + Non-Fiction (2020, James Baldwin Prize, Fellowship-In-Residence)
Lambda Literary Review (2017 Fellowship, 2018 Writer-In-Residence)
Macondo Writers Workshop (2019 Fellowship)
The Poetry Foundation, Poetry Incubator (2018 Guest Faculty)

RECENT VENUES (Selective List)

Asian American Writer's Workshop, Curator (2015-2024)
New York Public Library, World Literary Festival (2024)
Beyond Baroque (2023)
The Ford Foundation (2023)
Lambda Legal (2023)
Poet's House (2023)
Tin House, Hybrid Assemblage (2023)
Trans Equity Consulting (2023)
The Whitney Museum, Disability PRIDE (2023)
The Bell House (2022)
The Davis Foundation (2022)
Tin House, Residency (2022)
The Museum of Modern Art, MoMA (2022)
Books Are Magic (2021)
The Poetry Foundation (2021)

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RECENT VENUES *(Continued)*

The University of Arizona, Poetry Center (2021)
Manchester PRIDE (2021)
Poets House (2019, 2020, 2024)
The Poetry Project (2020, 2021, 2022)
The Lincoln Center (2019, 2020)
The United Nations (2019, 2021)

FEATURE SPEAKER/PANELIST/KEYNOTE *(Selective List)*

Opening Plenary Keynote – Lambda Literary Fellowship Retreat (2023-2024)
Featured Keynote – Georgetown University, Disability Awareness Month (2024)
Featured Poet – New York City Poetry Festival (2024)
Featured Poet – Hard Hat Reading Series, Poet’s House (2024)
Featured Poet + Facilitator– Poets House (2024)
Featured Poet – Performa Biennial (2024)
Featured Closing Panelist – LGBTQ+ Writer’s Weekend (2023)
Curator + Panelist – AWP + Asian American Writers’ Workshop, *Hybrid Possibilities: Asian Queer Writers Across Genre* (Summer 2023)
Featured Poet – Dodge Poetry Festival & Lambda Literary (2022, 2020, 2024)
Featured Panelist – AWP Panel, *Crip in Pandemic Times* (2022)
Featured Panelist – AWP Main Stage Event, *Since My Body: Discovery and Embodiment of Disabled Voices* (2022)
Featured Keynote – University of Michigan, The Spectrum Center (2021)

MEDIA, TV, & RADIO *(Selective list)*

Feature – Which Queer Midwest Writer to Read Based on Your Favorite Chappell Roan Song (July 2024)
Feature – American Association of People with Disabilities (April 2024)
Feature – Poetry Unbound by Pádraig Ó Tuama, On Being (June 2023)
Feature – “Dapper Q Style: Ungendering Fashion” and Autostraddle (May 2023)
Feature – Book Riot, “8 Disabled Poets to Add to Your Poetry Month TBR” (Spring 2023)
Feature – Literary Hub, “Before the Words Became Pages, We Were Eating,” Why Kay Ulanday Barrett’s Best Poems Are About Food (November 2022)
Feature – Yahoo News In The Know (July 2022)
Feature – Sesame Street Workshop (November 2021)
Interview – Crip Camp, Al Jazeera English (March 2021)
Featured poem – Curated by TC Tolbert, NPR (2020)
Teaching Tolerance – Featured Quote & Artwork (2020)