



The Poetry Center at the Historic Hamilton Club Building
Passaic County Community College
Bringing Poetry to Paterson Since 1980

THE 2024 PATERSON POETRY PRIZE WINNERS

Mahogany L. Browne, *Chrome Valley* (Liveright Publishing Co., New York, NY)

Mahogany L. Browne's book, *Chrome Valley* is a praise song to black women, to all that survives despite everything that tries to kill the spirit inside them. What an unforgettable book!

Afaa M. Weaver, *A Fire in the Hills* (Red Hen Press, Pasadena, CA)

Afaa M. Weaver's book, *A Fire in the Hills*, sparks a fire in the heart. Weaver has been writing heart wrenching, honest poems, and this book continues his tradition of making music out of sorrow and pain and finding the sweetness hidden within our daily lives.

— Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Founder & Executive Director, The Poetry Center

FINALISTS

Oliver de la Paz, *The Diaspora Sonnets* (Liveright Publishing Co., New York, NY)

Alfred Encarnacion, *Precincts of the Passion-Dragon* (Kelsay Books, American Fork, UT)

Jennifer Franklin, *If Some God Shakes Your House* (Four Way Books, New York, NY)

Jared Har el, *Let Our Bodies Change the Subject* (University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, NE)

Colleen Michaels, *Prize Wheel* (Small Bites Press, Beverly, MA)

Joe Weil, *Saint World* (Iniquity Press / Vendetta Books, Seaside Heights, NJ)

The Paterson Poetry Prize of \$2,000 is given annually by the Poetry Center to a book of poetry (48 pages or more) published in the previous year.

Submission deadline is February 1, 2025.

For 2025 award rules and application forms, visit www.poetrycenterpccc.com/awards/.
Any questions, write to sdesai@pccc.edu.



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