

Ariana Brown is shown from the chest up, speaking into a black microphone on a stand. She has long, dark braids and is wearing black-rimmed glasses and large gold hoop earrings. She is dressed in a vibrant green jacket over a patterned blouse. Her hands are raised in a gesturing motion. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Ariana's work incorporates **feminism, Blackness, Latinidad, queerness,** and **healing.**

ARIANA BROWN
poet, performer & workshop facilitator

Ariana is available for featured performances, writing workshop facilitation, and panel discussions.

ABOUT

Ariana Brown is a queer Black Mexican American poet who performs, teaches, and speaks throughout the United States. Combining her skills in spoken word poetry with her degrees in African Diaspora Studies and Mexican American/Latinx Studies, Ariana creates an interactive experience that confronts anti-Blackness and notions of authenticity within Latinidad, grounded in a Black queer feminist perspective.

WORKSHOPS

Ariana's writing workshops are designed for participants of all ages and writing backgrounds, including but not limited to:

- Resident Advisors / Resident Assistants
- Student Organizations
- Administrative Staff
- Black Student Centers
- Multicultural Centers
- Gender & Sexuality Centers

PAST PERFORMANCES INCLUDE...

University of California – Berkeley

Harvard University

Tucson Poetry Festival

Michigan State University

Women of the World Poetry Slam

Button Poetry

Baylor University

University of Texas at Austin

Virginia Commonwealth University

Alliance for Multicultural & Multilingual Youth Education

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Ariana Brown's poetry workshops focus on empowerment and healing, especially for marginalized communities, and can be customized to fit your group's needs. For most workshops, participants do not need to have a background in writing.

Gender, Sexuality, Freedom

Ideal workshop length: 1.5 hours

Gender and sexuality inform not only how we see ourselves, but how we experience the world. In this workshop, we will explore how gender and sexual orientation affect our relationships to power and freedom. Open to all people who experience gender oppression (everyone but cisgender men), including but not limited to women of all backgrounds, trans men, nonbinary, genderfluid, and gender non-conforming people.

Beauty & Black Hair

Ideal workshop length: 1.5 hours

There is such beauty, uniqueness, and possibility in Blackness. In this workshop, designed for all Black participants, we will talk about our relationships to Black hair. Since we come in many textures, we will talk about how our hair is perceived by ourselves and others, who taught us about our hair, and all the joys and pain associated with it. We will use writing prompts and group dialogue to build community with one another and affirm our unique experiences as Black folks.

Radically Tender

Ideal workshop length: 1.5 hours

Embracing our own softness can feel impossible in a world which tells us we must develop hardness in order to survive. How can we allow ourselves to find the power in tenderness, in softness? This workshop explores the capabilities of tenderness, focusing on self-care and communal care, through writing exercises and group dialogue.

Writing Through Writer's Block

Ideal workshop length: 1 hour

This is a writing workshop for poets and creative writers designed to get you out of your head! Do you edit yourself when writing? Do you have a hard time finding inspiration? This workshop offers guided, open-ended prompts to help participants generate new writing together and silence your inner critic so you can finally write in peace.