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BMCC to host award-winning poet Tanaya Winder Nov. 3

PENDLETON, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College will host poet, writer, artist and educator Tanaya Winder for a poetry reading on Nov. 3. The event is free and open to the general public.

Winder, an enrolled member of the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, will read from her work “Words Like Love.” She writes and teaches about different expressions of love, and is a winner of the 2010 A Room of Her Own Foundation’s Orlando prize in poetry. Her work has appeared in or is forthcoming in Cutthroat Magazine, Adobe Walls, Superstition Review, Drunkenboat and Kweli. Winder’s debut poetry collection “Words Like Love” was published in September 2015 by West End Press.

Winder has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Stanford University and a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from the University of New Mexico. She is a co-founder and editor-in-chief of As/Us: A Space for Women of the World. She is the Director of the Upward Bound Program at the University of Colorado – Boulder, which services 103 Native American youth. She continues to teach as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico.

The public is invited to Winder’s reading at BMCC at 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 in Room ST-200 in the Science and Technology Building on the BMCC Pendleton campus, 2411 NW Carden Ave. For more information, contact BMCC Native American Liaison Annie Smith, asmith@bluecc.edu or 541-278-5935.

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