



**For Immediate Release**  
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**Poet Anis Mojgani to speak at Clark College on February 13**  
*Oregon Book Award winner to kick off 2023-24 Columbia Writers Series*

VANCOUVER, Wash.— The Clark College Columbia Writers Series welcomes Anis Mojgani, Poet Laureate of Oregon. This event, which is free and open to the public, will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the Penguin Union Building (PUB) room 258 A-B on Clark College's main campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

Anis Mojgani is the tenth Poet Laureate of Oregon. He is a national and international poetry slam champion. His work has appeared on HBO, NPR, and in *The New York Times*. He is the author of six books of poetry, the opera libretto *Sanctuaries*, a forthcoming children's picture book and his latest collection, *The Tigers, They Let Me*.

Originally from New Orleans, Mojgani lives in Portland, Ore. where he serves on the board of Literary Arts. He can be found making art in his studio and occasionally reading poems from out its window at sunset to others. Learn more about Mojgani [here](#).



The Columbia Writers Series was launched at Clark College in 1988, bringing local, national and international authors to the college and the region. Learn more about the Columbia Writers Series at [www.clark.edu/cc/cws](http://www.clark.edu/cc/cws).

**Columbia Writers Series Spring Events:**

- **April 29 at 11 a.m.: Andrew Leland**  
Leland's debut book, *The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight*, about the world of blindness and figuring out his place in it, was published by Penguin Press in 2023. His writing has been published in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *McSweeney's Quarterly*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and more. He is a former host and producer of *The Organist*, an arts and culture podcast for KCRW. He has produced segments for *Radiolab* and *99 Percent Invisible*.
- **May 6-11: Clark College literary week**  
A week of literary events, both on and off campus, to engage the college community and the Southwest Washington community.

- **May 11: Spring Writers Workshop**

A full day of creative writing workshops, readings, and community building featuring numerous regional and national poets, fiction writers, and creative nonfiction writers.

This event is held on Clark College's main campus at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. Directions and maps are available [online](#).

Clark College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution. Learn more at [www.clark.edu/nds](http://www.clark.edu/nds). If you need an accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event, please contact Clark College's Human Resources Office. Phone: 360-992-2105 Email: [hr@clark.edu](mailto:hr@clark.edu).

### **About Clark College**

Founded in 1933 and celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> year, Clark College provides residents of Southwest Washington with affordable, high-quality academic and technical education. It is a public community college offering more than 100 degree and certificate programs, including bachelor's and associate degrees; professional certificates; high school diplomas and GED preparation; and non-credit community and continuing education. Clark serves a wide range of students including high school students, displaced workers, veterans, parents, non-native English speakers, and mature learners. Approximately three-quarters of its students are in the first generation of their families to attend college.

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