

SMC ASSOCIATES SPRING 2019 LECTURE SERIES

# LITERARY TALKS & READINGS



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## DANA JOHNSON

***In the Not Quite Dark*  
and Other Stories:**

### **A Reading by Dana Johnson**

Author Dana Johnson reads selections from her short story collection *In the Not Quite Dark*. An English professor and director of the PhD in Creative Writing and Literature Program at the USC, Johnson authored *Break Any Woman Down*, which won the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction. Her work has appeared in several anthologies and numerous publications, including *Zyzzyyva* and *The Paris Review*. Additional sponsor: SMC's Black Collegians Program.

**Tue, February 26 | 11:15 a.m. | Free  
Stromberg Hall (HSS 165)**



## ADAM WINKLER

**We the Corporations: Adam  
Winkler Explains How American  
Businesses Won Their Civil Rights**

Adam Winkler, Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, is a specialist in American constitutional law and the Supreme Court. He is the author of *We the Corporations: How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights* (2018) and *Gunfight: The Battle over the Right to Bear Arms in America* (2011) and, according to a 2016 study, he is one of the top 20 law professors for citations by the courts. He served as co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of the American Constitution (2d Edition)*, his articles have appeared in numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Slate*, and *Scotusblog*, and he is a frequent commentator about legal issues on radio and TV news and talk shows.

**Tue, March 19 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Art 214**



## NINA REVOYR

**A Student of History:  
A Reading by a Shorland Author**

Award-winning novelist and children's advocate Nina Revoyr reads excerpts from her recent novel, *A Student of History*, which explores the early and present-day dynamics of race and class in Los Angeles through the eyes of a young man navigating a world where he does not belong. Revoyr grew up in

Tokyo, Wisconsin, and Los Angeles, and was recently executive vice president and chief operating officer of a nonprofit organization serving children affected by violence and poverty. She is also an editor, along with poet X.J. Kennedy and poet and former National Endowment for the Arts Chair Dana Gioia, of the college textbook *Literature for Life: A Thematic Introduction to Reading and Writing*.

**Wed, March 27 | 6:30 p.m. | Free | HSS 104**



## LIVE POETRY READINGS

**Surreal Borderlines  
& Portals to Awareness**



Join Mario Padilla and a noteworthy spectrum of writers — including David Burak, Eleni Hioureas, Grace Smith, and a selection of SMC students — for live poetry readings. Additional sponsors:



SMC African American Collegiate Center and SMC's Adelante Program.

**Thu, April 18 | 11:15 a.m. | Free  
Stromberg Hall (HSS 165)**



## MAJA MATARIĆ

**Creating Robots that Care**

Maja Matarić is an award-winning robotics designer whose research focuses on developing robot-assisted therapies for children with autism spectrum disorders, stroke and traumatic brain injury survivors, and individuals with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. She is a professor and the Chan Soon-Shiong chair in the USC Computer Science Department and Department of Pediatrics, founding director of the Robotics and Autonomous Systems Center, and codirector of the USC Robotics Research Lab. Matarić has published extensively, is the author of the introductory robotics textbook *The Robotics Primer* (2007), and is an associate editor of three major journals. Additional sponsors: SMC STEM Program, SMC Life Sciences Department, and SMC Global Citizenship.

**Tue, April 23 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Science 140**

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