

The Wolfe Institute

*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,
in cooperation with the Department of English
and the Brooklyn College MFA Program in Fiction, Poetry, and Playwriting,
presents an Alumni Reading*

Victoria Bond, Cristina Moracho, & Ariel Stess



Victoria Bond is a 2005 graduate of the Brooklyn College MFA Program in Poetry and a writer based in New York. A lecturer at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, she has contributed to the American opinion page of *The Guardian*, *The Huffington Post*, *xoJane*, and *Ebony.com*. She is co-author of the award winning novel for children *Zora and Me*. In 2011, *Zora and Me* was awarded The American Library Association's John Steptoe/Coretta Scott King Award for New Talent and was nominated for the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Award. Besides marrying fellow Brooklyn MFA'er Drew Baughman, Victoria is also now mother to a baby boy named Keats, yes, after John.

Cristina Moracho is a native New Yorker who received her MFA in fiction from Brooklyn College, where the first chapter of *Althea & Oliver* was awarded the Carole and Irwin Lainoff Award by acclaimed author Jim Shepard. She's been a fellow at the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation in Taos, New Mexico, where she did not hear the Taos Hum but did attend a party at a solar-powered radio station. She writes about bad decisions and does all her own research. She lives in Red Hook, Brooklyn, where she works as a freelance writer and editor, is teaching herself to play the guitar and writing her next novel. You can find her on Twitter as @cherielecrivain.

Ariel Stess is a Brooklyn-based playwright and director originally from Santa Fe, New Mexico. She holds an MFA in Playwriting from Brooklyn College and a BA from Bard College. Her work has been developed or presented by The Bushwick Starr, Clubbed Thumb, Playwrights Horizons, Dixon Place, The Lark, Little Theatre, New Georges, Prelude, and Mabou Mines. She is a New Georges Affiliated Artist. She has been part of the Mabou Mines Resident Artist Program, a member of the Falcons, Clubbed Thumb's Early-Career Writer's Group, and a New Georges Audrey Resident (2014). She is a part of Bookshop Workshop's Writing Group. In June, *I'm Pretty Fucked Up* premiered in Clubbed Thumb's Summerworks 2014, directed by Kip Fagan. Upcoming: *Heartbreak*, written and directed by Ariel Stess, at The Bushwick Starr, co-produced by New Georges in May 2015.

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