# Chronology: Significant Dates and Events, 1900–2000

1900	US population around 75 million; death of Stephen Crane (1871–1900)
1901	First transatlantic radio transmissions; President McKinley assassin- ated; Theodore Roosevelt at 42 becomes the youngest president in the nation's history
1902	William Carlos Williams meets Ezra Pound, a fellow student at the University of Pennsylvania; in 1905, Pound introduces Williams to H.D.
1903	Wright Brothers make the first successful airplane flight; Leo and Gertrude Stein settle in Paris and begin to collect modern art
1904	Pacific cable completed
1908	Ezra Pound arrives in London from Venice
1909	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) founded; Henry Ford begins production of Model "T" automobile
1911	H.D. leaves for Europe for what was intended as a short summer visit; only returns to the US twice in the next 45 years; in London renews her earlier friendship with Pound. Robert Frost sells his Derry, New Hampshire, farm, and moves with his family to England the following year
1912	Poetry magazine publishes its first issue, in Chicago
1913	The Armory Show exhibit of modern painting opens in New York; Robert Frost publishes his first book, <i>A Boy's Will</i> , in London, having failed to find an American publisher

- 1914 T. S. Eliot, studying at Oxford, decides to settle in England, meets Pound in London; Panama Canal opens
- 1915 Ezra Pound begins working on *The Cantos*; Marcel Duchamp among the European artists in New York because of the war in Europe
- 1917 US enters the First World War
- 1919 Alcock and Brown make the first non-stop flight in an aircraft across the Atlantic
- 18th Amendment to the US Constitution prohibits the manufacture, sale, and transportation of alcoholic beverages ("Prohibition"); 19th Amendment grants the vote to women
- 1922 T. S. Eliot publishes *The Waste Land*; Claude McKay publishes *Harlem Shadows*; Allen Tate, Robert Penn Warren, and John Crowe Ransom begin publication of *The Fugitive* (1922–5); the first Pulitzer Prize for Poetry goes to Edwin Arlington Robinson for his *Collected Poems*
- 1923 William Carlos Williams publishes *Spring and All*; Wallace Stevens publishes *Harmonium*; Jean Toomer publishes *Cane*; Hart Crane begins work on *The Bridge* (published 1930)
- 1925 Collected Poems of H.D. published in New York
- 1926 Marianne Moore takes over as editor of *The Dial*, until it ceases publication in 1929; Langston Hughes publishes *The Weary Blues*
- 1927 Transatlantic telephone service begins; T. S. Eliot becomes a British citizen; Bliss Carman edits *The Oxford Book of American Verse*, includes one poem by Pound, but nothing by Eliot, H.D., Stevens, or Williams
- 1928 Edwin Arlington Robinson wins his third Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in seven years, for *Tristram*
- 1929 Stock market crash, beginning of the Great Depression; New York's Museum of Modern Art opens
- 1930 Novelist Sinclair Lewis becomes the first American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature; over 4 million unemployed
- 1931 Objectivist issue of *Poetry* edited by Louis Zukofsky
- 1933 "Prohibition" repealed; James Joyce's *Ulysses* allowed to be published in the US
- 1934 Academy of American Poets founded

- 1935 Robert Penn Warren and Cleanth Brooks found the *Southern Review*; in 1938 they publish their influential textbook *Understanding Poetry* (revised 1950)
- 1936 Spanish Civil War (1936–9) begins; James Laughlin founds New Directions and begins to publish Pound and Williams, who now have their first regular US publisher
- 1939 John Crowe Ransom founds *The Kenyon Review*, a major literary journal of the 1940s and 1950s; W. H. Auden arrives in the US, becomes a citizen in 1946; regular transatlantic air service begins
- 1941 US enters the Second World War following Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
- 1943 Ezra Pound indicted for treason for his Italian radio broadcasts. He is arrested in May 1945, and begins writing *The Pisan Cantos* while imprisoned; Robert Frost wins his fourth Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, for *A Witness Tree*
- 1944 US Supreme Court rules that no citizen may be denied the vote on grounds of color
- 1948 T. S. Eliot awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature
- 1949 Ezra Pound, in St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, DC, after being judged criminally insane, is awarded the first Bollingen Prize for Poetry for *The Pisan Cantos*
- 1950 Gwendolyn Brooks becomes the first African American writer to win a Pulitzer Prize, for Annie Allen; US population 150 million; Korean War (1950–3) begins; F. O. Matthiessen re-edits The Oxford Book of American Verse: he includes Eliot, H.D., Stevens, and Williams, and expands the selection by Pound, but includes no black poets
- 1951 Charles Olson becomes Rector of Black Mountain College, Robert Creeley and Robert Duncan teach there (closes 1956)
- 1953 Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Peter Martin open City Lights bookstore in San Francisco
- 1954 US Supreme Court rules that racial segregation in schools is unconstitutional; the Poetry Center founded at San Francisco State University with an inaugural gift from W. H. Auden
- 1955 October 13, Allen Ginsberg gives first reading of "Howl," in San Francisco

- 1957 US Customs agents seize 520 copies of *Howl* on the grounds of obscenity; judge rules in favor of the book
- 1959 Robert Lowell publishes Life Studies
- 1960 Beginning of the Civil Rights movement with a sit-in at the Woolworth's lunch counter, Greensboro, North Carolina; H.D. becomes the first woman to receive the American Academy of Arts and Letters Medal; Donald Allen edits *The New American Poetry*
- 1963 Suicide of Sylvia Plath; Civil Rights March on Washington; assassination of President Kennedy; William Carlos Williams awarded his first and only Pulitzer Prize, posthumously
- 1964 Race riots in Harlem and Philadelphia; T. S. Eliot and Carl Sandburg awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award
- 1965 Vietnam War (1965–73); Malcolm X assassinated; Amiri Baraka moves to Harlem, founds the Black Arts Repertory Theater/School; Congress establishes the National Endowment for the Arts; in protest at the escalation of the Vietnam War, Robert Lowell publicly refuses an invitation from President Johnson to attend a White House Arts Festival; Sylvia Plath's *Ariel* published posthumously
- 1966 National Organization for Women founded
- 1967 Protest against Vietnam War grows; race riots in major cities continue
- 1968 Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy assassinated
- 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City lead to beginning of Gay Liberation Movement; Apollo moon landing
- 1970 Native American Rights Fund established
- 1971 Adrienne Rich's essay "When We Dead Awaken: Writing as Re-Vision"; National Poetry Foundation founded, University Of Maine
- 1972 Suicide of John Berryman; Watergate break-in, President Nixon resigns in 1974; Ezra Pound dies in Venice
- 1974 Suicide of Anne Sexton; Amiri Baraka rejects Black Nationalism as racist
- 1976 US Bicentennial; John Ashbery's *Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror* wins the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and the National Book Critics Circle Award

- 1978 Carolyn Forché working for Amnesty International in El Salvador, *The Country Between Us* published 1982
- 1980 Robert Penn Warren awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom
- 1981 US begins military aid to El Salvador government
- 1982 Sylvia Plath's *Collected Poems* wins the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry 19 years after her death
- 1987 Poetry publishes its seventy-fifth anniversary issue
- 1988 Yusef Komunyakaa publishes *Dien Cai Dau*, having served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970
- 1989 US invades Panama, first use of American military force since 1945 unrelated to the Cold War; fall of the Berlin Wall; collapse of the Soviet Union
- 1991 Rita Dove becomes the first African American Poet Laureate of the US; Iraq invades Kuwait, leading to Gulf War; World Wide Web introduced
- 1992 End of the Cold War (1945–92); US intervention in Somalia
- 1994 US intervention in Haiti
- 1996 Electronic Poetry Center goes online at State University of New York, Buffalo, <a href="http://epc.buffalo.edu">http://epc.buffalo.edu</a>
- 1997 Adrienne Rich awarded the Academy of American Poets \$100,000 Tanning Prize, the largest annual literary prize in the US, but declines the National Medal for the Arts, writing "the very meaning of art, as I understand it, is incompatible with the cynical politics of this Administration"
- 1999 US part of Nato-backed military intervention in former Yugoslavia
- 2000 census shows US population is 281 million: 69.1% white, 12.5%
   Hispanic, 12.1% black, 3.7% Asian and Pacific Islander, 0.7% American Indian; Hispanic population the fastest-growing group

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#### 2000–2019

Date	Events/Awards	Publications
2000	Anthropocene popularized as a geo- logical concept by atmospheric chemist Paul. J. Crutzen George W. Bush elected US president Pulitzer Prize: C. K. Williams, <i>Repair</i>	
	National Book Award: Lucille Clifton, <i>Blessing the Boats: New</i> <i>and Selected Poems</i> , 1988–2000 National Book Critics Circle Award: Judy Jordan, <i>Carolina Ghost</i> <i>Woods</i>	
	Stanley Kunitz appointed Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to Library of Congress	
2001	<ul> <li>George W. Bush sworn in as 43rd US president</li> <li>September 11 attacks on the United States; the United States invades Afghanistan</li> <li>Pulitzer Prize: Stephen Dunn, <i>Different Hours</i></li> </ul>	Alice Fulton, <i>Felt</i> Allen Grossman, <i>How to Do</i> <i>Things with Tears</i> Nada Gordon and Gary Sullivan, <i>Swoon</i> Rod Smith, <i>The Good House</i>

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	National Book Award: Alan Dugan, Poems Seven: New and Complete Poetry National Book Critics Circle Award: Albert Goldbarth, Saving Lives Billy Collins appointed Poet Laureate	
2002	<ul> <li>Lilly Pharmaceuticals heiress Ruth Lilly Pharmaceuticals heiress Ruth Lilly bequeaths \$100 million to Poetry: A Magazine of Verse Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry Jam begins airing on HBO Ron Silliman launches "Silliman's Blog"</li> <li>Pulitzer Prize: Carl Dennis, Practical Gods</li> <li>National Book Award: Ruth Stone, In the Next Galaxy</li> <li>National Book Critics Circle Award: B. H. Fairchild, Early Occult Memory Systems of the Lower Midwest</li> </ul>	Rachel Blau DuPlessis, Drafts 1–38 Myung Mi Kim, Commons Major Jackson, Leaving Saturn Robyn Schiff, Worth Harryette Mullen, Sleeping with the Dictionary Lyn Hejinian, The Language of Inquiry
2003	Establishment of the Poetry Foundation US war in Iraq begins Pulitzer Prize: Paul Muldoon, <i>Moy</i> <i>Sand and Gravel</i> National Book Award: C. K. Williams, <i>The Singing</i> National Book Critics Circle Award: Susan Stewart, <i>Columbarium</i> Louise Glück appointed Poet Laureate	Kenneth Goldsmith, <i>Day</i> K. Silem Mohammad, <i>Deer</i> <i>Head Nation</i> C. D. Wright, <i>One Big Self</i> <i>Poets Against the War</i> , ed. Sam Hamill Mei-mei Berssenbrugge, <i>Nest</i>
2004	Myspace and Facebook founded	Jen Bervin, <i>Nets</i> D. A. Powell, <i>Cocktails</i> Christine Pugh, <i>Rotary</i>

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	Inaugural Kundiman Workshop Retreat held at the University of Virginia MacArthur Fellowship: C. D. Wright Pulitzer Prize: Franz Wright, <i>Walking to Martha's Vineyard</i> National Book Award: Jean Valentine, <i>Door in the Mountain:</i> <i>New and Collected Poems</i> , 1965– 2003	Claudia Rankine, Don't Let Me Be Lonely Srikanth Reddy, Facts for Visitors Matthew Rohrer, A Green Light Cole Swensen, Goest
2005	Ted Kooser appointed Poet Laureate YouTube founded Hurricane Katrina devastates areas of Louisiana and Florida, killing more than 1,800 people Kyoto Protocol on climate change goes into effect Pulitzer Prize: Ted Kooser, <i>Delights</i> <i>and Shadows</i> National Book Award: W. S. Merwin, <i>Migration: New and</i> <i>Selected Poems</i> National Book Critics Circle Award:	Elizabeth Alexander, <i>American Sublime</i> Jennifer Moxley, Often, <i>Capital</i> Juliana Spahr, This <i>Connection of Everyone</i> <i>with Lungs</i> Kay Ryan, The Niagara <i>River</i> Anne Winters, The <i>Displaced of Capital</i> John Yau, Ing Grish
2006	Jack Gilbert, <i>Refusing Heaven</i> Twitter founded Tarana Burke creates the "Me Too" campaign for survivors of sexual assault Pulitzer Prize: Claudia Emerson, <i>Late Wife</i> National Book Award: Nathaniel Mackey, <i>Splay Anthem</i> National Book Critics Circle Award: Troy Jollimore, <i>Tom Thomson in</i> <i>Purgatory</i>	Richard Siken, <i>Crush</i> Joshua Clover, <i>The Totality</i> <i>for Kids</i> Noah Eli Gordon, <i>Inbox</i> Terrance Hayes, <i>Wind in</i> <i>a Box</i> Alice Notley, <i>Grave Light:</i> <i>New and Selected Poems</i> , 1970–2005

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	Donald Hall appointed Poet Laureate	
2007	First iPhone released Mass shooting at Virginia Tech kills thirty-two people	Rae Armantrout, Next Life Matthea Harvey, Modern Life
	MacArthur Fellowship: Peter Cole National Book Award: Robert Hass,	Susan Howe, Souls of the Labadie Tract
	<i>Time and Materials</i> National Book Critics Circle Award: Mary Jo Bang, <i>Elegy</i>	Rod Smith, <i>Deed</i> Aracelis Girmay, <i>Teeth</i>
	Charles Simic appointed Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to Library of Congress	
2008	Global financial crisis peaks; Bush administration sanctions Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008	Anne Boyer, The Romance of Happy Workers Kevin Davies, The Golden Age of Paraphernalia
	Election of Barack Obama as US president	Rodrigo Toscano, Collapsible Poetics
	Pulitzer Prize: Philip Schultz, Failure National Book Award: Mark Doty, Fire to Fire: New and Collected Poems	Theater Craig Santos Perez, from unincorporated territory [hacha]
	National Book Critics Circle Award: Juan Felipe Herrera, <i>Half the</i> World in Light; August Kleinzahler, <i>Sleeping If Off in</i> Rapid City	Petra Kuppers and Neil Marcus, Cripple Poetics: A Love Story
	Kay Ryan appointed Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to Library of Congress	
2009	Barack Obama sworn in as 44th US president CantoMundo founded	Rita Dove, Sonata Mulattica Frank Bidart, Watching the Spring Festival
	Obama signs the Native American Apology Resolution	Carl Phillips, Speak Low

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	Pulitzer Prize: W. S. Merwin, <i>The</i> Shadow of Sirius National Books Critics Circle Award: Rae Armantrout, Versed	
2010	Deepwater Horizon oil spill occurs Asian American Literary Review and Lantern Review founded Instagram launched First VIDA count highlights gender imbalances in publishing	Ben Lerner, Mean Free Path Anne Carson, Nox Timothy Donnelly, The Cloud Corporation Charles Bernstein, All the Whiskey in Heaven: Selected Poems John Koethe, Ninety-Fifth Street Valerie Martinez, Each and Her
2011	<ul> <li>Eduardo C. Corral becomes first Latino poet to win the Yale Series of Younger Poets with Slow Lightning</li> <li>Button Poetry founded by Sam Cook and Sierra DeMulder</li> <li>Occupy movement established with "Occupy Wall Street" protest in New York City</li> <li>MacArthur Fellowship: Kay Ryan and A. E. Stallings</li> <li>Pulitzer Prize: Kay Ryan, The Best of It: New and Selected Poems</li> <li>National Book Award: Nikky Finney, Head Off &amp; Split: Poems</li> <li>National Book Critics Circle Award: Laura Kasischke, Space, in Chains</li> <li>Philip Levine appointed Poet Laureate</li> </ul>	Bhanu Kapil, Schizophrene Jean Valentine, Break the Glass Yusef Komunyakaa, The Chameleon Couch Adrienne Rich, Tonight No Poetry Will Serve: Poems: 2007–2010
2012	Laureate Brooklyn Poets founded	Cathy Park Hong, Engine Empire

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	<ul> <li>Shooting of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida</li> <li>Mass shooting at Sandy Hook</li> <li>Elementary in Connecticut kills twenty-six people</li> <li>"Superstorm" Sandy strikes the East Coast of the United States</li> <li>Pulitzer Prize: Tracy K. Smith, <i>Life</i> on Mars</li> <li>National Book Award: David Ferry, <i>Bewilderment: New Poems and</i> <i>Translations</i></li> <li>National Book Critics Circle Award: D. A. Powell, Useless Landscape, or A Guide for Boys</li> <li>Natasha Trethewey appointed Poet</li> </ul>	Eileen Myles, Snowflake / Different Streets Brenda Shaughnessy, Our Andromeda Patricia Smith, Shoulda Been Jimi Savannah
2013	Laureate Reelection of President Obama Black Lives Matter movement founded Pulitzer Prize: Sharon Olds, <i>Stag's Leap</i> National Book Award: Mary Szybist, <i>Incarnadine</i> National Book Critics Circle Award: Frank Bidart, <i>Metaphysical Dog</i>	Lucie Brock-Broido, Stay, Illusion Adrian Matejka, The Big Smoke Brenda Hillman, Seasonal Works with Letters on Fire
2014	<ul> <li>Shooting of Michael Brown Jr. in Ferguson, Missouri;</li> <li>#BlackPoetsSpeakOut launched in response</li> <li>Pulitzer Prize: Vijay Seshadri, 3 Sections</li> <li>National Book Award: Louise Glück, Faithful and Virtuous Night</li> </ul>	Rupi Kaur, Milk and Honey Hugo Garcia Manriquez, Anti-Humboldt Dawn Lundy Martin, Life in a Box Is a Pretty Life Claudia Rankine, Citizen: An American Lyric

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	Charles Wright appointed Poet	
2015	Laureate "Yi-Fen Chou" is revealed to be the pseudonym of Michael Derrick Hudson in a biographical note published as part of the 2015 edi- tion of <i>The Best American Poetry</i> , edited by Sherman Alexie Mongrel Coalition Against Gringpo established in response to Kenneth Goldsmith's poem "The Body of Michael Brown" and Vanessa Place's Twitter-based remix of <i>Gone with the Wind</i> <i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i> legalizes gay marriage in all fifty states	Paolo Javier, Court of the Dragon Leah Lakshmi Piepzna- Samarasinha, Bodymap Philip Metres, Sand Opera
2016	<ul> <li>Pulitzer Prize: Gregory Pardlo, <i>Digest</i></li> <li>National Book Award: Robin Coste Lewis, <i>Voyage of the Sable Venus</i></li> <li>National Book Critics Circle Award: Ross Gay, <i>Catalog of Unabashed</i> <i>Gratitude</i></li> <li>Juan Felipe Herrera appointed Poet Laureate</li> <li>Bob Dylan awarded Nobel Prize in Literature for "having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition"</li> <li>Paris Agreement signed</li> <li>Election of Donald Trump as US president</li> <li>Protests against Dakota Access Pipeline led by Standing Rock Sioux</li> </ul>	Solmaz Sharif, <i>Look</i> Brenda Shaughnessy, <i>So</i> <i>Much Synth</i> Douglas Kearney, <i>Buck</i> <i>Studies</i> Stephen Collins, <i>Once in</i> <i>Blockadia</i> Allison Cobb, <i>After We All</i> <i>Died</i> Ocean Vuong, <i>Night Sky</i> <i>with Exit Wounds</i>

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	Mass shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida kills forty-nine people	
	Pulitzer Prize: Peter Balakian, Ozone Journal	
	National Book Award: Daniel	
	Borzutzky, The Performance of	
	Becoming Human	
	National Book Critics Circle Award: Ishion Hutchinson, <i>House of</i> <i>Lords and Commons</i>	
2017	Donald Trump sworn in as 45th US president	Tommy Pico, <i>Nature Poem</i> Patricia Smith,
	Kevin Young named Poetry Editor	Incendiary Art
	of The New Yorker	Divya Victor, Kith
	#MeToo movement rises to prom- inence in wake of sexual assault	Bonafide Rojas, Notes on the Return to the Island
	allegations against producer Harvey Weinstein	Sueyeun Juliette Lee, No Comet, That Serpent in the
	"Unite the Right" white nationalist	Sky Means Noise
	rally in Charlottesville, Virginia Mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada	John Yau, <i>Bijoux in the Dark</i> Danez Smith, <i>Don't Call Us</i>
	kills fifty-eight people	Dead
	Pulitzer Prize: Tyehimba Jess, O <i>lio</i> National Book Award: Frank	Evie Shockley, semiautomatic
	Bidart, <i>Half-Light: Collected</i>	Eve Ewing, Electric Arches
	Poems, 1965–2016	Eve Ewing, Electric Arches
	National Book Critics Circle Award: Layli Long Soldier, <i>Whereas</i>	
	Tracy K. Smith appointed Poet Laureate	
2018	US government separates thousands	Jos Charles, <i>feeld</i>
	of migrant children and parents at the Mexico border	
	Dr. Christine Blasey Ford testifies in US Senate to sexual assault by	

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	Brett Kavanaugh; Kavanaugh is later confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice Pulitzer Prize: Frank Bidart, <i>Half- Light: Collected Poems</i> , 1965– 2016 National Book Award: Justin Phillip Reed, <i>Indecency</i> National Book Critics Circle Award:	
2019	Ada Limón, <i>The Carrying</i> President Trump is impeached Pulitzer Prize: Forrest Gander, <i>Be</i> <i>With</i> National Book Award: Arthur Sze, <i>Sight Lines</i> Joy Harjo appointed Poet Laureate	Ilya Kaminsky, Deaf Republic Jericho Brown, The Tradition

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