



## Speaker Bio

### **Nikia Chaney**

Nikia Chaney is a multi-genre author and artist. She has published two poetry books, *To Stir &* (Word Works, 2023) and *us mouth* (University of Hell Press, 2018). Her memoir, *Ladybug* (Inlandia, 2022), chronicles a childhood of poverty mental illness and motherhood. She has a Master's Degree in Cultural Studies from Claremont University, and she is currently enrolled in a PhD program for Women and Gender Studies. She is the co-founder of Many Flowers, Many Seeds, a weekly meeting group for individuals of color who have a dissociation disorder. She teaches in Santa Cruz.