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**Women's National Book Association (WNBA) Announces  
the 2015 Winner of the WNBA Award**

The WNBA has selected **Amy King**, poet, professor of Creative Writing at SUNY Nassau Community College and Executive Board Member of VIDA—Women in Literary Arts.

"VIDA's mission as a research-driven organization is to increase critical attention to contemporary women's writing as well as further transparency around gender equality issues in contemporary literary culture." (from VIDA's website <http://www.vidaweb.org/about-vida/>)

The WNBA Award is presented every second year to "a living American woman who derives part or all of her income from books and allied arts, and who has done meritorious work in the world of books beyond the duties or responsibilities of her profession or occupation." (from WNBA's website: <http://www.wnba-books.org/wnba-awards-2>) To learn more about this award and previous winners, please visit <http://www.wnba-books.org/wnba-awards/wnbaawards>.

The award will be presented at a special event June 6, 2015, as part of WNBA's annual meeting, to be held this year in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Amy King** was honored by The Feminist Press as one of the "40 Under 40: The Future of Feminism" awardees, and she received the 2012 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities. Her most recent book from Litmus Press, *I Want to Make You Safe* (2011), was one of the *Boston Globe's Best Poetry Books of 2011*, and it was reviewed, among others, by the *Poetry Foundation* and the *Colorado Review*. King is also the author of *Slaves to do These Things, I'm the Man Who Loves You* and *Antidotes for an Alibi*, all from Blazevox Books, as well as *The People Instruments* (Pavement Saw Press) and *Kiss Me With the Mouth of Your Country* (Dusie Press).

King serves on the executive board of VIDA: Woman in Literary Arts and is currently co-editing the anthology, *Big Energy Poets of the Anthropocene: When Ecopoets Think Climate Change*. She also moderates the *Women's Poetry Listserv (WOMPO)* and the *Goodreads Poetry!* Group. She teaches English and Creative Writing at SUNY Nassau Community College. Please visit [amyking.wordpress.com](http://amyking.wordpress.com) for more.

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