

Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa
DISTINGUISHED WRITER TO BE INDUCTED INTO
THE TEXAS INSTITUTE OF LETTERS 2020

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**TEXAS INSTITUTE OF LETTERS ANNOUNCES NINETEEN DISTINGUISHED WRITERS
TO BE INDUCTED**

For the 84th year, members of the Texas Institute of Letters (TIL) have decided on the induction of new members to join the ranks of the distinguished honor society founded in 1936 to celebrate Texas literature and to recognize distinctive literary achievement.

The TIL's membership consists of the state's most respected writers – including winners of the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award, PEN/Faulkner Award, Academy Award, Americas Award, International Latino Book Award, and the MacArthur “Genius” grant. Membership is based on ongoing and exceptional literary accomplishment. Members of the Texas Institute of Letters have overwhelmingly approved nineteen writers to join the ranks of the TIL.

The 2020 honorees include poets --**Loretta Diane Walker**; award-winning playwrights --; novelists --; bestselling journalists/editors/publishers --,-; award-winning songwriters --; environmental writer and --; scholars --; children's and YA author --; and photo-historian of award-winning Southwestern cultural histories --.

Dr. Carmen Tafolla, President of the Texas Institute of Letters states, “The move to diversify and include a wide variety of literary genres in our analysis of literary accomplishment has continued to bring us a rich base of outstanding word-crafters. We are extremely proud of the exceptional work these individuals represent. These nineteen literary masters and innovators span the creative gamut from stage plays to song lyrics and from novels to poetry, journalism, short stories, publishing, children's works, and scholarly books.”

New members will be inducted at the upcoming TIL annual meeting, to be held in Georgetown, Texas March 27-29. The Annual TIL Literary Awards will also be presented at the weekend's events. For more information, please visit the TIL website: www.texasinstituteofletters.org or email Carmen Tafolla, president@texasinstituteofletters.org.

From: TIL President, Dr. Carmen Tafolla

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