

Biographies of the Poets

Ray Ball is a history professor, editor, and author. She was associate editor of *Alaska Women Speak* from fall of 2018-fall of 2019. In addition to numerous scholarly articles and two books, she is the author of a chapbook entitled *Tithe of Salt* (Louisiana Literature Press, 2019). Her creative work has recently been published in *Cirque, descant, Human/Kind Journal, Rivet*, and *SWWIM Every Day*. Ray has received multiple nominations for Best of the Net and Pushcart. She has been the recipient of a Fulbright to Spain and won the 2018 Chancellor's Award for Research and Creative Activity at UAA. When she's not in the classroom, Ray can be found researching in the archives, hiking, or drinking bitter beverages.

M.C. MoHagani Magnetek is an African American Transwoman who resides in Anchorage, AK at her Wonder Woman Hideout aka Camp Magnetek. She is an established Alaskan Writer/Poet and Hip Hop Artist. Her list of accolades also include riding her bicycle 100 miles in one day, jumping over five cars on her bike and chaining herself to a tree for justice, equality and respect for all people. She loves writing creatively and poetry everyday and of course taking candy from babies.

m.f. nagel was born in Anchorage Alaska. She lives and writes, along the banks of the Matanuska river in the Palmer Butte. Her Athabaskan and Eyak heritage is her poetic inspiration. Her poetry has been published in such journals as *Alaska Women Speak*, *Boston Poetry Magazine*, *Belleville Park Pages*, *Amsterdam Quarterly*, *Istanbul Review*, *New Verse* news, *word Riot*, *Passaic/Voluspa* and *North of Oxford*.

Tara Ballard and her husband have recently returned home to Alaska after eight years in the Middle East and West Africa. Her collection, *House of the Night Watch* (New Rivers Press), is the winner of the 2016 Many Voices Project. Tara's poems have been published by *Alaska Women Speak*, *North American Review*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Spillway*, *War*, *Literature and the Arts*; and other literary magazines. She recently won a 2019 Nazim Hikmet Poetry Prize.