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Alfredo Aguilar—Katharine Bakeless Nason Scholar in Poetry
Alfredo Aguilar is the son of Mexican immigrants. His work has appeared or is currently forthcoming in *Winter Tangerine*, *Vinyl*, *Anomaly*, and elsewhere. He lives in North County San Diego.



Zahir Janmohamed—Katharine Bakeless Nason Scholar in Fiction
Zahir Janmohamed is a freelance journalist and co-host of *Racist Sandwich*, a podcast about food, race, gender, and class. His articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *CNN*, *The Guardian*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Nation*, *Foreign Policy*, *Guernica*, and many other publications. In 2014, he was the inaugural co-recipient of the Anne Cox Chambers fellowship for long-form journalism at The MacDowell Colony. He previously worked in the US Congress as a senior foreign policy aide to Congressman Keith Ellison (D-MN) and at Amnesty International, where he was the organization's Advocacy Director for the Middle East and North Africa.



Christola Phoenix-Katharine Bakeless Nason Scholar in Nonfiction
Christola Phoenix was born and raised in Harlem. A Registered Nurse, she worked for thirty-four years at Harlem Hospital, the same hospital she was born in. Upon her retirement at age sixty-five, she began her writing career as a student at Gotham Writers Workshop. She has also studied at the Iowa Summer Writing Festival and the Creative Nonfiction Conference in Pittsburg. She is a finalist for the 2017 Still I Rise grant by Alternating Current Press, and has essays forthcoming in *The Coil*. Her memoir in progress is *Paper Curls and Peanut Earrings*, a coming-of-age-memoir set in Harlem.