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Becky Thompson is a writer, teacher, and activist. Her books include *Fingernails Across the Chalkboard: Poetry and Prose on HIV/AIDS From the Black Disapora*; *When the Center is on Fire, A Promise and A Way of Life*; and *Mothering without a Compass*.

Her recent poems appear in the *Harvard Review*, *We Begin Here: For Palestine and Lebanon*, *Warpland: A Journal of Black Literature and Ideas*, *Amandla*, *Illuminations*, *The Teacher's Voice*, and *Margie*. Her recently completed first collection of poetry is *Zero is the Whole I Fall into at Night*.

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Awards & Honors

- ♦ Outstanding Faculty Award, MOSAIC Office, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs: 2009.
- ♦ Vagina Warrior Award for Teaching (with Massachusetts State Representative Dianne Wilkerson and student activist Nell Maggio), Boston, Massachusetts: 2007.
- ♦ Meiko Hill Peacemaker Award for Teaching, Boston, Massachusetts: 2005.
- ♦ Gustavus Myers Award for Outstanding Book on Human Rights in North America presented to *Beyond a Dream Deferred: Multicultural Education and the Politics of Excellence: 1994*.
- ♦ National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Summer Seminar Fellow in Morality and Society, Boston University: 1994.
- ♦ Rockefeller Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Afro-American Studies, Princeton University: 1992-1993.
- ♦ American Association of University Women (AAUW), Educational Foundation Dissertation Fellowship: 1989.
- ♦ Ford Foundation Grant for Project on Women and Gender in the Curriculum: 1987.
- ♦ Political Research Associates Award for Scholarship: 1997-1999.

Education

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