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Dr. Shauna M. Morgan is a poet-scholar and Associate Professor of creative writing and Africana literature at the University of Kentucky where she also serves as Director of Equity and Inclusion Initiatives in the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT). Before joining the University of Kentucky, Morgan was tenured on the faculty of English at Howard University where she taught from 2012-2019.

Both her scholarly work and her poetry are deeply engaged with traditions of global Black art and culture. Her critical work has been published in *Journal of Postcolonial Writing*, *South Atlantic Review*, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, *College Language Association Journal*, and elsewhere. Her poetry has appeared in *A Gathering Together*, *Interviewing the Caribbean*, *A Literary Field Guide to Southern Appalachia*, *ProudFlesh: New Afrikan Journal of Culture, Politics & Consciousness*, among other periodicals and anthologies. Morgan's chapbook, *Fear of Dogs & Other Animals*, was published by Central Square Press.

She is currently at work on "The Life Thing in Us: Decoloniality and the Aesthetics of Liberation in Contemporary Black Poetry," a book that explores the twenty-first-century poetry of the Black diaspora and investigates the ways in which the poets and their works move along a continuum of decoloniality in the ongoing struggle for global Black liberation. Her current creative project, "Ordinal," is a poetry manuscript which re-imagines the Victorian-era Anglican book of prayer as a collection of Black women's syncretistic laments, praises, and songs that attempt to excise traumas and liberate sexualities.

Morgan was awarded *Interviewing the Caribbean's* inaugural Catherine James Palmer Poetry Prize, and she was a fellow at the Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies at Johannes Gutenberg Universität in Mainz, Germany. She tends to a hopeful garden at her home at the Artists' Village in the historic East End of Lexington, Kentucky.