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Bhanoo is the author of the story collection *Seeking Fortune Elsewhere*. She is the 2023 winner of the Oregon Book Award for fiction, the New American Voices Award and an O. Henry Prize.

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The Columbia Writers Series was launched at Clark College in 1988, bringing local, national and international authors to the college and the region.

Other events featured during the 2023-24 series are:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m.:** **Anis Mojgani**, the tenth Poet Laureate of Oregon. A national and international poetry slam champion, his work has appeared on HBO, NPR and in *The New York Times*. He is the author of six books of poetry, the opera libretto *Sanctuaries*, a forthcoming children's picture book and his latest collection, *The Tigers, They Let Me*.

- **Monday, April 29 at 11 a.m.: Andrew Leland.** His debut book, *The Country of the Blind: A Memoir at the End of Sight*, about the world of blindness and figuring out his place in it, was published in July 2023 by Penguin Press. His writing has been published in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *McSweeney's Quarterly*, and *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and more. He is a former host and producer of *The Organist*, an arts and culture podcast for KCRW. He also has produced segments for *Radiolab* and *99 Percent Invisible*.
- **TBD in May: Clark College literary week.** A week of literary events both on and off campus to engage the college community and the Southwest Washington community.

Learn more about the Columbia Writers Series at [www.clark.edu/cc/cws](http://www.clark.edu/cc/cws).