

MICHIGAN POET LAUREATE
MELBA JOYCE BOYD

Friday, Nov. 14, 2025 at 7 P.M.

with reception and book signing to follow

East Lansing Public Library
950 Abbot Rd.

Presented in partnership with the Lansing Poetry Club

A native Detroit, Dr. Melba Joyce Boyd is the author and/or editor of 13 books and three documentaries. Her latest title, *Politics and Poetics: The Legacy of France E. W. Harper*, is forthcoming from Wayne State University Press in 2026. A retired distinguished professor in African American studies from WSU and an adjunct faculty member at U-M, her poetry, essays and creative nonfiction have appeared in anthologies, academic journals, cultural periodicals and newspapers in the United States and Europe. The Kresge Foundation honored her as the 2023 Kresge Eminent Artist.



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