

# Moonday

## An East Side Reading



### Teresa Mei Chuc & Lynne Thompson

Sunday, July 21, 2 p.m. at Flintridge Bookstore

**Teresa Mei Chuc** was born in Saigon, Vietnam and immigrated to the U.S. under political asylum with her mother and brother shortly after the Vietnam War. She teaches literature and writing at a public inner-city middle school. She has a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing (poetry) from Goddard College, Vermont. Teresa is the author of *Red Thread: Poems* (2012) and *Year of the Hare* (2013), a short story in vignettes about her father's struggle with PTSD after the war and nine years in "re-education" camp and its effects on him and the family. She enjoys spending time with her sons and doing simple things like watching the trees, sunrise and fireflies.

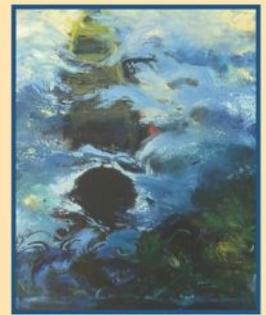


**Lynne Thompson**, a Pushcart Prize nominee, is the author of two chapbooks, *We Arrive By Accumulation* And *Through A Window*. Her first full-length manuscript, *Beg No Pardon*, won the Perugia Press Book Award as well as the Great Lakes Colleges Association's

#### Vietnam Ghost Stories

Ghost-like beings roam,  
carrying the bones of the dead,  
their steps heavy with the weight  
of fields and fields.  
And the dead too –  
stories Mother tells  
of the ghost with a long tongue  
that licks dishes at night.

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Red Thread  
—poems—  
—Teresa Mei Chuc

New Writers Award. A frequent reader on the local and national scene, her alma mater, Scripps College, and Emory University have commissioned her to write new work to complement both a sculpture and dance project. Recent work has appeared in numerous journals including *Ploughshares*, *Sou'Wester*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Indiana Review* and *Spillway*, where she serves as Reviews & Essays Editor. Thompson's latest manuscript, *Start with a Small Guitar*, will be published by the Los Angeles collective, What Books Press, in the fall of 2013.

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#### last night, I dreamed I was Frida Kahlo

star-tips and tight earth,  
beaver, pond, blue veronica.  
I wasn't Frida but I was  
just as unfathomable  
being roots & thistle & blood,  
bulb of green earth, womb  
of some winged web-weaver,  
deep lover, quite still, still  
stone. In morning's indigo,  
in the steam and sun of it all,  
I was supplicant before oceans,  
apatite, ideas and lantern-  
light, unhooked and needle-  
fine, copper-red, a cosmos

forthcoming in "Start with a Small Guitar"  
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