



Above Ground: A Conversation with Clint Smith Clint Smith

Staff writer at *The Atlantic* and #1 *New York Times* bestselling and National Book Critics Circle award-winning author of *How the Word Is Passed*.

Marcus Campbell, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Evanston Township High School D202, Evanston, IL.

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 7:00 PM (on Zoom)

Register: www.bit.ly/ClintFANWebinar

AND: A book giveaway, sponsored by FAN!

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Thursday, May 11, 2023, 7:00 PM, Above Ground: A Conversation with Clint Smith, a FAN webinar featuring Clint Smith, Ph.D. in conversation with Marcus Campbell, Ed.D.

***BONUS BOOK GIVEAWAY!* FAN is giving away copies of *Above Ground* to guests randomly selected from the Zoom attendance report. All details on the webinar registration page.**

REGISTER: www.bit.ly/ClintFANWebinar.

Clint Smith, Ph.D.'s vibrant and compelling new poetry collection, the *New York Times* bestseller ***Above Ground***, traverses the vast emotional terrain of fatherhood and explores how becoming a parent has recalibrated his sense of the world. There are poems that interrogate the ways our lives are shaped by both personal lineages and historical institutions. There are poems that revel in the wonder of discovering the world anew through the eyes of your children, as they discover it for the first time. There are poems that meditate on what it means to raise a family in a world filled with constant social and political tumult. *Above Ground* wrestles with how we hold wonder and despair in the same hands, how we carry intimate moments of joy and a collective sense of mourning in the same body.

Smith is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, the Hillman Prize for Book Journalism, the Stowe Prize, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and selected by the *New York Times* as one of the 10 Best Books of 2021. He is a staff writer at *The Atlantic*.

Smith's essays, poems, and scholarly writing have been published in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Republic*, *Poetry Magazine*, *The Paris Review*, *the Harvard Educational Review*, and elsewhere. He is a former National Poetry Slam champion and a recipient of the Jerome J. Shestack Prize from the American Poetry Review.

Previously, Smith taught high school English in Prince George's County, Maryland where he was named the Christine D. Sarbanes Teacher of the Year by the Maryland Humanities Council. He is the host of the YouTube series *Crash Course Black American History*. He received his B.A. in English from Davidson College and his Ph.D. in Education from Harvard University.

Smith will be in conversation with **Marcus Campbell, Ed.D.**, Superintendent of Evanston Township High School D202. Dr. Campbell has 22 years of experience at ETHS, starting as an English teacher, and has played a central role in the district's equity transformation programs and initiatives.

This event suitable for youth 12+. It will be recorded and available on FAN's website and YouTube channel.

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