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FICTION: Libby Flores is a 2008 PEN Center USA Emerging Voices Fellow. Her writing has appeared in *The Kenyon Review*, *Gagosian Quarterly*, *American Short Fiction*, *Ploughshares*, *Post Road Magazine*, *McSweeney's*, *Tin House* /*The Open Bar*, *The Guardian*, *Paper Darts*, and *The Los Angeles Review of Books*. She is the former Director of Literary Programs at PEN Center USA (now PEN America Los Angeles). She is the Associate Publisher at BOMB magazine. Libby holds an MFA in creative writing from Bennington College. She is on the LitNet Steering Committee and on the Periplus committee where she is a mentor. She

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POETRY: Hailing from the American South, **Esther Lee** lives and writes on a sailboat with her artist husband, Michael, and their cat, Bowie. A Kundiman fellow, she is the author of the chapbook, *Blank Missives* (Trafficker Press, 2007), and her debut poetry collection *Spit* (2011), which received the Elixir Press Poetry Prize and Pushcart Prize nominations. Her second poetry collection, *Sacrificial*

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