

FREE: Poetry in Voice of Anna Douglass featured at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

You may have heard about Frederick Douglass, but what have you read or thought about his wife, Anna? Author M. Nzadi Keita will read from her book, *Brief Evidence of Heaven: Poems in the Voice of Anna Douglass*, on Friday evening, September 14, at 7:00 pm. This free event will be held in partnership with the New Bedford Historical Society. Reception to follow reading. The reading will take place at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford.

Ms. Keita has worked in collaboration with numerous community social service and arts organizations, including the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, WHYY-TV/ Philadelphia, the Rosenbach Museum, Moonstone Arts Center, Germantown Arts Roundtable, USDAC, and the Philadelphia Mural Arts Project. Keita is a Cave Canem alum. An associate professor of English at Ursinus College, she teaches creative writing and contemporary literature.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The visitor center is wheelchair-accessible, and is free of

charge. For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>. Everyone finds their park in a different way. Discover yours at FindYourPark.com

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