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Gerda Govine Ituarte’s third poetry collection, “Future Awakes in Mouth of NOW,” was published by Editions du Cygne (Swan World), Paris, France, June 2016 available at Vroman’s and Book Show bookstores. Her second poetry book, *Alterations|Thread Light Through Eye of Storm*was published by La Casa del Tunel Productions, Pasadena, California and printed March 2015 in English. All publication art work was created by Luis Ituarte. She was one of three poets cited out of 60 by the U.S. Poetry Review for her poem “Identity.” *Alterations* received a five-star rating from Red City Review and was a finalist in their poetry contest. Her first book, *Oh, Where is My Candle Hat?* was published in English and Spanish 2012 in Tijuana, Mexico. In summer 2016, she created a four-week lunch-time poetry reading series “Poetry Within Reach” in Unexpected Places, and created the Pasadena Rose Poets comprised of nine seasoned Pasadena-based poets. The project was funded by the City of Pasadena, California, Cultural Affairs Division via a National Endowment for the Arts grant. February 2017, she established weekly poetry readings by the Pasadena Rose at City, also descried as “citizen poets,” at Pasadena City Council Meetings on Monday evenings in the Council Chambers. In 2016 she was selected as one of the top ten poets in the San Gabriel Valley.

Her poetry has appeared in numerous anthologies: Journal of Modern Poetry, Altadena Poetry Review 2015-2016, San Gabriel Valley Poetry Quarterly, Coiled Serpent, Spectrum, Indefinite Space, and on-line publications Ms. Aligned, Dryland Arts and Letters and HomeTown Pasadena. She read at Avenue 50; Book Show Book Store; The World Stage; Leimert Park Book Fair; The Last Bookstore; The Pasadena Museum of California Art (PMCA); Tia Chu Cha Bookstore; Indefinite Space; Coffee Gallery Backstage; California State Department of Fair Employment and Housing City of Pasadena City Council and Pasadena District 3 Community meeting; Lit Crawl L.A. 2013-2016; La Canada Book Store; Pasadena libraries and the Altadena Library District. Govine Ituarte’s international readings include: Casa de la Poesia, and Teatro Nacionál in Havana, Cuba, May 25 and 28, 2015; International Female Poetry Festival, Cereté, Colombia, November 3-5, 2015; London, UK, November 2015; Centro Cultural de Tijuana Federal gallery/performance space, Tijuana, Mexico 2012 & 2013; and W. Alexander Retreat Center, Dulzura, CA 2016-present; The Hammock Project, John Muir High School, December 2016 and La Pintoresca Library January and February 2017. She is a member of “Women Who Submit, ” Lit Crawl L.A. Organizing Team and the Pasadena Writing Project and Producer/Curator of the Pasadena Rose Poets.

As CEO of G. Govine Consulting ([www.govineconsults.com](http://www.govineconsults.com)) she conducts diversity and inclusion climate studies, provides training and workshops; and serves as an expert witness, litigation consultant, investigator and mediator in the areas of gender, race, and age discrimination. Govine Ituarte was born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and immigrated to New York City in the mid 50’s and California in the early 80’s. She lives with her artist husband Luis in Pasadena, California. She graduated from Teachers College Columbia University with an M.A. and Ed.D. in Higher and Adult Education Administration and Research. She earned a B.S. and M.A. in Business Education from New York University and an Alternative Dispute Resolution Certificate from Pepperdine University, Straus Center, School of Law. She serves as a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Women’s Commission.

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