

But these outstanding works constitute only the tip of a large iceberg. She has published numerous volumes of poetry, and her poetry performances have been extensively recorded and broadcasted. Since its foundation in 1985, she has given much time and energy to her work as a voluntary Cultural Director of the Black Arts Alliance, a national organisation that was formed to give greater visibility to Black artists. She has also devoted herself to cultivating the arts at a local level, leading writing workshops in countless venues across the country, including here at our university. She has thus been, very tangibly, not only a practitioner, but also a servant of her art. In addition to creating her own works, she has done much to encourage others to bring their talents to fruition, both within the black and mixed race communities and beyond them. It was in recognition of her extensive work in all these diverse areas that she was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1999.

SuAndi is a poet, writer and artist of distinction. The university is proud of the association it has had with her over the years and is delighted to deepen that association by the conferral of an honorary degree. Chancellor, on this auspicious day of your installation, it is therefore an especial privilege to present to you, on behalf of the Senate, SuAndi for conferral of the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.

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