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BONNIE LARSON STAIGER

Bonnie Larson Staiger, North Dakota Associate Poet Laureate, is the inaugural recipient of the “Poetry of the Plains & Prairies” prize from NDSU Press. Her debut collection, *Destiny Manifested* also received the “Independent Press Award: Distinguished Favorite.” She often writes of the poignant subtleties of life on the high plains and the New American West as well as a world view observed from and shaped by this place. In her poetry, she weaves a love of North Dakota and Great Plains history, some real and imagined characters, and her deep understanding of the human soul. Her work appears in numerous anthologies, literary journals, and publications.

In her professional career, Bonnie is the founding partner of The Staiger Consulting Group, specializing in association management, advocacy, and government affairs. She has served on the ND Humanities Council, Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the American Institute of Architecture National Board of Directors, and as president of numerous professional organizations. She has been named a *Richard Upjohn Fellow* of the American Institute of Architects, received the *President’s Medal for Distinguished Service* by the National Council of Architect Registration Boards, and named *National Executive Director of the Year* by the American Psychological Association.

Bonnie is a fourth generation North Dakotan and has insured at least the next two generations live here and call this place home.

