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***SUSAN CHOI*** *in conversation with*  
***DEB OLIN UNFERTH***

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***Huston-Tillotson University***  
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**SUSAN CHOI's** latest novel is *Flashlight*, which is currently longlisted for the Booker Prize. She is also the author of *Trust Exercise*, which received the National Book Award for fiction, and the novels *The Foreign Student*, *American Woman*, *A Person of Interest*, and *My Education*. She is a recipient of the Asian-American Literary Award for fiction, the PEN/W. G. Sebald Award, a Lambda Literary award, the Sunday Times Audible Short Story Award, and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation. She teaches in the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University and lives in Brooklyn, New York.



**DEB OLIN UNFERTH** is the author of six books, including the novels *Barn 8* and *Vacation*, the story collection *Wait Till You See Me Dance*, and the memoir *Revolution*, finalist for the National Book Critics' Circle Award. Her next novel, *Earth 7*, is forthcoming in 2026. Her work appears in *Harper's*, the *Paris Review*, *Granta*, and the *New York Times Magazine*. A recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship and a professor at the University of Texas in Austin, she teaches for the Michener Center for Writers and the New Writers' Project.

Each year, *American Short Fiction* awards the Insider Prize, directed by Senior Editor Adam Soto, for work by incarcerated writers in Texas. The 2025 judge, Manuel Muñoz, selected the following winners:

- **Fiction, 1st Place:** Deanna Carney, "Breach"
- **Nonfiction, 1st Place:** Steven Perez, "If I Were Late"
- **Fiction, Runner-up:** Walter Sam, "Episode Run"
- **Nonfiction, Runner-up:** Luzalbert Hernandez, "A Glorious Delusion"



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