

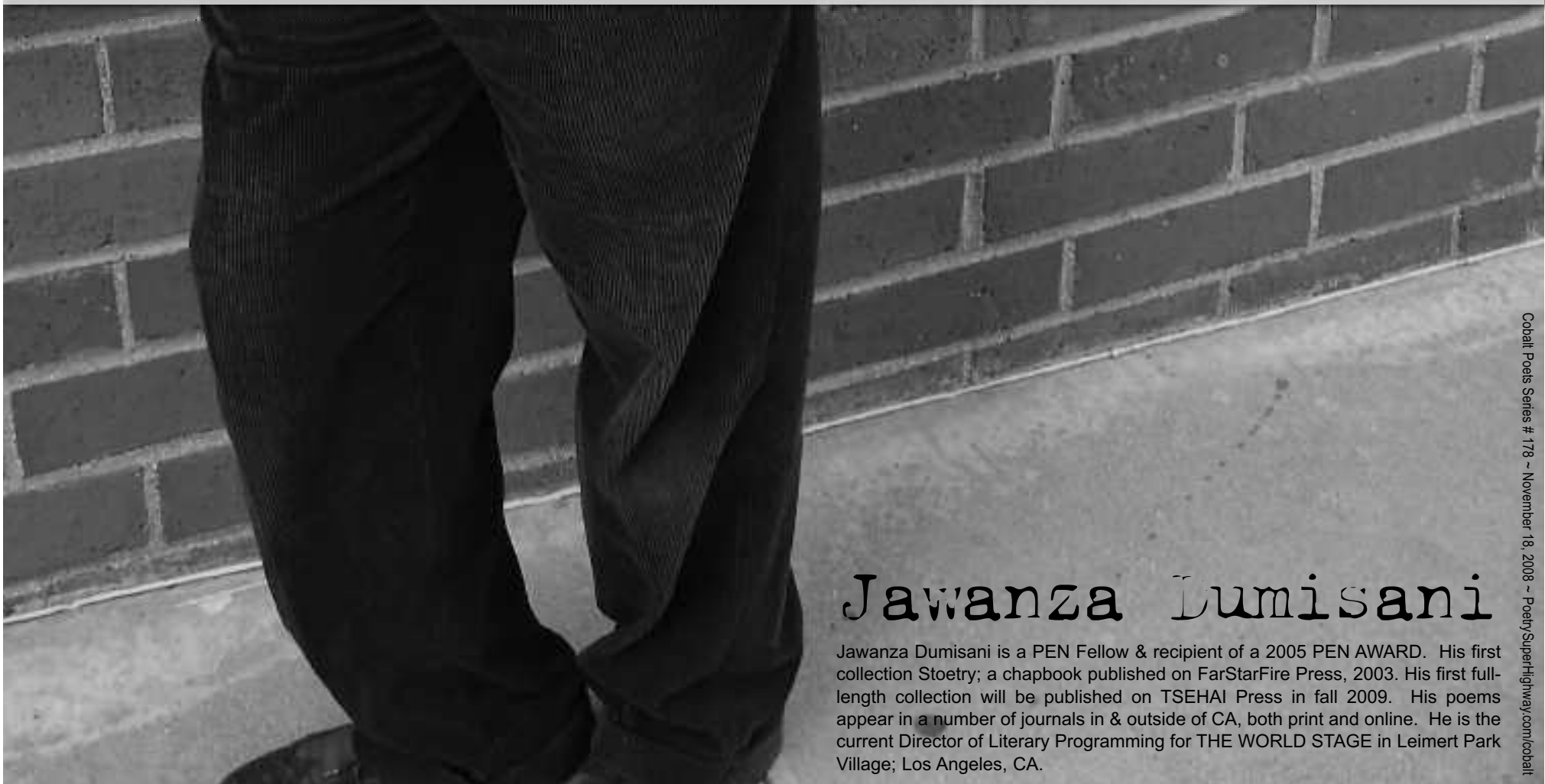


House Broken

By bus stop
Of 10,000 rides
To fields of lilies
Just beyond ghetto gladness

Wadin n Jordan's run off
She tidies their quarters
Fist full of transfers
With rope burn

From Rosa's crowded seat,
Their filth brought home to me
Imbedded beneath nails
Of hundreds of her arthritic fingers



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