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Department of English
February 17, 2023

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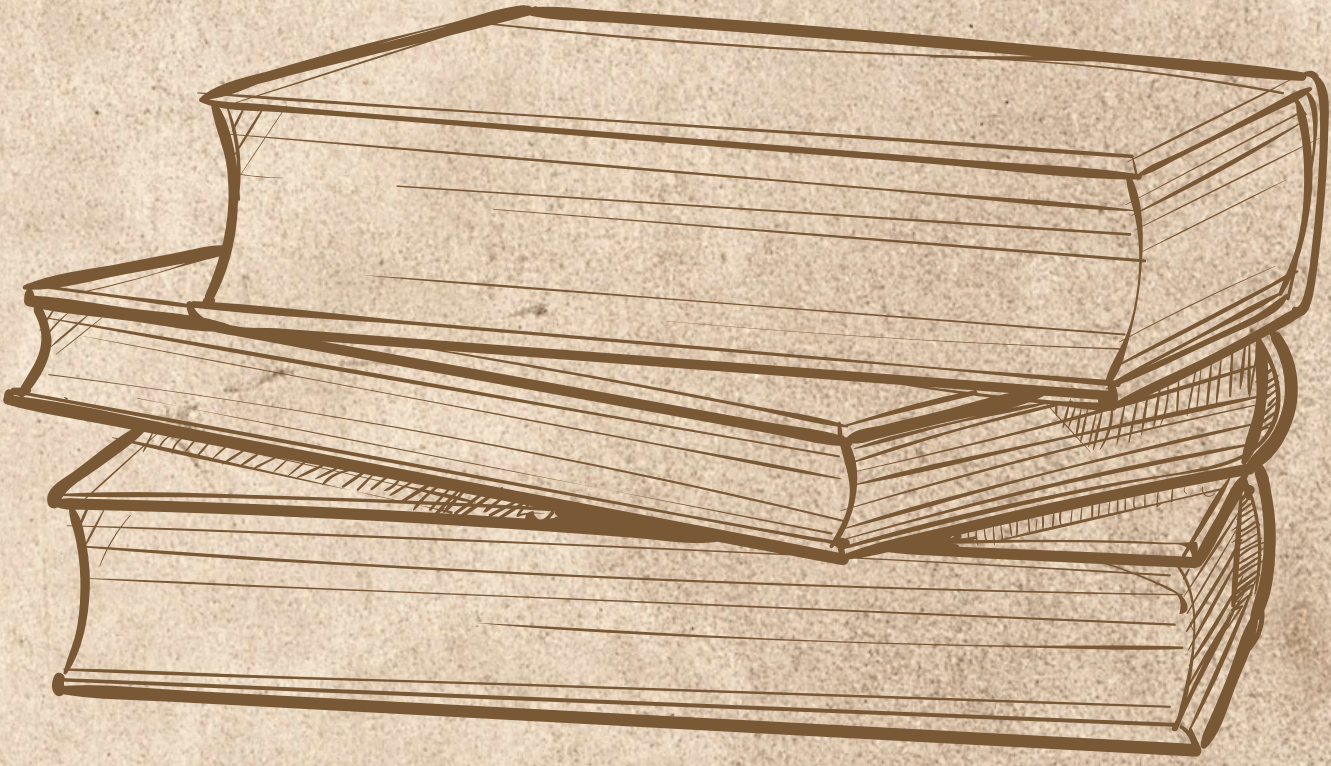
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Toni Morrison Day

Book Discussion



This year's TMD will feature a university-wide book discussion of Morrison's only short story: "Recitatif."

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February 17
Great Hall Auditorium
11:45-12:45



All are welcome:
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Toni Morrison Day Program: February 17, 2023

10:15-11:15

Great Hall Auditorium

**Keynote Speaker,
Dr. Farah Jasmine Griffin**



Farah Jasmine Griffin is the inaugural Chair of the African American and African Diaspora Studies Department at Columbia University, where she also serves as the William B. Ransford Professor of English and Comparative Literature. Professor Griffin received her B.A. from Harvard and her Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale. She is the author or editor of eight books including *Who Set You Flowin?: The African American Migration Narrative* (Oxford, 1995), *If*

You Can't Be Free, Be a Mystery: In Search of Billie Holiday (Free Press, 2001), and *Harlem Nocturne: Women Artists and Progressive Politics During World War II* (Basic Books, 2013). Griffin collaborated with composer, pianist, Geri Allen and director, actor S. Epatha Merkerson on two theatrical projects, for which she wrote the book: *The first, "Geri Allen and Friends Celebrate the Great Jazz Women of the Apollo,"* with Lizz Wright, Dianne Reeves, Teri Lyne Carrington and others, premiered on the main stage of the Apollo Theater in May of 2013. The second, *"A Conversation with Mary Lou"* featuring vocalist Carmen Lundy, premiered at Harlem Stage in March 2014 and was performed at The John F. Kennedy Center in May of 2016. Her most recent book, *Read Until You Understand: The Profound Wisdom of Black Life and Literature* was published by W.W. Norton in September 2021. Griffin is a 2021 Guggenheim Fellow and Mellon Foundation Fellow in Residence.

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**Group Book discussion
"Recitatif"**

Moderated by
Dr. Brittany Biesiada

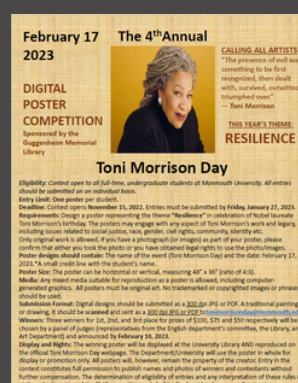


1:15-2:00

Great Hall Auditorium

**Presentation of
Creative Writing and
Poster Contest winners**

Writing Contest winners
will read their work.
*Light refreshments will
be served.*



2:45-3:45

Great Hall Auditorium

**Sula Through
Different Lenses**

Student Symposium,
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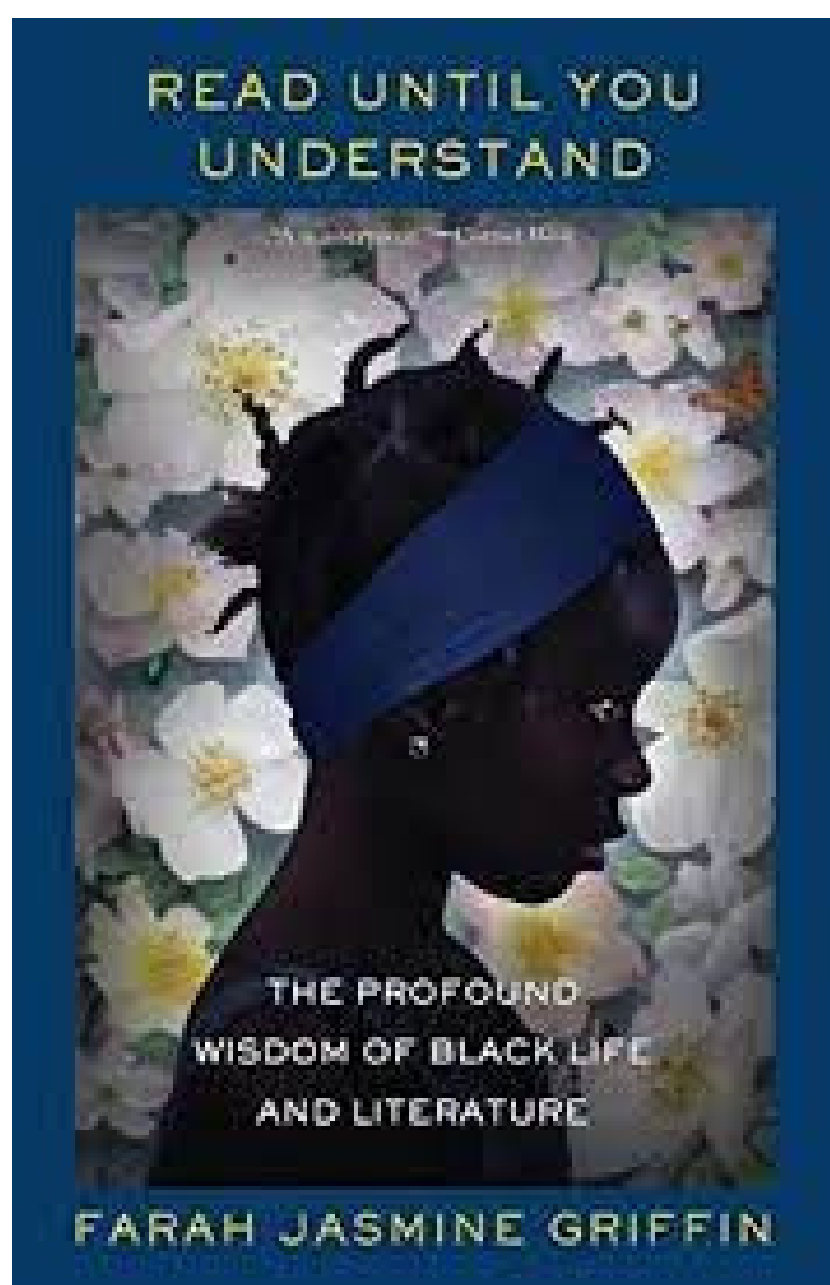
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