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An Evening with Colson Whitehead

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SPEAKER

Colson Whitehead



Colson Whitehead is the No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Nickel Boys*, *The Underground Railroad* (an Oprah's Book Club selection and winner of the 2016 National Book Award and 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction), *The Noble Hustle*, *Zone One*, *Sag Harbor*, *The Intuitionist*, *John Henry Days*, *Apex Hides the Hurt*, and one collection of essays, *The Colossus of New York*. He was named New York's 11th State Author in 2018. *The Nickel Boys* won the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (making him only the fourth writer to win two Pulitzers in the Fiction category), the 2019 Kirkus Prize for Fiction, and the 2020 Orwell Prize for Political Fiction. His latest bestselling novel, *Harlem Shuffle*, was published in the fall of 2021.

Whitehead's reviews, essays, and fiction have appeared in a number of publications, such as the *New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *New York Magazine*, *Harper's*, and *Granta*. He has received a MacArthur Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Whiting Writers Award, the Dos Passos Prize, a fellowship at the Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers, and the 2020 Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction. He has taught at the University of Houston, Columbia University, Brooklyn College, Hunter College, New York University, Princeton University, Wesleyan University, and been a writer-in-residence at Vassar College, the University of Richmond, and the University of Wyoming. He lives in New York City.

MODERATOR

Tracy Leavelle, PhD

Professor of History and Medical Humanities

Director, Kingfisher Institute for the Liberal Arts and Professions



Tracy Leavelle is the inaugural director of the Kingfisher Institute for the Liberal Arts and Professions at Creighton University. A longtime advocate for the liberal arts, he has been with the University for nearly 20 years and has held several leadership positions, including most recently as the associate dean for humanities and fine arts in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Kingfisher Institute is dedicated to supporting the productive intersection of the liberal arts and professional education. His scholarly work involves the study of religion and colonialism in North America and the Pacific.



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Program

WELCOME

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

President of Creighton University

INTRODUCTION

Sarah Singletary Walker, PhD

Vice President for Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Professor of Management, Heider College of Business

IN-CONVERSATION PROGRAM, FOLLOWED BY Q&A

Colson Whitehead with Tracy Leavelle, PhD

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