



# Reading and Lecture

## Claudia Rankine *Just Us: An American Conversation*

With a Welcome from  
Chancellor Gary S. May

**Wednesday, November 4 via Zoom  
4 PM PST | Free for all**  
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Join acclaimed author, playwright, poet and multimedia artist Claudia Rankine on Nov. 4 for a reading and lecture based on her new book, *Just Us: An American Conversation* (Graywolf Press, 2020). In a series of revelatory, funny and ingeniously written essays that mix text and visuals, Rankine questions what it means to interrogate white privilege, liberal politics, white male aggression and much more.

Coming the day after the U.S. presidential election, this virtual event, like Rankine's intimate book, promises to bring us into a necessary conversation about what we don't know. As Rankine says, "It's all right to not know; it's what you do with your not-knowing."

A New York Times bestselling poet, Rankine has received numerous awards, including the Poets & Writers' Jackson Poetry Prize, and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Lannan Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, United States Artists, and the National Endowment of the Arts. She teaches at Yale University as the Frederick Iseman Professor of Poetry.

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This program is organized by Professor Allison Coudert, Paul A. and Marie Castelfranco Chair in the History of Religion; Professor Katie Peterson, director of the Creative Writing Program; and the Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum.

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