



**center for  
literary arts  
reading series  
23-24**

10/26  
k-ming chang  
hammer theatre  
7pm

11/16  
colin winnette  
mlk library, 225  
7pm

9/7  
hua hsu  
hammer theatre  
7pm

5/9  
kate folk  
mlk library, 225  
7pm

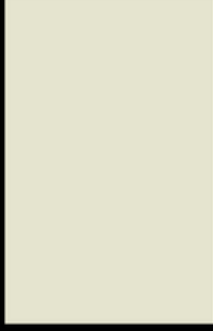
2/15  
percival everett  
hammer theatre  
7pm

4/18  
leila mottley  
hammer theatre  
7pm



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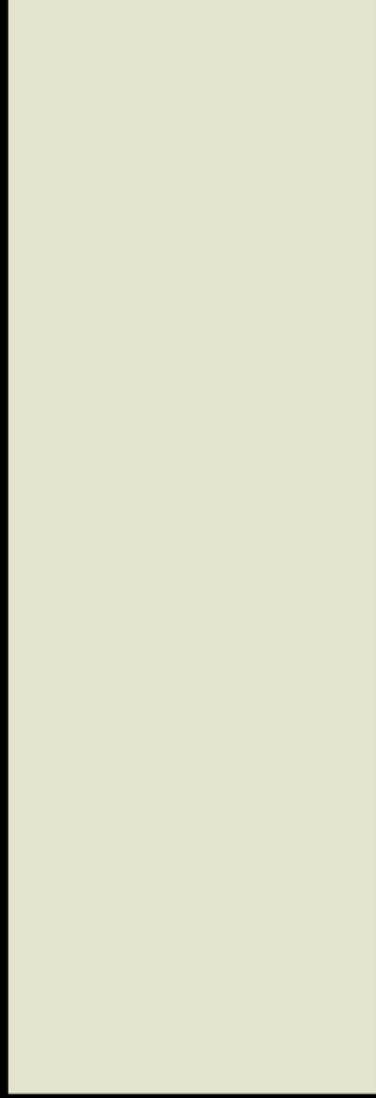


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### THE MARTHA HEASLEY COX LECTURE

A generous endowment created by San José State Professor Emeritus Martha Heasley Cox established an ongoing series to bring celebrated and influential authors to San José. Previous Cox lecturers include Toni Morrison, J.M. Coetzee, Jonathan Franzen, and Maxine Hong Kingston.



### THE LEWANDOWSKI FAMILY POET

In honor of Frank and Dr. Mary Lou Lewandowski, the CLA celebrates poets whose work inspires and influences the next generation of poets. Past Lewandowski Family poets include Claudia Rankine, Tyehimba Jess, Carmen Giménez Smith, and Lillian-Yvonne Bertram.



### THE JAMES D. HOUSTON MEMORIAL LECTURE

To honor the California author and former Lurie Author-in-Residence, the annual James D. Houston Memorial Lecture brings emerging writers from diverse backgrounds to San José State. Past Houston lecturers include Yiyun Li, Daniel Alarcón, Kiese Laymon, and Danielle Evans



### CLA / MT. PLEASANT SERIES

Each year, the CLA brings presentations by contemporary authors to Mt. Pleasant High School in San José's East Side Union High School District. Past authors include Ishmael Reed, Tommy Orange, ZZ Packer, and Patricia Engel.

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**– JAMEL BRINKLEY, AUTHOR OF WITNESS**

The San José State College of Humanities and the Arts founded the CLA in 1986 with a mission to bring writers of contemporary literature to the South Bay community. For over three decades, we have continued that mission with a host of readings, conversations, craft talks, and workshops featuring authors of exceptional voice and vision.

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