

Toni Morrison Day Program: February 23, 2024

3:30-5:00

Pozycki Auditorium

**Keynote Speaker,
Ross Gay**

Reading followed by a
Q&A and book signing



Ross Gay is the author of the poetry collections *Against Which* (2006), *Bringing the Shovel Down* (2011), *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude* (2015), winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award, and *Be Holding* (2022), winner of the PEN American Literary Jean Stein Award. As an essayist, he has published *The Book of Delights*, a 2019 New York Times bestseller, *Inciting Joy* (2022), and *The Book of (More) Delights* (2023). Gay is founding co-editor of the online sports magazine *Some Call it Ballin'* and an ardent gardener and founding board member of the Bloomington Community Orchard, a non-profit, free-fruit-for-all food justice and joy project.

5th Annual

TONI MORRISON DAY

Pozycki Auditorium

10:05-11:25

Opening Remarks

Harlem Renaissance presentation

Dr. Corey Dzenko, Dr. Abha Sood, and
Dr. Hettie Williams.

Moderated by Prof. Joseph Torchia

11:40-1:00

Morrison's Nobel Lecture discussion

Moderated by Dr. Brittany Biesiada, Prof. Joseph Torchia, and
Dr. Abha Sood

1:15-2:15

Student Panel

Kaitlin McGuire, Gabriella Petrillo, and Lincoln Pereira.
Moderated by Dr. Lynn Siracusa

2:20-3:05

**Toni Morrison Day Digital Poster Contest
and Toni Morrison Day Creative Writing Contest**

Winners will be announced.

Moderated by Prof. Jennifer Harpootlian, Dr. Mihaela Moscaliuc, and
Dr. Kurt Wagner, Guggenheim Memorial Library



*Sigma Tau Delta
Special Event
Wed., February 21
GHA 400

3:30-4:15

Book Discussion

Organized by members of Sigma Tau Delta. The Toni Morrison Book Club will discuss Morrison's *Beloved*.
Faculty moderator: Dr. Jeffrey Jackson

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