

# 6th Annual Toni Morrison Day Program: February 21, 2025

**10:05-11:25**

**Pozycki Auditorium**

**Keynote Speaker  
Autumn Womack**



Autumn Womack is an Associate Professor of African American Studies and English at Princeton University. She is the author of *The Matter of Living: The Aesthetic Experiment of Racial Data, 1880-1930* (U. Chicago, 2022) which won the MLA's William Sanders Scarborough Prize and was shortlisted for the Modernist Studies Association's First Book Prize.

At Princeton University she curated the critically acclaimed archival exhibition *Toni Morrison: Sites of Memory*, which brought over 150 never seen original archival objects into view. She is currently at work on two book projects that focus on Morrison: *The Wanderer: Toni Morrison and the Art of Creativity* and *Sites of Memory: Toni Morrison and the Politics of the Archive*.

## TONI MORRISON DAY

**Pozycki Auditorium**

**11:40-1:00**

**Faculty and Student Composition Panel: "Intelligent Struggle is Needed...": Writing for Racial and Linguistic Justice in the First-Year Composition Classroom**

Moderator: Prof. Beth Sara Swanson

Presenters: Dr. Courtney Wright-Werner; Prof. Beth Sara Swanson with Jessica Mendez-Alonso; Prof. Linda Sacks; Prof. Jennifer Harpootlian with Kailyn Bloch & Kristen Sarnicola

**1:15-2:15**

**Toni Morrison Book Discussion: *The Origin of Others***

Moderator: Dr. Lynn Siracusa.

Panelists: Prof. Joe Torchia, and Prof. Noel Belinski

**2:15-3:15**

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

Winners will be announced by Kurt Wagner, University Librarian

**3:30-5:00**

**Special Guest Reading: Professor John Vercher**

Prof. Vercher will give a reading from his work followed by a conversation with members of Sigma Tau Delta



**Sigma Tau Delta  
Special Event  
Wed, Feb 19, 2025**

English Department Lounge

**3:00-4:00**

**Discussion of Toni Morrison's novel  
*Sula* organized by members of  
Sigma Tau Delta.**

Faculty moderator: Dr. Jeffrey Jackson