

# 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TONI MORRISON DAY PROGRAM

February 20, 2026 - Pozycki Auditorium

**10:05-11:25**

**Opening Remarks**

**Departmental Welcome and Introduction:  
JP Hanly, Chair, Department of English**

**Keynote Address: Piper Kendrix Williams, Ph.D.  
Followed by author book signing and sales**



Piper Kendrix Williams, is the Chair of African American Studies and Professor of African American Studies and English at The College of New Jersey. She is the co-author of *The Toni Morrison Book Club* published by the University of Wisconsin Press (2020). She is the co-editor of *Re-presenting Segregation: Toward an Aesthetics of Living Jim Crow* (SUNY UP, 2012). Her essay “Afrofuturistic Storytelling in Barracoon and Their Eyes Were Watching God” appears in the Routledge Handbook to CoFuturism (October 2023). She is editor of the forthcoming *Teaching the Works of Toni Morrison in the 21st Century*, (Modern Language Association).

**11:40-1:00**

**Student Panel: “Toni and Slade Morrison’s Picture Books,”  
presented by English 342: Children’s and Young Adult Literature**

Moderator: Dr. Brittany Biesiada

Presenters: Dr. Biesiada and students from EN-342

**1:15-2:15**

**Toni Morrison Book Discussion: *Please, Louise* by Toni Morrison and Slade Morrison (no reading preparation needed beforehand)**

Moderators: Dr. Brittany Biesiada and Dr. Lynn Kraemer-Siracusa.

**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

**3:15-4:00**

**Open Mic: “This is the Time When Artists Go to Work: Heeding Morrison’s Call”**

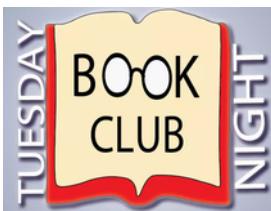
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# 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TONI MORRISON DAY EVENTS

February 20, 2026 - Pozycki Auditorium

**Tuesday,  
February 10th  
7:30 p.m.**

## TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB VIRTUAL



Discussion of Toni  
Morrison's novel *Sula*  
TNBC host:  
Dr. Ken Womack

**Wednesday,  
February 18th  
3:00-4:00 p.m.**

## SIGMA TAU DELTA BOOK CLUB ENGLISH DEPARTMENT LOUNGE



Discussion of Toni  
Morrison's novel *The  
Bluest Eye* organized  
by members of Sigma  
Tau Delta.  
Faculty moderator:  
Deanna Venezio

**Friday,  
February 20th  
4:30 P.M.**

## STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN HOSTED BY THE MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY LIBRARY LIBRARY ROOM 101

Toni and Slade  
Morrison's  
*Please, Louise*  
Read by:  
Monmouth Students

