

25th Anniversary 2017

KINGSLEY & KATE TUFTS POETRY AWARDS

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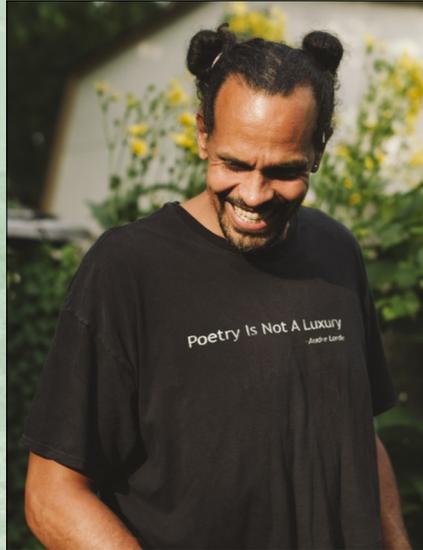
POET IN RESIDENCE

OCTOBER 2016

2016 KINGSLEY WINNER ROSS GAY VISITS THE 7Cs

Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award winner, Ross Gay, will return to Claremont Graduate University for a Week-in-Residence beginning October 3rd. Gay was awarded \$100,000 for his book, *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*, and will be joining students in various classes across the Claremont Colleges, holding several public and private readings, visiting the Mt. San Antonio Gardens retirement community, and offering a poetry workshop at the dA Center for the Arts.

As part of its Fourth Sundays program, the Claremont Public Library will be hosting a public reading on Monday, October 3rd at 6:30p.m. The library is located in the Claremont Village on the corner of Harvard Avenue and 2nd Street, and parking is available on Harvard or in the parking lot behind the library on 2nd.



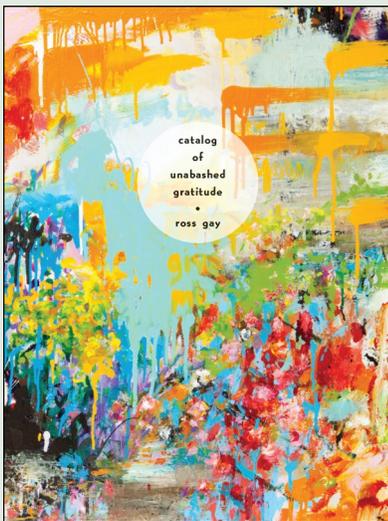
The community is also invited to attend the Fifth Annual Poetry Reading and Art Show presented by the Tufts Awards, the CGU Art Department, and *Foothill: a journal of*

poetry, on Friday, October 3rd at 6:00p.m., located in the Peggy Phelps and East Galleries on 10th Street. This event will feature poetry readings by Gay and *Foothill* poet Nikia Chaney, artwork from Chinese artists Feng Feng, He Jiancheng, and Che Jian-Quan as part of The Pacific Lecture and Exhibition Series, and an exhibit by CGU Art student and *Foothill*-featured artist, Adrienne DeVine. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be provided, and books will be available for purchase.

Gay will also lead a generative poetry workshop on Friday, October 7th at 1:00p.m. The workshop, held at the dA Center for the Arts in Pomona, is RSVP only.

For further information on any of these events, please visit our site at www.cgu.edu/tufts or contact us at tufts@cgu.edu or (909) 621-8974.

THE LUSH POETRY OF ROSS GAY



"I know I can be long-winded sometimes. I want so badly to rub the sponge of gratitude over every last thing, including you"

Ross Gay brings his joyful, exuberant verses back to CGU for a residency devoted to the power and practice of contemporary poetry.

The author of three books—*Against Which*, *Bringing the Shovel Down*, and *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*—Gay moves through the world with the same grace attributed to his writing. With poetry described as intoxicating, expansive, and introspective, he merges quiet observations from the everyday with profound insights, creating striking images that more often than not leave readers breathless.

Gay is co-author of the chapbooks *Lace and Pyrite: Letters from Two Gardens* and *River*, is a

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK

- ◆ Monday, October 3rd, 6:30pm
Poetry Reading @ Claremont Public Library
- ◆ Friday, October 7th, 1:00pm
Poetry Workshop @ dA Center for the Arts (RSVP Only)
- ◆ Friday, October 7th, 6:00pm
Poetry Reading & Art Show w/Foothill Poetry Journal @ Peggy Phelps Galleries

founding editor of the online sports magazine *Some Call it Ballin'* and an editor with the chapbook presses Q Avenue and Ledge Mule Press. He is also a founding member of the Bloomington Community Orchard, a volunteer-supported orchard devoted to feeding the local community and teaching about sustainability. Gay currently teaches at Indiana University.