

The Jill S. Harris Memorial Endowment was established in 1985 in memory of Jill Harris, a resident of Chicago and undergraduate student at U-M who passed away due to injuries from an auto accident. Established by Roger and Meredith Harris, Jill's parents, her grandparents Allan and Norma Harris, and friends, the fund brings a distinguished visitor to campus each year who will appeal to undergraduate students interested in the humanities and the arts.



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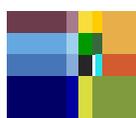
A Conversation with Yaa Gyasi

Tuesday, February 6 | 7–8:30 pm
RACKHAM AUDITORIUM | 915 E. Washington Street | Ann Arbor

The Institute for the Humanities at the University of Michigan will host a conversation with Yaa Gyasi, author of *Homegoing* (2016), the 2018 selection for Washtenaw Reads. *Homegoing* tells the stories of two West African half-sisters and their descendants. One sister, Esi, is captured and brought to the Americas as a slave; the other sister, Effia, stays in Africa and marries a British slaver. Over the course of seven generations, Gyasi illuminates the legacies of slavery and the wide spectrum of colonial African and African-American experiences.

Yaa Gyasi was born in Ghana and came to the United States as a child. She is a graduate of Stanford and received her Master of Fine Arts from the Iowa Writers Workshop. In 2016, she was chosen for the National Book Foundation's "5 under 35" award. *Homegoing*, her debut novel, has been nominated for the several awards and won the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award in 2017.

This event includes a book signing and books will be available for sale.



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