

PRESS RELEASE FOR KELLY YANG

Young Adult and Middle Grade Fiction Author to read at WSU via Zoom

PULLMAN, Wash. – *New York Times* bestseller Kelly Yang is scheduled to appear on Zoom on September 23rd, 2020 as a guest of the WSU Visiting Writers Series. Yang is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Harvard Law School.

Yang is the recipient of the 2019 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature for her book *Front Desk* and was chosen a Best Book of the Year by multiple publications, including NPR, the Washington Post, and the New York Public Library. Her debut book *Parachutes* has been mentioned in the *New York Times*, *Buzzfeed*, and on NBC News. She is the founder of The Kelly Yang Project, a leading writing and debating program for children in Asia and the United States. Her writing has been published in the *South China Morning Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Atlantic*.

Yang will read and answer questions via Zoom on September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The WSU Visiting Writers Series brings noted poets and writers of fiction and nonfiction to campus for creative readings, class visits, workshops, and collaborative exchanges across intellectual and artistic disciplines. Yang's visit to WSU Zoom is co-sponsored *WSU-Vancouver Office of Equity and Diversity; WSU-Vancouver Office of Student Equity and Outreach; WSU-Vancouver Office of Academic Affairs; WSU-Vancouver College of Arts and Sciences; WSU-Tri-Cities Writing Center; WSU Common Reading Program; ASWSU; Landscapes, The Student Literary Journal.*

Learn more about the Visiting Writers Series at WSU.

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PRESS RELEASE FOR ROSS GAY

Poet to read at WSU via Zoom

PULLMAN, Wash. – Award-winning poet Ross Gay is scheduled to appear on Zoom on October 15th, 2020 as a guest of the WSU Visiting Writers Series. Ross is a professor at Indiana University and in Drew University's low-residency MFA program.

Ross is the recipient of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award for his poetry collection *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*. He is also the author of *Against Which* and *Bringing the Shovel Down*. His collection of essays, *The Book of Delights*, was released by Algonquin Books in 2019. His new book, *Be Holding*, will be released this coming fall. Ross is a founding board member of the Bloomington Community Orchard, a non-profit, free-fruit-for-all food justice and joy project. He has received fellowships from Cave Canem, the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference, and the Guggenheim Foundation.

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