



## Inprint Claudia Rankine Talk and Q&A



Monday  
January 14, 2019  
1:00 – 2:00 pm  
Moody Center for the Performing Arts  
Room 205/206  
Rice University  
Free and open to the public

Moderated by Houston author and Rice University faculty member Lacy M. Johnson.



CLAUDIA RANKINE'S ground-breaking book-length poem *Citizen: An American Lyric* won the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry (the first book to also be nominated in NBCCA's Criticism category), the *Los Angeles Times* Book Award, the PEN Open Book Award, the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award, the NAACP Image Award, and several others. It was named one of the "Best Books of the Year" by *The New Yorker*, *Boston Globe*, *The Atlantic*, and elsewhere, and is the only poetry book to be a *New York Times* bestseller in the nonfiction category. *The Washington Post* writes, "part protest lyric, part art book, *Citizen* is a dazzling expression of the painful double consciousness of

black life in America." She is also the author of four other poetry collections, including *Don't Let Me Be Lonely*, and three plays, including most recently *The White Card*; and is the editor of several anthologies, including *The Racial Imaginary: Writers on Race in the Life of the Mind*. Among her numerous awards and honors, Rankine is the recipient of the Jackson Poetry Prize, Lannan Literary Award, and a MacArthur "genius" fellowship.

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*Claudia Rankine will appear as part of the **2018/2019 Inprint Margaret Root Brown Reading Series** later that same day at 7:30 pm, Stude Concert Hall, Rice University. She will give a reading from her work, local actors will perform a scene from her play *The White Card*, and then she will have an on-stage conversation with Houston-based artist and community organizer/MacArthur Fellow/Project Row Houses founder **Rick Lowe**.*

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