

# Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia Spring 2022 Speaker Series

## Advocacy, Activism, and Public Engagement



### Ross Gay Joy and Gratitude

Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 pm  
Virtual via Zoom

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Ross Gay is the author of four books of poetry: *Against Which*; *Bringing the Shovel Down*; *Be Holding*; and *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*, winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. His new book-length poem, *Be Holding*, was released from the University of Pittsburgh Press in September, 2020. His collection of essays, *The Book of Delights*, was released by Algonquin Books in 2019.

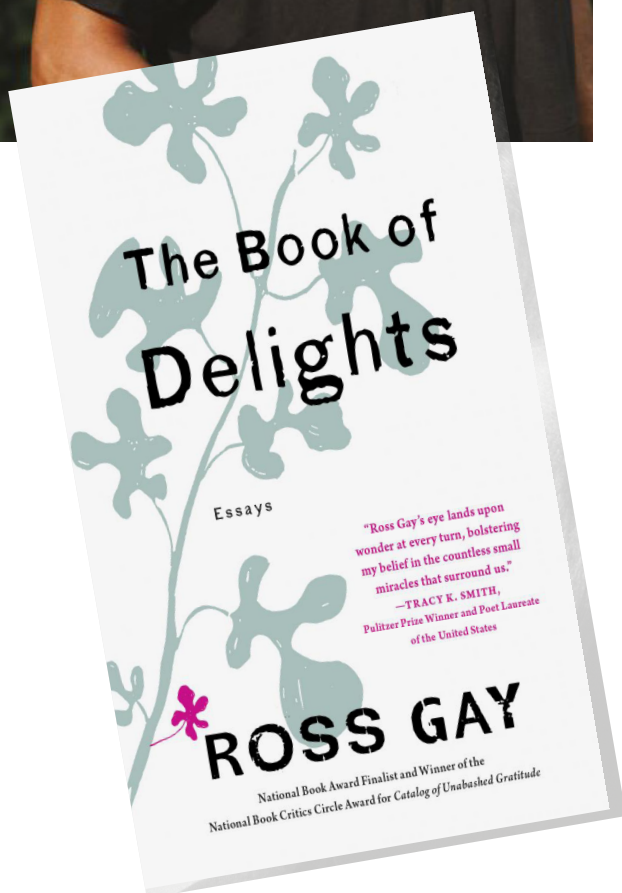
Ross is a founding board member of the Bloomington Community Orchard, a non-profit, free-fruit-for-all food justice and joy project. He also works on The Tenderness Project with Shayla Lawson and Essence London. He has received fellowships from Cave Canem, the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference, and the Guggenheim Foundation. Ross teaches at Indiana University.

This talk is a consideration of the ways we are made by who came before us, and that one of the practices of gratitude is attending to those ones, honoring them, saying their names if we know them, and learning how they did what they did.

Visit the [MC Library Guide](#) to learn more about Ross Gay's works.

Please also join us at our second annual African American Read-In event on Tuesday, February 22, at 12:30 pm.

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