



## Ross Gay

(Photo: Natasha Komoda)

Nationally acclaimed poet, master gardener, and sports writing editor Ross Gay reads from his latest collection of poetry, *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*, on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. in the Periodical Room of the Library. A Question and Answer period and book signing reception will follow.

*Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude* is in the running as a finalist for this year's \$100,000 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award and the National Book Circle Critics Award. The book was a finalist for the 2015 National Book Award in Poetry and the NAACP Image Award for Poetry.

“This collection is a sustained meditation on that which goes away—loved ones, the seasons, the earth as we know it... It is a book that studies the wisdom of the garden and orchard, those places where all—death, sorrow, loss—is converted into what might, with patience, nourish us.” – University of Pittsburgh Press

Gay is the author of two earlier collections: *Against Which* and *Bringing the Shovel Down* and is also the co-author, with Aimee Nezhukumatathil, of the chapbook "Lace and Pyrite: Letters from Two Gardens," in addition to being co-author, with Richard Wehrenberg, Jr., of the chapbook, "River."

Gay is a founding editor, with Karissa Chen and Patrick Rosal, of the online sports magazine *Some Call it Ballin'*, in addition to being an editor with the chapbook presses [Q Avenue](#) and [Ledge Mule Press](#). He 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. Gay is an associate

professor of poetry at Indiana University. Currently, he resides in Cambridge during his 2015-16 fellowship at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

Sample some of Gay's poems, essays, and reviews of his work at his website:

[www.rossgay.net](http://www.rossgay.net)

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