

## POET DONIKA KELLY TO READ AT WELLS COLLEGE

*The award-winning writer will read from and discuss her work on Thursday, Sept. 20.*

AURORA, N.Y. — The [Wells College Visiting Writers Series](#) will welcome Donika Kelly for a reading of her work at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20. The reading will take place in the Art Exhibit Room on the third floor of Macmillan Hall. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Kelly will also hold a master class, “On Love and Lack: Generating Tension in Love Poems,” on Friday, Sept. 21 at 12:30 p.m. in Main Building’s Faculty Parlors.

[Donika Kelly](#) is the author of “BESTIARY” (Graywolf, 2016), winner of the 2015 Cave Canem Poetry Prize and the 2017 Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for Poetry; it was also listed for the National Book Award and was a finalist for the Lambda Literary Award. Of her work, the New York Times Book Review wrote: “Kelly’s first book offers glassy, sculpted surfaces beneath which thoroughly black water churns . . . a testament to poetry’s ability to capture and refine emotion.”

A Cave Canem graduate fellow and recipient of a fellowship to the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Mass., Donika received her MFA in writing from the Michener Center for Writers at the University of Texas at Austin, and a Ph.D. in English from Vanderbilt University. She is an assistant professor at Baruch College, where she teaches creative writing.

### **About the Visiting Writers Series**

The Visiting Writers Series at Wells College presents several events each semester featuring authors who have distinguished themselves in poetry, fiction, nonfiction or drama. These writers not only give public readings of their work — they also conduct writing workshops, participate in classes and discussions, and often hold individual conferences with interested student writers. The Visiting Writers Series is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. See more at [wells.edu/visiting-writers](http://wells.edu/visiting-writers).

### **About Wells College**

Wells College ([wells.edu](http://wells.edu)) is a nationally recognized private coeducational liberal arts college located in Aurora, New York, on the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake. Celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2018, Wells has remained committed to providing a quality education to students through small, interactive classes in multiple disciplines and engaging coursework relevant to life in a changing world. Integrated hands-on

learning opportunities, a connected community, and diverse educational opportunities give students the ability to take part in their own educations and prepare them to be active citizens and leaders. Join us Oct. 18–21, 2018, for our 150th anniversary weekend, when alumni, parents, and the local community will join students, faculty and staff on campus to celebrate everything we love about Wells College. More info at [wells.edu/150](https://wells.edu/150).