The 2nd Annual **Ernest Sandeen Memorial Reading**

Claudia Rankine

with

Solmaz Sharif

Thursday, January 26

7:30 p.m.
McKenna Hall Auditorium
Notre Dame Conference Center

Claudia Rankine is the author of five collections of poetry including *Citizen: An American Lyric,* which won both the PEN Open Book Award and the PEN Literary Award, the NAACP Image Award, and the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry. A *New York Times* bestseller, *Citizen* was also a finalist for the National Book Award. Rankine is the recipient of a 2016 McArthur Foundation "genius" grant, the *Poets & Writers*' Jackson Poetry Prize, and fellowships from the Lannan Foundation and the National Endowment of the Arts, among others. She teaches at Yale University as the Frederick Iseman Professor of Poetry.

Born in Istanbul to Iranian parents, **Solmaz Sharif** holds degrees from University of California at Berkeley and New York University. Her first poetry collection, *LOOK*, is a finalist for the 2016 National Book Award. The former managing director of the Asian American Writers' Workshop, Sharif is the recipient of numerous honors including a "Discovery"/*Boston Review* Poetry Prize, a Rona Jaffe Foundation Writer's Award, a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, a Wallace Stegner Fellowship, and a Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Fellowship. She is currently a lecturer at Stanford University.

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