The Program in Creative Writing presents

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Reading SERIES

4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14
at the Berlind Theatre, McCarter Theatre Center

Jhumpa Lahiri
Introduced by A.M. Homes

Jhumpa Lahiri received the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 for Interpreter of Maladies, her debut story collection that explores issues of love and identity among immigrants and cultural transplants. Lahiri’s second book of short stories, Unaccustomed Earth, received the 2008 Frank O’Connor International Short Story Award (the world’s largest prize for a short story collection) and was a finalist for the Story Prize. Her most recent book, The Lowland (2013), won the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature and was a finalist for both the Man Booker Prize and the National Book Award for fiction. Born in London, Lahiri moved to Rhode Island as a young child with her Bengali parents. Lahiri’s abilities to convey the oldest cultural conflicts in the most immediate fashion have captured the attention of a wide audience. Lahiri has recently joined Princeton University’s faculty as Professor of Creative Writing. Last month, she was awarded the National Humanities Medal by President Obama during a ceremony at the White House.

Mary Szybist
Introduced by James Richardson

Mary Szybist’s most recent book, Incarnadine, received the 2013 National Book Award for Poetry. She is the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Rockefeller Foundation’s Bellagio Center, and the Witter Bynner Foundation in conjunction with the Library of Congress. Her first book Granted was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. She lives in Portland, Oregon where she teaches at Lewis & Clark College.

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