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LANGSTON HUGHES SOCIETY LUNCHEON  
FEATURING NIKKY FINNEY



Nikky Finney is the author of four books of poetry: *On Wings Made of Gauze* (1985), *RICE* (1995), *The World Is Round* (2003), and *Head Off & Split* (2011), which was awarded the National Book Award for poetry in 2011. At Talladega College, nurtured by Hale Woodruff's Amistad murals, she began to understand the powerful synergy between art and history and has since sought to inspire the next generation of young writers, teaching creative writing for twenty-one years at the University of Kentucky and now as the John H. Bennett, Jr. Endowed Professor of Creative Writing and Southern Letters at the University of South Carolina. Serving as the CLA banquet speaker in 2002, she makes her much-anticipated return as the 2018 Langston Hughes Society luncheon speaker—both a lover of Hughes and a clear testament to the tom-tom beating in the poet's soul. For more information about Nikky, visit her website at [www.NikkyFinney.net](http://www.NikkyFinney.net) or her profile at [artsandsciences.sc.edu/engl/nikky-finney-0](http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/engl/nikky-finney-0).

**THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018 AT NOON**

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Commemorative pins celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Langston Hughes' passing will be made available for purchase at the luncheon. Keep a lookout too for the return of the *Langston Hughes Review*, now under the editorship of Dr. Tony Bolden. And as always, in the words of Hughes, "Hold fast to dreams..."