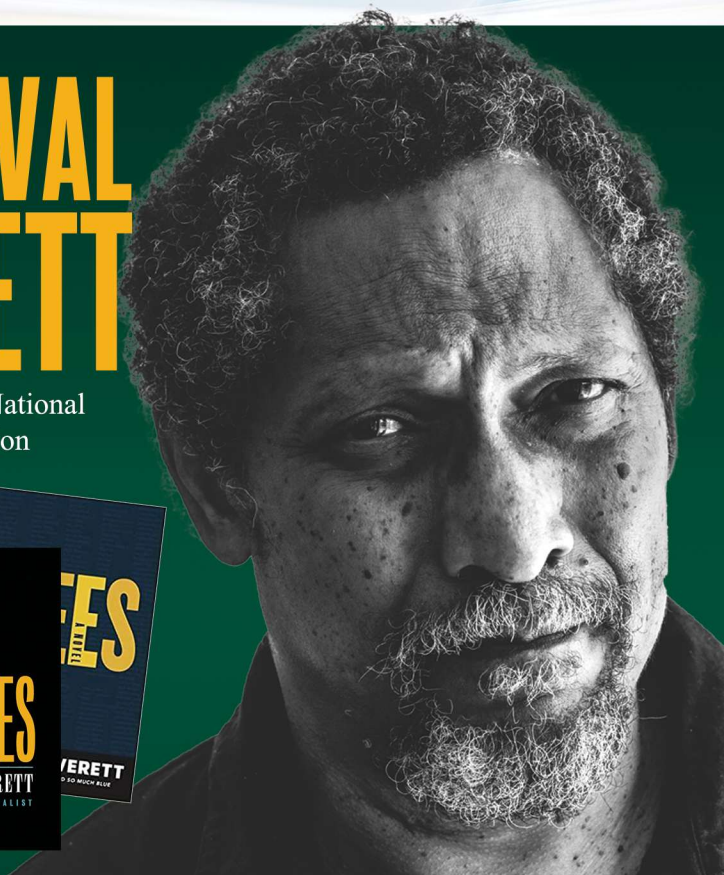
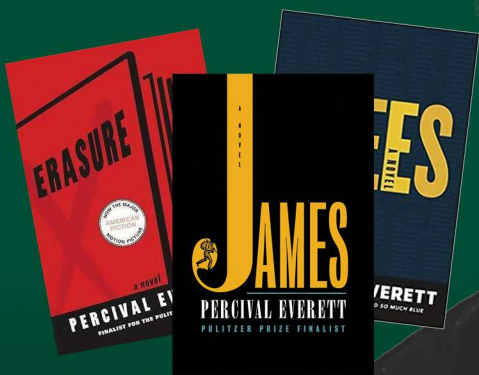


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# PROGRAM

## WELCOME

**Turkessa Baldridge**

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## INTRODUCTION OF PERCIVAL EVERETT

**Nandi Comer**

Former Poet Laureate of Michigan

## BAUDER LECTURE

**Percival Everett**

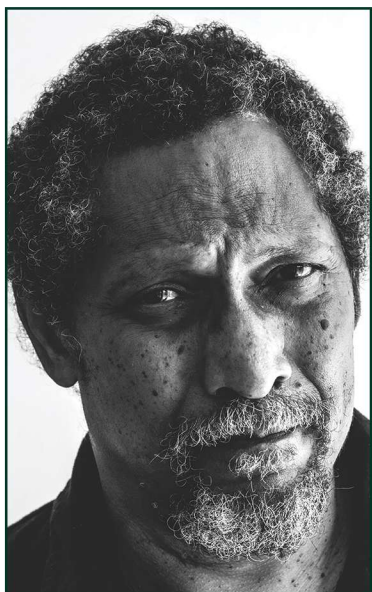
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## AUDIENCE QUESTIONS

## BOOK SIGNING & RECEPTION



The winner of over a dozen major awards, Percival Everett is the author of 24 novels, including *Erasure*, the basis for the award-winning film *American Fiction*. His most recent novel, *James*, reinterprets Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the perspective of the enslaved runaway Jim. *James* was shortlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize and on November 20, 2024, received the National Book Award for Fiction. Everett has also written highly regarded short fiction and poetry. Among his recent novels are *Dr. No*,

which received the 2023 PEN/Jean Stein Book Award; *The Trees*, a finalist for the Booker Prize; and *Telephone*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Percival Everett was born in Georgia, raised in South Carolina, and educated at the University of Miami and Brown University. He is now Distinguished Professor of English at the University of Southern California.

## ABOUT THE MARYGROVE CONSERVANCY



Established in 2018, the Marygrove Conservancy is a nonprofit organization that manages operations and stewards the 53-acre Marygrove College campus in northwest Detroit as a resource for high-quality uses in the community. Partnering organizations offering educational programs are tenants of the Conservancy, which also supports award-winning community engagement and legacy programs. Website: [www.marygroveconservancy.org](http://www.marygroveconservancy.org)

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