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**THE @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES ANNOUNCES SPRING 2014 SEASON**

The season's most exciting writers read from their new books and are joined in conversation by noted interviewers.

(New York, NY - January 9, 2014)— Award-winning fiction writer **Lara Vapnyar**, celebrated biographer **Amanda Vaill**, best-selling adventure-travel writer **Carl Hoffman**, and a double bill of novelists **Mona Simpson** and **Michelle Huneven** constitute the spectacular roster of authors showcasing their new works in the monthly @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES this season. Joining them for interviews and conversation following their readings will be such similarly accomplished figures as *The New Yorker's* **Ben Greenman**, smash espionage-thriller writer **Joseph Kanon**, and *New York Times* culture and investigative reporter **Patricia Cohen**.

The monthly readings are on February 5, March 18, April 8 and May 5 at 7 pm. @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES events are free and open to the public at Macaulay Honors College, 35 West 67<sup>th</sup> Street, between Central Park West and Columbus. RSVP online at <http://bit.ly/19dPk8y> or call 347-460-4292.

**February 5:** The Spring season of the @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES kicks off with the acclaimed Russian-born novelist, short story writer (*There Are Jews In My House*) and frequent *New Yorker* contributor **Lara Vapnyar** reading from her daring, haunted and erotic new novel, *The Scent of Pine*.

**Ben Greenman**, novelist, humorist and *New Yorker* editor of "Goings On About Town," will sit down with Vapnyar afterward for a conversation about a book building on her earlier fiction dealing with the bifurcations of the tumultuous Russian emigrant experience and the ghosts of mysteries past.

**March 18:** With *Savage Harvest: A Tale of Cannibals, Colonialism, and Michael Rockefeller's Tragic Quest for Primitive Art*, peripatetic journalist and author **Carl Hoffman** will lay bare what his extensive travel and research offered up about the true circumstances surrounding the notorious disappearance and death of 23-year-old Michael C. Rockefeller, son of New York governor Nelson Rockefeller, off the coast of New Guinea in 1961.

Joining Hoffman for an interview following his reading will be *New York Times* investigative arts reporter **Patricia Cohen**.

**April 8:** The series welcomes **Amanda Vaill**, best-selling biographer (*Everybody Was So Young: Gerald and Sara Murphy – A Lost Generation Love Story, Somewhere: The Life of*

*Jerome Robbins*), journalist and screenwriter. Her new book, *Hotel Florida: Truth, Love and Death in the Spanish Civil War*, is a work of narrative historical nonfiction—and a tangle of love stories—involving everyone from Ernest Hemingway to Martha Gellhorn and Robert Capa.

**Joseph Kanon**, best-selling author of post-World War II spy fiction, will talk with Vaill after her reading.

**May 5:** Novelists **Mona Simpson** and **Michelle Huneven** appear together to conclude the season, the celebrated Simpson with her new novel, *Casebook*, in which two young snoopers must confront the intricacies and secrets of adult lives disintegrating around them. The esteemed Huneven's latest, *Off Course*, is a story, set in the early 1980s, of a young Ph.D student who moves to her family's vacation cabin in the Sierras, and is drawn into the small mountain community there, not without romantic consequences.

Interviewing and conversing with the two novelists after their readings will be **Dan Jones**, editor of the "Modern Love" column in *The New York Times* and author of the forthcoming *Love Illuminated: Exploring Life's Most Mystifying Subject (With the Help of 50,000 Strangers)*.

The @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES offers unique previews of new work by the season's best writers of fiction and nonfiction paired in conversation with distinguished interviewers. Held in the historic Macaulay building, with an audience drawn from throughout the city, each program is followed by a book signing and informal reception. Books are sold at the events. The series is sponsored by Friends of Macaulay. For more information please visit

<http://macaulay.cuny.edu/community/author-series>

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