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Author and *New Yorker* Theater Critic Hilton Als to Speak at Macaulay Honors College

(April 14, 2015, New York, NY) Macaulay Honors College presents award-winning drama critic, screenwriter and essayist Hilton Als, who will deliver the annual William R. Kenan Lectures on Ethics and Resistance on May 7, 2015. Als has been the theatre critic at the *New Yorker* since 2002 and Originally began contributing to the magazine in 1989. Before coming to the *New Yorker*, Als was a staff writer for the *Village Voice*, and an editor-at-large at *Vibe*.

“Whether writing about Richard Pryor or Flannery O’Connor, Hilton Als is documenting the American experience in all its strange, varied ways,” says Cameron Stewart, event organizer and Named Scholarship Coordinator for Macaulay Honors College. “Als is a writer of equal ferocity and grace as depicted in his collection of essays, *White Girls*, a singular blend of fiction and memoir, essay and stream-of-consciousness. He writes unflinchingly about his own sexuality, about gender and race dynamics in America today, topics that he will address in his lecture at Macaulay.”

Als also has written articles for *The Nation* and collaborated on film scripts for “Swoon” and “Looking for Langston.” Along with *White Girls*, he has written several books including *The Women*, a meditation on gender, race, and personal identity. In 1997, the New York Association of Black Journalists awarded Als first prize in both Magazine Critique/Review and Magazine Arts and Entertainment. Als was awarded a Guggenheim for Creative Writing in 2000, and the George Jean Nathan Award for Dramatic Criticism for 2002-03.

Als was the Harman Writer-In-Residence at Baruch College in 2013, and has taught at Yale and Wesleyan Universities and at Smith College. He lives in New York City.

The William R. Kenan Lectures will take place at Macaulay Honors College at 7pm on Thursday, May 7th, 2015. The location is 35 West 67th Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue. The event is free and open to the public. To RSVP, please go to <http://macaulay.cuny.edu/community/rsvp>

About Macaulay Honors College

Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York offers exceptional students a uniquely personalized education with access to the vast resources of the nation's largest urban university and the largest city, New York City. Selected for their top high school records and leadership potential, Macaulay students receive a full tuition scholarship, a laptop and technology support, and an Opportunities Fund to pursue global learning, research and service opportunities. Macaulay students enroll in one of eight CUNY senior colleges: Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, and Queens Colleges and the College of Staten Island. For more information, see macaulay.cuny.edu.

About the William R. Kenan Lectures Series

The Kenan Lectures, part of the William R. Kenan Leadership Scholars program, were established to connect members of the Macaulay Honors College community to world-class artists, theorists and activists who offer creative, productive obstructions to the dominant culture. The William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust generously funds the program.

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