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Rock Critic Jessica Harper to Speak at CUNY's Macaulay Honors College

(September 22, 2015, New York, NY) - Macaulay Honors College at The City University of New York is proud to host award-winning cultural critic Jessica Hopper, who will deliver the latest William R. Kenan Lecture on Ethics and Resistance on October 1, 2015. Hopper's writing regularly appears in *GQ*, *Rolling Stone*, and the *Chicago Tribune*. She is a senior editor at *The Pitchfork Review* and the music editor at *Rookie*. Her essays have appeared in *Best Music Writing* for 2004, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2011. Hopper was the longtime music consultant for *This American Life*, and is the author of *The Girls' Guide to Rocking* (Workman, 2009) and the just-released *The First Collection of Criticism by a Living Female Rock Critic* (Featherproof, 2015), which the *Village Voice* calls "a game-changer, a godsend, and a Holy Grail."

"We are tremendously fortunate to have Jessica Hopper joining us," says Dr. Mike Lamb, Macaulay's Thomas R. Slaughter Scholar-in-Residence. "For years, her clear-eyed, humane dispatches have expanded our understanding of community and popular culture. Her body of work serves as both a challenge and a balm—a call to action, replete with mercies."

The William R. Kenan Lecture will take place at Macaulay Honors College at **7pm on Thursday, October 1, 2015**. The location is 35 West 67th Street, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue. The event is free and open to the public.

For reservations visit: <http://macaulay.cuny.edu/community/rsvp/event-registration/?ee=534> or call (347) 460-4292

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. Previous guests include rocker/poet David Berman and writer Hilton Als. The program is generously funded by the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust.

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