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**THE @MACAULAY AUTHOR SERIES WELCOMES
LIZZIE SKURNICK AND HER NEW BOOK
*THAT SHOULD BE A WORD: A LANGUAGE LOVER'S
GUIDE TO CHOREGASMS, POVERTUNITY, BRATTLING, AND 250 OTHER
MUCH-NEEDED TERMS FOR THE MODERN WORLD*
with KERA BOLONIK**

Tuesday, March 10, 7 pm
35 West 67th Street, Macaulay Honors College at CUNY

Free and Open to the Public

(New York, NY – February 10, 2015) Author, columnist, and book-besotted memoirist **Lizzie Skurnick** has gathered her popular, sharp-witted *New York Times* columns—introducing her neologisms for our times in her book *That Should Be A Word: A Language Lover's Guide to Choregasms, Povertunity, Brattling, and 250 Other Much-Needed Terms for the Modern World*. She'll read from the new work, followed by a conversation with culture writer and *DAME* magazine executive editor **Kera Bolonik**.

Until Lizzie Skurnick came along, there were no means for expressing what it's like--for young grownups especially--to lead and puzzle through a 21st-century existence. But, from cradle to the gravely "Mespoke (tailored to one's lifestyle)," *That Should Be a Word* doubles the number of Skurnick's original *Times* columns and organizes them into in a barbed but empathetic glossary. Vocabulary is like time travel, and Skurnick's is so deft that even the most word-deaf techie will cringe ("*twiticule*—To mock someone in 140 characters"), new parents will take her fanciful words to heart ("*invertibrat*—Annoying offspring of clueless parents"), and foodies will question their values with "*niblesse*—One who only eats exorbitantly priced foods." To "Skurnick"--To scurry in droves to hear an author who always has the latest word.

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May 11 **Gretchen Rubin**, best-selling author of the *Happiness Project* and author of *Better Than Before: Mastering the Habits of Our Everyday Lives* along with **Anne Kreamer**, whose latest work is *Risk/Reward: Why Intelligent Leaps and Daring Choices Are The Best Career Moves You Can Make*.

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