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MARY GAITSKILL

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 | 8 p.m.

PAYNE ROOM, THE TANG MUSEUM

Mary Gaitskill is one of the country's most celebrated writers, whose recent novella (*This Is Pleasure*), published in the July 2019 *New Yorker*, follows a succession of provocative books, from the novels *Veronica* and *The Mare* to the story collections *Don't Cry* and *Bad Behavior* and the 2017 essay collection *Someone with a Little Hammer*. Her story *Secretary* was made into a successful feature film starring Maggie Gyllenhall. Of Gaitskill's work, Alice Munro says "ferocious, terrifying." The *New York Times*' Meghan O'Rourke writes that Gaitskill is widely regarded as "the Jane Austen of sickos," while others in the *Times* speak of her "eloquence" and "the combination of severity and empathy" in her work.

Mary Gaitskill will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Skidmore President Phillip A. Glotzbach, speak about her work, read from her recent controversial novella and respond to audience questions.

A book signing and reception will follow.