



Nightviews presents the  
Jeanne Harris Hansell Endowed Poetry Fund

## An Evening with Poet Joy Harjo

Monday, May 1

7:30 p.m. | Heller Auditorium

Register online at [fwparker.org/register](http://fwparker.org/register)

Please join us for a reading with acclaimed poet Joy Harjo, followed by a Q&A and book signing, with several of her publications available for purchase before the event.

Joy Harjo was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is a member of the Mvskoke Nation. Strongly influenced by her Mvskoke (also known as Creek) heritage, feminist and social concerns, and her background in the arts, Harjo frequently incorporates Mvskoke myths, symbols and values into her writing. Her poetry inhabits the Southwest landscape and centers around the need for remembrance and transcendence. Often autobiographical, her work is informed by her love of the natural world and her preoccupation with survival and the limitations of language.

Please join us for a wonderful evening of poetry!

*This event is made possible through a gift from the Hansell family. The Jeanne Harris Hansell Endowed Poetry Fund, established in the name of Jeanne Harris Hansell '45, will ensure continued success of the "Poetry at Parker" series, as well as allow the school to host renowned guest poets and speakers about poetry in years to come. Former Poet Laureate Billy Collins was Parker's inaugural visiting poet in the 2012–13 academic year, followed by Nikky Finney (2013–14), Louise Glück (2014–15) and Kevin Young (2015–16).*



## Colson Whitehead

New York Times bestselling author  
and MacArthur Fellow

*Revisiting the Underground Railroad*

Tuesday, February 28

7 p.m. | Heller Auditorium

Register online at [fwparker.org/register](http://fwparker.org/register)

Please join us for a reading and discussion with Colson Whitehead, author of the New York Times bestseller *The Underground Railroad*, winner of the 2016 National Book Award for fiction.

*The Underground Railroad* tells the story of Cora, a 15-year-old slave on a Georgia plantation who escapes to the North via an actual underground railroad, not a metaphorical one. With each stopover and resettlement, Cora's life is imperiled, the violence and terror manifesting in myriad ways, the traumas accumulating and expanding.

Mr. Whitehead is a 1991 graduate of Harvard University. His nonfiction, essays and reviews have appeared in many publications, including *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Granta* and *Harper's*. He has taught at several universities, including Princeton University, New York University and Columbia University. Mr. Whitehead is a MacArthur Fellow, Guggenheim Fellow and Pulitzer Prize finalist.

Please join us for what is certain to be a memorable experience!

*This event is co-sponsored by the Family Action Network, a nonprofit organization that curates a free, high-quality human development speaker series each academic year.*



Parker presents the 19th annual  
Francine C. Rosenberg Memorial  
Lecture Series with

## Julie Lythcott-Haims

New York Times bestselling author  
and TED Talk Speaker

*How to Raise an Adult*

Monday, April 24

7:30 p.m. | Heller Auditorium

Register online at [fwparker.org/register](http://fwparker.org/register)

Please join us for an evening with Julie Lythcott-Haims where she will discuss the harms of helicopter parenting and set

forth an alternate philosophy for raising preteens and teens to self-sufficient young adulthood.

In her book *How to Raise an Adult*, Lythcott-Haims draws on research, conversations with admissions officers, educators, employers and her own insights as a mother and as a dean of students to highlight the ways in which over-parenting harms children, their stressed-out parents and society at large. While empathizing with the parental hopes and, especially, fears that lead to over-helping, Lythcott-Haims offers practical alternative strategies that underline the importance of allowing children to make their own mistakes and develop the resilience, resourcefulness and inner determination necessary for success. Relevant to parents of toddlers to twenty-somethings—and of special value to parents of teens—this is a rallying cry for those who wish to ensure that the next generation can take charge of their own lives with competence and confidence.

*The Francine C. Rosenberg Memorial Lecture Series honors the memory of one of Parker's most dedicated and effective volunteers, Francine C. Rosenberg. In Francine's memory, the Lecture Series is dedicated to exposing Parker and the extended community to innovative views, philosophies and teachings relevant to the education of our children and how we live our lives.*