Becoming Community

Once a month the professors and other academic professionals (and their families) gather on a Friday to experience the power of art. Engaging with award-winning artists and each other, our community is continually becoming community.

October 7: Dr. Joshua Bennett ‘16, award winning poet and professor of English (Dartmouth)

November 4: J Mase III, award winning Black/Trans/queer poet & educator

December 2: Natalie Diaz, Pulitzer Prize winning poet

February 10: Denise Frohman, award winning poet and performer

March 7: Yiyun Li, recipient of the PEN/Malamud Award, chair of creative writing (Princeton)

March 31: Michael McElroy, Tony honored and nominated; professor of musical theater (Michigan)

April 21: Jericho Brown, Pulitzer Prize winning poet

The Power of Art

“Art holds the power to change communities. Through exploring our unique voices, we learn to value and celebrate our differences, and in the process discover our common humanity. That is the amazing power of art.”

—Michael McElroy, Chair and Arthur E. and Martha S. Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theater, University of Michigan

“...I am doing my best to not become a museum / of myself. I am doing my best to breathe in and out. // I am begging: Let me be lonely but not invisible.”—Natalie Diaz

Michael McElroy leading Broadway Inspirational Voices on Little Island (photo credit: Rebecca J. Michelson)

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