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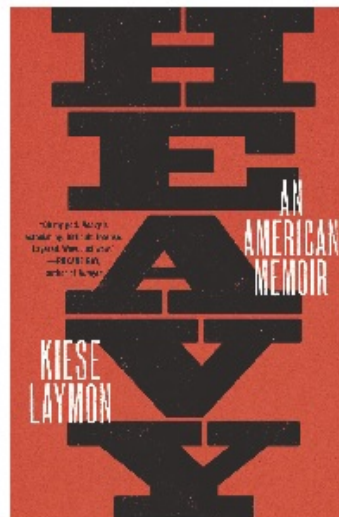
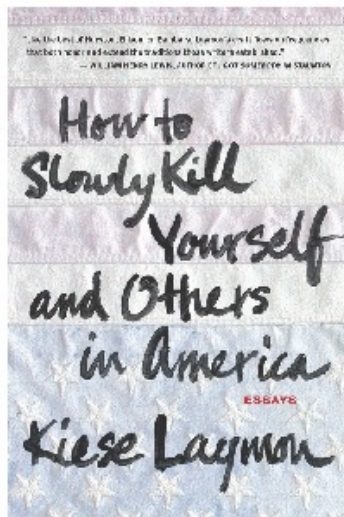
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SPRING CONVOCATION



KIESE LAYMON

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 • 7 p.m.

Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts



Kiese Laymon is a black, Southern writer from Jackson, Mississippi. In his observant, often hilarious work, Laymon does battle with the personal and the political: race and family, body and shame, poverty and place. His savage humor and clear-eyed perceptiveness have earned him comparisons to Ta-Nehisi Coates, Alice Walker and Mark Twain. He is the author of the award-winning memoir *Heavy*, the groundbreaking essay collection *How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others in America*, and the genre-defying novel *Long Division*. In addition to *Gawker*, Laymon has written for *Esquire*, *Guernica*, *The Oxford American*, *Lit Hub* and many others. A graduate of Oberlin College, he holds an M.F.A. in creative writing from Indiana University. He is a professor of English and creative writing at the University of Mississippi. He is also at work on a novel, *And So On*.

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