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## **The Gertrude C. & Harold S. Vanderbilt Reading Series presents a Fiction Reading featuring novelist Brandon Hobson**

The Gertrude C. and Harold S. Vanderbilt Reading Series is named in honor of Vanderbilt founder Cornelius Vanderbilt's great-grandson and his wife. Each semester, the series brings several professional writers to campus to read from their works and visit classes. This unique and extraordinary program gives English department students and faculty, the Vanderbilt community, and Nashville's citizens a chance to meet and talk with some of the best writers of our day.

On November 14, the series will host Dr. Brandon Hobson, finalist for the National Book Award, a 2022 Guggenheim fellow, and the author of four novels. He has previously been published in the *Best American Short Stories*, *Mcsweeney's American Short Fiction*, *Conjunctions*, *NOON*, and in many other publications. Hobson received his PhD in English from Oklahoma State University. He now teaches creative writing at New Mexico State University and the Institute of American Indian Arts. He is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation Tribe of Oklahoma.

*The New York Times Book Review* called his most recent novel, *The Removed*, "A mythic, sweeping novel." *The Oprah Magazine* called it "a soul-stirring saga." Come join him in Alumni Hall 202 at 6:30pm for a book signing followed by the reading which will begin promptly at 7:00pm. For any questions or additional information, please contact [arianna.f.pappas@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:arianna.f.pappas@vanderbilt.edu).