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# **The Gertrude C. & Harold S. Vanderbilt Reading Series Presents a Fiction Reading featuring Author Ottessa Moshfegh**

## Press Photos



**Photo caption (left): Ottessa Moshfegh**

**Photo caption (right): *Lapvona* cover**

## Who/What

On **January 30**, the Vanderbilt English Department and Creative Writing Program host Ottessa Moshfegh, the award-winning author of the novels *My Year of Rest and Relaxation*, *Death in Her Hands*, *Lapvona* and *Eileen*. *Eileen* was shortlisted for the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Man Booker Prize, and is the winner of the PEN/Hemingway Award for debut fiction. The book was adapted into a 2023 film *Eileen*, co-written with her husband Luke Goebel, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

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 highly celebrated 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.

### When

Thursday, January 30

6:30 Book Signing

7:00 Reading

### Where

Buttrick Hall, Room 101

390 24th Ave S

Nashville, TN 37240

### Admission/Tickets

Free and open to the public. No tickets or registration required.

### Accessibility

Buttrick Hall is an accessible venue. Guests in need of access accommodations are invited to contact Arianna Pappas at [arianna.f.pappas@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:arianna.f.pappas@vanderbilt.edu) at least one week prior to the event.

### Parking

Parking can be found in the Vanderbilt lots on campus and there is street parking available on West End Ave. These are both paid options. There is also free street parking on Grand Ave and the surrounding streets.

### Website Link

<https://as.vanderbilt.edu/english/reading-series/>

[Nashville, TN] — The Gertrude C. & Harold S. Vanderbilt Reading Series, presented by the Vanderbilt Creative Writing Program and Department of English, continues the 2024-2025 season with a reading by Ottessa Moshfegh, author of the short story collection *Homesick for Another World* and the novella *McGlue*. She has received the Pushcart Prize, the O. Henry Award, and a Plimpton Prize from *The Paris Review* for her short fiction as well as a creative writing fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. A prolific essayist, Moshfegh's work has appeared in outlets including *Vice*, *The New Yorker*, and *Granta*.

*The New York Times* describes Moshfegh as “superabundantly talented,” and *The New Yorker* states she is “easily the most interesting contemporary American writer on the subject of being alive when being alive feels terrible.” Join Moshfegh on January 30 in Buttrick Hall 101 at 6:30pm for a book signing, followed by the reading which will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

**Additional readings in the 2024-2025 series** will feature fiction writers and poets Adam Haslett on February 13, Adam Ross on March 20, Alina Grabowski, Tiana Clark, and Kelsey Norris on April 3, and Stephanie Niu on April 7.

For more information about the Vanderbilt Reading Series and to sign up for event announcements, please visit <https://as.vanderbilt.edu/english/reading-series/>. For any questions or additional information, please contact [arianna.f.pappas@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:arianna.f.pappas@vanderbilt.edu).

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