



## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

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[The Yale Alumni Task Force on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#) was formed in 2016 at the request of the Board of Governors of the Association of Yale Alumni. The task force was given the mission to provide leadership on the development of diversity and inclusion strategies in existing alumni programming, to leverage all forms of diversity to strengthen the alumni network, and to make recommendations for potential new programming and initiatives that might be offered to the Yale alumni community.

Please join us for a special evening as the Task Force presents highlights of their [final report](#), which was delivered to President Salovey in November 2017. Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres on the Yale Club Rooftop, as we screen a short video featuring Yale alumni and then engage in a facilitated discussion. Elizabeth Alexander '84, renowned poet, author, and former chair of Yale's African American Studies Department will share remarks.

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### ABOUT ELIZABETH ALEXANDER '84

*Renowned Poet, Author, and Former Chair of Yale's African American Studies Department*



Elizabeth Alexander is a renowned poet, essayist, playwright, scholar and social justice arts advocate who is a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets, the Wun Tsun Tam Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University and Director of Creativity and Free Expression at the Ford Foundation. She previously served as the inaugural Frederick Iseman Professor of Poetry at Yale University, where she taught for 15 years and chaired the African American Studies Department. In 2009, she composed and delivered “Praise Song for the Day” for the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Her latest book, *The Light of the World*, was released to great acclaim.