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## **UPDATED RELEASE:** Award-Winning Author Marita Golden to Speak at Montgomery College on Wednesday, November 4

Local author and editor Marita Golden will hold a lecture and book signing on Wednesday, **November 4** at 6:30 p.m. in the Theatre Arts Arena at Montgomery College's Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, Md. Golden's talk, which is based on writers and their authority to speak, will cover her experiences and expertise as a novelist, nonfiction writer, creative writing teacher and her recent trip to Israel as a Fulbright Scholar. This event is free and open to the public.

Her novel "AFTER" won the 2007 Fiction Award from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association the 2008 Maryland Author Award from the Association of Maryland Librarians. Her other fiction includes "Long Distance Life", "A Woman's Place," "And Do Remember Me," and "The Edge of Heaven." In the genre of nonfiction, Golden has edited three anthologies, most recently "Black Writers on Soul Mates Family and Friends." As a memoirist and essayist, Golden has authored "Migrations of the Heart, Saving Our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World," and "A Miracle Everyday: Triumph and Transformation in the Lives of Single Mothers."

Currently, Golden, born in Washington, D.C., serves as writer-in-residence at the University of the District of Columbia. She founded and served as the first president of the Washington, D.C.-based African American Writers Guild. In 1990 she co-founded the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation, which presents the nation's only national fiction award for college writers of African descent and an annual summer writer's workshop for black writers. She now serves as president emeritus of the organization.

For more information about this event, please contact Professor Monica Parrish Trent at 240-567-7976 or e-mail Monica.trent@montgomerycollege.edu.

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