

CENTER FOR AFRICANA STUDIES

BOOK CLUB

MONDAY'S IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER



Tsitsi Dangarembga

She is a Zimbabwean novelist, playwright and filmmaker. She has won other literary honours, including the **Commonwealth Writers' Prize** and the **PEN Pinter Prize**.

First 20 to register & attend receive a free copy



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Sessions:

Oct. 14 Oct. 21 Oct. 28 Nov. 04

1:30pm - 2:30 pm |
COB2 390

Light refreshments provided, please feel free to bring your lunch

The groundbreaking first novel in Tsitsi Dangarembga's award-winning trilogy, *Nervous Conditions*, won the **Commonwealth Writers Prize** and has been "hailed as **one of the 20th century's most significant works of African literature**" (The New York Times). Two decades before Zimbabwe would win independence and ended white minority rule, thirteen-year-old Tambudzai Sigauke embarks on her education. On her shoulders rest the economic hopes of her parents, siblings, and extended family, and within her burns the desire for independence. She yearns to be free of the constraints of her rural village and thinks she's found her way out when her wealthy uncle offers to sponsor her schooling. But she soon learns that the education she receives at his mission school comes with a price.

Tsitsi Dangarembga is a celebrated, highly acclaimed author, who will be visiting our campus on November 13th, and we want to warmly welcome her for this special appearance by gathering over her work. The book club will meet once a week for 4 weeks, and will be led by Interdisciplinary Humanities, Critical Race & Ethnic Studies doctoral student Bethany L. Padron.

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"As natural as the grass grows."
Chinua Achebe

"Astonishing."
Madeleine Thien

"An urgent story beautifully told."
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Winner of the Commonwealth Writers Prize

The book cover for 'Nervous Conditions' by Tsitsi Dangarembga. It features a teal background with a black and white profile of a woman's face on the right. The title 'Nervous Conditions' is in large white letters, and the author's name 'Tsitsi Dangarembga' is in large black letters. Below the author's name, it says 'A Novel'.

Nervous Conditions
A Novel
Tsitsi Dangarembga