

The 2018-2019 Visiting Writers Series

Laura Moriarty

Friday, February 22

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Union Wildcat Chamber

Laura Moriarty received her degree in social work before returning and getting her M.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Kansas. Her latest novel, *American Heart*, was described as “terrifying, suspenseful, thought-provoking, and touching” by *Kirkus Reviews*. She was the recipient of the George Bennet Fellowship for Creative Writing at Phillips Exeter Academy and won *Elle Magazine’s* Novel of the Year for *The Rest of Her Life* (2007). She teaches Creative Writing at the University of Kansas.



“Another crazy thing about Berean Baptist is the dress code. The boys, even the little ones, have to wear ties and belts and keep their hair short. Girls have to wear dresses that go below the knee, and when it’s cold out, we have to wear knee socks, not tights. . . They’re also weird about the backs of girls’ necks. True story. You’re not allowed to wear your hair in a high ponytail. If you wear a ponytail, you have to pull it low.”

-- Laura Moriarty, *American Heart*

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