THE WORK CENTER CONGRATULATES LOUISE GLÜCK & JACQUELINE WOODSON

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The Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown is honored to share the news of two extraordinary literary achievements awarded to past Fellows and announced this week: Louise Glück (Writing Fellow, 1969-70) has received the 2020 Nobel Prize in Literature, and Jacqueline Woodson (Writing Fellow, 1991-92) has been awarded a 2020 MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Grant.

Ms. Glück was among the first group of Fine Arts Work Center Writing Fellows when she arrived in Provincetown in 1969, and went on to publish numerous poetry collections, including the 1993 Pulitzer Prize-winning book “The Wild Iris.” In 2003, she was named the United States’ poet laureate. As Work Center Writing Committee member and poet Claudia Rankine shared recently with The Guardian, “She is a tremendous poet, a great mentor… We are in a bleak moment in this country, and as we poets continue to imagine our way forward, Louise has spent a lifetime showing us how to make language both mean something and hold everything.”

Earlier in the week, the MacArthur Foundation announced that Jacqueline Woodson was a 2020 recipient of a MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Grant. Ms. Woodson is the author of nearly 30 publications that include award-winning verse memoir, novels, and middle grade and young adult fiction. She shares on the MacArthur Foundation’s website that her intention as a writer is to create books that provide universal access to imagined worlds. Says Woodson, “I don’t want it to be overlooked that for me, it’s been about creating a road where, as a young reader, there wasn’t one… I wanted to say to my young self ‘You’re loved. You’re beautiful. You’re complicated. You matter.’ I know that by saying this to myself with each book I write, I am saying it to every reader who has ever felt otherwise.”

We send our highest commendations and deepest congratulations to these two exceptional writers.