

The Wolfe Institute

*The Office of Undergraduate Studies and the Department of English
in cooperation with the Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities
present a reading and discussion*

Interpreter of Maladies



photo by Elena Seibert

Jhumpa Lahiri was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 for *Interpreter of Maladies*, her debut story collection that explores issues of love and identity among immigrants and cultural transplants. Born in London, Lahiri moved to Rhode Island as a young child with her Bengali parents. Although they have lived in the United States for more than thirty years, Lahiri observes that her parents retain “a sense of emotional exile,” and Lahiri herself grew up with “conflicting expectations...to be Indian by Indians and American by Americans.” Lahiri’s abilities to convey the oldest cultural conflicts in the most immediate fashion and to achieve the voices of many different characters are among the unique qualities that have captured the attention of a wide audience. Lahiri’s other books include *The Namesake* (2003) and *Unaccustomed Earth*, which received the Frank O’Connor International Short Story Award in 2008.

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9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Whitman Auditorium

(Doors open at 9:15)

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