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AUTHOR GIN PHILLIPS ON CAMPUS FOR CLASS, PUBLIC READING

On Tuesday, October 27, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University will host writer Gin Phillips on campus for a public reading.

The public reading will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art and is co-sponsored by the Oscher Life Long Learning Institute. Phillips will read from her award-winning novel, *The Well and the Mine*, set in Depression-era Carbon Hill, Alabama, a coal-mining town populated by hard-working people making do in a hard-scrabble life.

The Well and the Mine starts with a mystery: an unknown woman drops a baby in the well behind the Moore home. Only 9-year-old Tess witnesses the act and she and her sister, Virgie, are determined to identify the perpetrator. In the meantime, their search becomes of journey of revelation as they uncover the complexities of life in Carbon Hill.

Phillips' visit is held in conjunction with a class on "This Goodly Land: Alabama's Literary Landscape," an online literary map of Alabama. "This Goodly Land" is a project of the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities and includes author biographies, pictures, bibliographies and resources for scholars, teachers and the general public.

Phillips grew up in Montgomery and graduated from Birmingham-Southern College. She is a regular contributor to Birmingham Weekly, and her work has also been featured in *American Profile*, *American Spirit*, *Platinum*, and *Women's World*. She recently completed a fantasy novel for young adult readers entitled *Aovist* and is working on a second novel, a mystery set in a rural New Mexico archaeological site.

Her visit to Auburn will include working with an Auburn University Department of English creative writing class, led by award-winning author and faculty member Judy Troy. The OLLI program is free and open to the public. The Auburn University Bookstore will have copies of *The Well and the Mine* on hand for purchase and signing.

For more information, visit www.auburn.edu/cah or contact the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities at 334.844.4946.