The Department of Writing and Linguistics at Georgia Southern University, as part of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), brings award-winning writer, rapper, filmmaker, and artist MK Asante to campus on Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15.

Asante will be available for a book signing and reception on Wednesday, October 14, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Henderson Library room 1303. Asante will give a reading and book signing on Thursday, October 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the College of Education room 1115. These events are free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase at both events.

Asante is the author of Buck: A Memoir. Hailed by poet Maya Angelou as “a story of surviving and thriving with passion, compassion, wit and style,” Buck tells the story of Asante’s growing up in Philadelphia. In a starred review, Publisher’s Weekly called Buck “imaginative, powerful, and electric, written with passion and conviction.” For more information about Buck, including the book trailer and downloaded soundtrack, click here. Asante’s other books are It’s Bigger Than Hip Hop, Beautiful. And Ugly Too, and Like Water Running Off My Back. He is a Sundance Feature Film Fellow for the movie adaptation of Buck. Asante also directed the prize-winning Starz TV documentary The Black Candle and wrote/produced 500 Years Later, winner of five international film festival awards. He is a professor of creative writing and film in the Department of English and Language Arts at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

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For questions or special disability accommodations, please contact Laura Valeri at lvaleri@georgiasouthern.edu prior to October 6.