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Reading by Nigerian author
Chuma Nwokolo

April 5, 2018 • 5:30-6:30 pm
Smith Reading Room, Olin Library
252 Church Street, Middletown
Free and open to the public

The place at the heart of The Extinction of Menai (Modern African Writing Series, Ohio University Press) is the Niger delta village of Kreektown, even as the action spans continents. The cause of the trouble is an unethical drug trial administered to Kreektown residents—the fictional Menai people—in the early 1980s. And the unfolding tragedy is the looming end, decades later, of the Menai and their culture. Characters include continents-apart twin brothers separated at birth, an excommunicated Menai daughter living an urbane life with her doctor husband, and an infamous vigilante. And there is spiritual leader Mata Nimito, who retraces their ancient migration on his quest to preserve the soul of his people and resolve the consequences of a centuries-old betrayal.

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