Edwidge Danticat
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The fourth book discussion has been scheduled.
“The Farming of Bones” is the book selected.

Monday, August 26, 2019  7-9 p.m.
at the Home of Lana & Ted Pepper
4200 Laclede Avenue, Condo #302

Lecture will begin promptly at 7 p.m.
Audience discussion will follow
Wine, cheese and desserts after discussion
RSVP to john.waide@slu.edu or 977-9359

Lecturer is Tcherlie Macenat
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Tcherlie Macenat is a second-year law student at Saint Louis University. She was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She's a second-generation American whose Haitian-born parents molded her to be a "native daughter" of this country. She holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Florida. She received her MPA from Georgia Southern University. She is proficient in French and Haitian-Creole. She's currently studying family law and loves to watch American football.

The Farming of Bones is a novel about the 1937 massacre of Haitian cane workers in the Dominican Republic. This massacre was ordered by the Dominican dictator, Rafael Trujillo, and resulted in the mass killing of more than 10,000 Haitian migrant workers. The main character of the book is a Haitian woman named Amabelle who is a servant in the home of a Dominican family. She's a young woman who is in love with a man named Sebastien who goes missing during the massacre. At the end, she goes back to the spot where she thinks he's been murdered and has a sensory experience that seems almost like an antithesis of what Massacre River represents.