In 2018-2019, the English Department will host its second annual “Big Read,” a voluntary common read program designed to link Purdue University and Greater Lafayette readers. With the help of campus and community partners, each year we select a great book, create a calendar of engaging events, and provide copies to English majors, Purdue students, local high schools, public libraries, and more. Colson Whitehead will be the guest speaker for our 2019 Literary Awards Banquet.