June 2016 Events

Wed., June 1  /  7:00pm

Sean Wilentz
The Politicians and the Egalitarians: The Hidden History of American Politics
@ Harvard Book Store
Princeton University professor and acclaimed historian Sean Wilentz discusses his latest book, The Politicians and the Egalitarians, a look at how party politics has played a commanding role in America’s struggle against economic inequality.

Thursday, June 2  /  7:00pm

Lydia Millet
Sweet Lamb of Heaven: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
Author of Mermaids in Paradise and Magnificence Lydia Millet reads from her latest novel, Sweet Lamb of Heaven, a chilling thriller that centers on the account of a young mother escaping her husband.

Friday, June 3  /  7:00pm

Negin Farsad
How to Make White People Laugh
@ Harvard Book Store
Comedian, writer, and director Negin Farsad discusses her memoir How to Make White People Laugh—a collection of essays about growing up Iranian-American in a post-9/11 world and the power of comedy to combat racism.

Monday, June 6  /  7:00pm

Russell Banks
Voyager: Travel Writings
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning writer Russell Banks discusses his latest book, Voyager, a collection of travel essays that spans the globe, from the Caribbean to the Himalayas.

Tuesday, June 7  /  7:00pm

Danielle Allen
Education and Equality
Ethics in Your World
@ Harvard Book Store
Harvard professor and the Director of the Safra Center for Ethics Danielle Allen discusses her book Education and Equality, an examination of the ideological impasse between the state and the role of educators in social equality. Co-sponsored by Boston Review and the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics.

Wed., June 8  /  6:00pm

Mary Roach
Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War
in conversation with DEBORAH BLUM
$5 Tickets
@ Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
Bestselling author Mary Roach and Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Deborah Blum discuss Roach’s latest book, Grunt, an exploration of the science of keeping humans intact, awake, and sane in the extreme circumstance of war.

“Roach applies her tenacious reporting and quirky point of view to efforts by scientists to conquer some of the soldier’s worst enemies.” —Seattle Times

Thursday, June 9  /  6:00pm

Chuck Klosterman
But What If We’re Wrong?: Thinking About the Present As If It Were the Past
$5 Tickets
@ Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
Bestselling author of I Wear the Black Hat Chuck Klosterman discusses his latest book, But What If We’re Wrong?, a quirky visualization of the contemporary world as it will appear to those who will perceive it as the distant past.

“This book is brilliant and addictively readable. It’s also mandatory reading for anyone who loves history and for anyone who claims to have a capacity for forecasting. It’ll probably make them angry because it turns so many sacred assumptions upside down—but that’s what the future does.” —Douglas Coupland

Friday, June 10  /  7:00pm

Yaa Gyasi
Homegoing: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
Debut novelist Yaa Gyasi reads from Homegoing, a generation spanning story focusing on the families of two sisters whose lives were shaped by historical forces beyond their control. Co-sponsored by GrubStreet.

Monday, June 13  /  7:00pm

Ian Frazier
Hogs Wild: Selected Reporting Pieces
@ Harvard Book Store
Reporter and essayist Ian Frazier discusses his latest book, Hogs Wild, a decade’s worth of his best essays and reportage on the spirit of the American experience and his travels through the South.

Tuesday, June 14  /  7:00pm

Wenonah Hauter
Frackopoly: The Battle for the Future of Energy and the Environment
@ Harvard Book Store
Executive director of Food & Water Watch Wenonah Hauter discusses her book Frackopoly, a startling examination of how fracking proves dangerous to human health and the environment. Co-sponsored by Food & Water Watch.

Wed., June 15  /  6:30pm

Susan Faludi
In the Darkroom
@ Cambridge Public Library | 449 Broadway
Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist and bestselling author of Backlash Susan Faludi discusses her latest book, In the Darkroom, a memoir of her discovery of her father’s many evolving identities. Co-sponsored by The Baffler.

Thursday, June 16  /  7:00pm

Annie Proulx
Barkskins: A Novel
@ First Parish Church | 1446 Mass. Ave.
Award-winning author of The Shipping News and “Brokeback Mountain” Annie Proulx reads from her latest novel, Barkskins, an epic story about the taking down of the world’s forest.

“Annie Proulx’s Barkskins is remarkable not just for its length, but for its scope and ambition. It’s a monumental achievement, one that will perhaps be remembered as her finest work.” —Publishers Weekly
June 2016 Events, continued

Friday, June 17 / 6:00pm
Alain de Botton
The Course of Love: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
$5 Tickets
Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
Bestselling author of How Proust Can Change Your Life Alain de Botton reads from his latest novel, The Course of Love, an exploration of what happens after the initial excitement of new love and how the ideals of a romance hold up under the pressure of an ordinary life.

“The course of true love may not run smooth, but the storytelling certainly does in this wise, humane and irresistibly readable history of an appealingly nuanced relationship.”
—Matthew Thomas, author of We Are Not Ourselves

Friday, June 17 / 7:00pm
Zora O'Neill
All Strangers Are Kin: Adventures in Arabic and the Arab World
@ Harvard Book Store
Travel writer Zora O'Neill discusses her book All Strangers Are Kin, a memoir of her time learning Arabic and her travels through the Middle East in an attempt to immerse herself and her travels through the Middle East in an attempt to immerse herself in the language. Co-sponsored by the Center for Arabic Culture.

Monday, June 20 / 7:00pm
Mark Beauregard
The Whale: A Love Story: A Novel
New Voices in Fiction
@ Harvard Book Store
Journalist and author Mark Beauregard reads from his debut novel, The Whale. Set amid the wilty, high-spirited literary society of 1850s New England, it offers a new look at Herman Melville’s emotionally charged relationship with Nathaniel Hawthorne and how it transformed his masterpiece, Moby-Dick. Co-sponsored by GrubStreet.

Tuesday, June 21 / 7:00pm
Matthew G. Kirschenbaum
Track Changes: A Literary History of Word Processing with an introduction by MATTHEW BATTLES
@ Harvard Book Store
Associate Professor of English at the University of Maryland Matthew G. Kirschenbaum discusses his book Track Changes, the story of how writing in the digital age is every bit as messy as the ink-stained pages of the printed age.

Wednesday, June 22 / 7:00pm
Nancy L. Rosenblum
Good Neighbors: The Democracy of Everyday Life in America
@ Harvard Book Store
Senator Joseph Clark Professor of Ethics in Politics and Government at Harvard University Nancy L. Rosenblum discusses her book Good Neighbors, an exploration of how encounters among neighbors create a democracy in everyday life.

Thursday, June 23 / 7:00pm
GrubStreet Launch Lab: Breaking with the Past
featuring
JENNIFER S. BROWN
MARIAN McMAHON STANLEY
discussing
Modern Girls and The Immaculate
@ Harvard Book Store
Debut novelists Jennifer S. Brown and Marian McMahon Stanley discuss their books Modern Girls and The Immaculate. They will touch on the role of religion in their novels and how their characters are forced to break with the traditions of the past that no longer work with their modern lives. Co-sponsored by GrubStreet.

Friday, June 24 / 7:00pm
Mark Billingham
Die of Shame: A Novel
in conversation with JOSEPH FINDER
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning thriller novelists Mark Billingham and Joseph Finder discuss Billingham’s latest book, Die of Shame, a suspenseful story of addiction, subterfuge, and murder.

Saturday, June 25 / 7:00pm
William Finnegan
Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life
@ Harvard Book Store
2016 Pulitzer Prize winner William Finnegan discusses his autobiography Barbarian Days, an old-school adventure story of American boyhood and the art of surfing.

Monday, June 27 / 7:00pm
Janna Levin
Black Hole Blues and Other Songs from Outer Space
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning author and theoretical astrophysicist Janna Levin discusses her latest book, Black Hole Blues and Other Songs from Outer Space, the authoritative story of the headline-making discovery of gravitational waves.

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