



February 2019 Events

Friday, Feb. 1 / 3:00^{pm}

Lawrence Lessig

America, Compromised

Friday Forum: Ethics in Your World

@ Harvard Book Store

Harvard Law School professor Lawrence Lessig—author of *The Future of Ideas* and *Code and Other Laws of Cyberspace*—discusses his latest book, a sweeping indictment of contemporary American institutions and the corruption that besets them. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities and the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University.

Friday, Feb. 1 / 7:00^{pm}

Katherine S. Newman

Downhill from Here: Retirement Insecurity in the Age of Inequality

@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning writer and sociologist Katherine S. Newman, the author of *No Shame in My Game: The Working Poor in the Inner City*, discusses the looming financial catastrophe of retirement in America and what it might take to fix it.

"With great skill and compelling evidence, [Newman] explains why most of the boomer generation doesn't have enough money to retire on while CEOs and others at the top are socking away a fortune." —Robert Reich

Monday, Feb. 4 / 7:00^{pm}

Narayan Helen Liebenson

The Magnanimous Heart: Compassion and Love, Loss and Grief, Joy and Liberation

@ Harvard Book Store

Narayan Helen Liebenson, a guiding teacher at the Cambridge Insight Meditation Center, discusses her debut book, which illustrates how to skillfully respond to painful human emotions through the art of meditative inquiry.

"Narayan draws on a wisdom that shines through on every page of this deeply compassionate book." —Robert Wright

Tuesday, Feb. 5 / 6:00^{pm}

Howard Schultz

From the Ground Up: A Journey to Reimagine the Promise of America

in conversation with JAMES FALLOWS

THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT.

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 / 7:00^{pm}

Whitney Scharer

The Age of Light: A Novel

with an introduction by JENNA BLUM

New Voices in Fiction

@ Harvard Book Store

Local writer Whitney Scharer discusses her highly anticipated debut novel, a portrait of the *Vogue* model turned photographer Lee Miller and Surrealist Man Ray. She'll be introduced by the author of *Those Who Save Us*, Jenna Blum. This event is co-sponsored by GrubStreet.

Wednesday, Feb. 6 / 6:00^{pm}

Jason Rezaian

Prisoner: My 544 Days in an Iranian Prison—Solitary Confinement, a Sham Trial, High-Stakes Diplomacy, and the Extraordinary Efforts It Took to Get Me Out

in conversation with JULIETTE KAYYEM

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Journalist Jason Rezaian—the *Washington Post* correspondent in Tehran from 2012 to 2016—discusses his new memoir, an account of being held hostage in a Tehran prison, and how his release became part of the Iran nuclear deal. He'll be joined by homeland security expert Juliette Kayyem.

"A deep dive into a complex and egregiously misunderstood country with two very different faces. There is no better time to know more about Iran—and Jason Rezaian has seen both of those faces." —Anthony Bourdain

Wednesday, Feb. 6 / 7:00^{pm}

Kim McLarin

Womanish: A Grown Black Woman Speaks on Love and Life

@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed local writer Kim McLarin—author of *Meeting of the Waters* and *Jump at the Sun*—discusses her new essay collection, which explores what it means to be a black woman in today's turbulent times.

Thursday, Feb. 7 / 7:00^{pm}

Douglas Rushkoff

Team Human

in conversation with GREG M. EPSTEIN

@ Harvard Book Store

Digital theorist, award-winning author, and podcast host Douglas Rushkoff discusses his latest book, a manifesto of his most urgent thoughts on civilization and human nature—in particular, that we are social creatures and achieve our greatest aspirations when working together. He'll be joined by Greg M. Epstein, the Humanist Chaplain at Harvard and MIT. This event is co-sponsored by The Humanist Hub.

"A provocative, exciting, and important rallying cry to reassert our human spirit of community and teamwork." —Walter Isaacson

Thursday, Feb. 7 / 7:00^{pm}

Marlon James

Black Leopard, Red Wolf

\$8 tickets

@ First Parish Church
1446 Mass. Ave.

Marlon James, the Man Booker Prize-winning author of *A Brief History of Seven Killings*, discusses the highly anticipated first novel in his new Dark Star trilogy—a fantasy epic about a mercenary hired to find a missing child.

"A dangerous, hallucinatory, ancient Africa, which becomes a fantasy world as well-realized as anything Tolkien made, with language as powerful as Angela Carter's . . . I cannot wait for the next installment." —Neil Gaiman

Friday, Feb. 8 / 3:00^{pm}

Ellen Winner

How Art Works: A Psychological Exploration

Friday Forum

@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning psychologist Ellen Winner discusses philosophical puzzles about the arts—what makes something art, and how we decide what is good art—by examining empirical research.

Friday, Feb. 8 / 7:00^{pm}

Leland de la Durantaye

Hannah Versus the Tree: A Novel

New Voices in Fiction

@ Harvard Book Store

Critic, translator, and professor Leland de la Durantaye discusses his debut novel, a story of vengeance and lifelong love which introduces a new literary genre: the mythopoetic thriller. This event is co-sponsored by GrubStreet.

"Written in an immaculate, lyrically charged, uncannily autonomous prose, this lovely novel is at once a modern story about money and politics and sexual violence, and an ancient fable of grievance and justice." —James Wood

Monday, Feb. 11 / 7:00^{pm}

Lindsey Mead

On Being 40(ish)

in conversation with contributors KJ DELL'ANTONIA, JESSICA LAHEY, CATHERINE NEWMAN, and SOPHFRONIA SCOTT

@ Harvard Book Store

Editor Lindsey Mead and local contributors discuss *On Being 40(ish)*, an essay collection offering intimate and candid explorations about turning forty—and life beyond.

"Charming, relatable, and wise essays." —*Publishers Weekly*

February 2019 Events, *continued*

Tuesday, Feb. 12 / 7:00^{pm}

Maggie Battista

A New Way to Food: 100 Recipes to Encourage a Healthy Relationship with Food, Nourish Your Beautiful Body, and Celebrate Real Wellness for Life

@ Harvard Book Store

Celebrated cookbook author Maggie Battista—founder and director of Eat Boutique—discusses her new cookbook, featuring mainly dairy-free, plant-based, and refined sugar-free recipes that helped reconcile her relationship with food.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 / 7:00^{pm}

An Xiao Mina

Memes to Movements: How the World's Most Viral Media Is Changing Social Protest and Power

in conversation with
ETHAN ZUCKERMAN

@ Harvard Book Store

Technologist and media scholar An Xiao Mina discusses the mechanics of memes and how they operate to reinforce, amplify, and shape today's politics. She'll be joined by Ethan Zuckerman, the director of the Center for Civic Media at MIT.

"An Xiao Mina . . . unpacks with great urgency, understanding, empathy, and wisdom all the reasons why memes matter." —Jonny Sun

Friday, Feb. 15 / 7:00^{pm}

Katharine Smyth

All the Lives We Ever Lived: Seeking Solace in Virginia Woolf

in conversation with DARCY FREY

@ Harvard Book Store

Writer and editor Katharine Smyth discusses her debut book—a highly personal reading of *To the Lighthouse* and a lyrical memoir about the power of literature to help us read our own lives. She'll be joined by Darcy Frey, the award-winning author of *The Last Shot*. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

"Modern American memoir doesn't get better—or more inventive—than this." —Darcy Frey

Monday, Feb. 18 /

9:00^{am}—11:00^{pm}

Presidents' Day Sale

@ Harvard Book Store

Get 20% off purchases all day in the store and on harvard.com with the coupon code PREZDAY2019.

Monday, Feb. 18 /
11:00^{am}—7:00^{pm}

Warehouse Clearance Sale

@ Harvard Book Store Warehouse
14 Park Street, Somerville

We're opening the doors to our Warehouse for one day only! Explore thousands of remainders and used books at 20% off.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 / 7:00^{pm}

Jill Abramson

Merchants of Truth: The Business of News and the Fight for Facts

@ Harvard Book Store

Renowned journalist Jill Abramson—former executive director of the *New York Times*—discusses the disruption of the news media over the last decade, as companies plow through the new digital reality. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 / 7:00^{pm}

Robert L. Tsai

Practical Equality: Forging Justice in a Divided Nation

in conversation with NOAH FELDMAN

@ Harvard Book Store

Constitutional law expert Robert L. Tsai discusses how Americans have used innovative legal measures to overcome injustice, offering a guide to pursuing equality. He'll be joined by Harvard Law professor Noah Feldman. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Thursday, Feb. 21 / 6:00^{pm}

John Brockman

Possible Minds: Twenty-Five Ways of Looking at AI

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

John Brockman—founder of The Edge Foundation, Inc. and editor of *Know This, This Idea Must Die*, and other volumes—discusses his latest book, an essay collection from some of the world's leading scientific minds on where artificial intelligence might be taking us.

Thursday, Feb. 21 / 7:00^{pm}

Karen Finley

Grabbing Pussy

@ Harvard Book Store

Performance artist and NYU professor Karen Finley discusses her new book—based on her performance piece *Unicorn Gratitude Mystery*—which explores the influence of sex in American politics.

Friday, Feb. 22 / 7:00^{pm}

James Sturm

Off Season

in conversation with HILLARY CHUTE

@ Harvard Book Store

Celebrated cartoonist and educator James Sturm discusses his new graphic novel, a long-form narrative which charts one couple's divisive separation during the 2016 election months. He'll be joined by *New York Times Book Review* comics and graphic novels columnist Hillary Chute.

Monday, Feb. 25 / 7:00^{pm}

The Harvard Square Book Circle

discusses Toni Morrison's *Sula*

@ Harvard Book Store

Our in-store book club discusses Toni Morrison's celebrated novel *Sula*, hailed as "extravagantly beautiful" and "enormously, achingly alive" by the *New York Times*.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 / 7:00^{pm}

Shing-Tung Yau and Steve Nadis

The Shape of a Life: One Mathematician's Search for the Universe's Hidden Geometry

@ Harvard Book Store

Renowned mathematician and Harvard professor Shing-Tung Yau and science writer Steve Nadis discuss Yau's new autobiography and his lifelong transnational effort to uncover the geometric shape that may store the hidden dimensions of our universe.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 / 6:00^{pm}

David Reich

Who We Are and How We Got Here: Ancient DNA and the New Science of the Human Past

Science Book Talks

@ Harvard Science Center Hall D
1 Oxford St.

Harvard Medical School genetics professor David Reich discusses how the genomic revolution is transforming our understanding of human history. This event series is a collaboration with the Harvard University Division of Science and Cabot Science Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 / 7:00^{pm}

Sandra Newman

The Heavens

@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed writer Sandra Newman—author of *The Country of Ice Cream Stars*—discusses her latest novel, a love story about a young woman whose recurring dream of an alternate life becomes increasingly real and compelling.

"What a wonderful, strange, terrifying, brilliant novel this is." —Kamila Shamsie

Thursday, Feb. 28 / 7:00^{pm}

Kristen Roupenian

You Know You Want This: Cat Person and Other Stories

in conversation with
MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN

@ Harvard Book Store

Kristen Roupenian—award-winning author of the viral *New Yorker* short story "Cat Person"—discusses her debut collection. She'll be joined by *Boston Globe* columnist Meredith Goldstein.

"These stories are sharp and perverse, dark and bizarre, unrelenting and utterly bananas." —Carmen Maria Machado

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