February 2020 Events

Monday, February 3 / 7:00pm

Howard Bryant
Full Dissidence: Notes from an Uneven Playing Field
@ Harvard Book Store

Author and NPR sports correspondent Howard Bryant reflects on professional sports during a time of authoritarianism, examining the impact racism and its many malignancies have on the lives of black players.

Tuesday, February 4 / 6:00pm

Susan Hennessey and Benjamin Wittes
Unmaking the Presidency: Donald Trump’s War on the World’s Most Powerful Office
in conversation with Professor Jack Goldsmith.

They’ll be joined in conversation by Harvard Law Professor Jack Goldsmith.

Tuesday, February 4 / 6:30pm

Jaclyn Friedman
Believe Me: How Trusting Women Can Change the World
in conversation with Stacy Malone
@ Cambridge Public Library

Writer, performer, and activist Jaclyn Friedman returns with her latest co-edited anthology: a collection of anhemitic essays linked by a similar vision of a future where women are not only believed, but told that they matter. She’ll be joined in conversation by Stacy Malone, Executive Director of the Victim Rights Law Center.

Tuesday, February 4 / 7:00pm

Gish Jen
The Resisters: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed local author Gish Jen discusses her latest novel, an extraordinary odyssey to the fictional (yet plausible) near future, where the divided foundations of society are tested by a revolutionary lawyer and her blue-haired daughter, a baseball prodigy.

Wednesday, February 5 / 7:00pm

Emily Nemen
The Cactus League: A Novel
in conversation with Mark Polanzak
@ Harvard Book Store

New Voices in Fiction

Emily Nemen, The Paris Review editor Emily Nemen discusses her debut novel—a beautifully rendered portrait of Jason Goodyear, a handsome, beloved outfielder succumbing to the Arizona heat and his own personal woes. She’ll be joined in conversation by author Mark Polanzak. This event is cosponsored by GrubStreet.

Thursday, February 6 / 7:00pm

Ariana Neumann
When Time Stopped: A Memoir of My Father’s War and What Remains
in conversation with Barbara Wallace Grossman
@ Harvard Book Store

Writer Ariana Neumann discusses her memoir, When Time Stopped, an elegy for her father Hans—who entombed his memories of the Holocaust in a small box, entrusted to Ariana after his death—and a search for the shattered, scattered fragments left behind. She’ll be joined in conversation by Tufts professor Barbara Wallace Grossman.

Thursday, February 6 / 7:30pm

Paul Krugman
Arguing with Zombies: Economics, Politics, and the Fight for a Better Future
in conversation with Paul Solman
Ticket required
@ Back Bay Events Center
180 Berkeley St., Boston

In Arguing with Zombies, Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman tackles the gravest economic misconceptions of our time, offering both prescient and precise explanations of health care, housing bubbles, Social Security, and so much more. He will be joined in conversation by PBS NewsHour correspondent Paul Solman.

Friday, February 7 / 3:00pm

Sanjay Krishnan
V.S. Naipaul’s Journeys: From Periphery to Center
in conversation with Louis Chude-Sokei
Friday Forum
@ Harvard Book Store

Sanjay Krishnan—associate professor of English at Boston College—examines the controversial life and literature of V.S. Naipaul, delving deep into his novels and other writings on ethnic nationalism and religious fundamentalism to construct a nuanced picture of the writer. He will be joined in conversation by professor Louis Chude-Sokei. This event is cosponsored by GrubStreet.

Friday, February 7 / 7:00pm

Joel Christian Gill
Fights: One Boy’s Triumph Over Violence
@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed cartoonist Joel Christian Gill discusses his deeply affecting graphic memoir of black boyhood on the brink of chaos. Through gripping illustrations, Fights envisions young Joel as he propels through landscapes both unforgiving and uncertain, using violence to solve his problems until a series of brutal conflicts show him the real meaning of survival.

Monday, February 10 / 6:30pm

Alexis Coe
You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington
in conversation with Noah Feldman
@ Cambridge Public Library
449 Broadway

Alexis Coe—author of the award-winning Alice + Freda Forever—paints a different kind of presidential portrait, offering a vigorously researched, refreshingly human take on Washington’s career and character which highlights features often neglected by the annals of history. She will be joined in conversation by Noah Feldman. This event is cosponsored by Mass Humanities.

Monday, February 10 / 7:00pm

Sayed Kashua
Track Changes: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store

Author Sayed Kashua discusses his latest novel Track Changes, an elegant and eerie story of a Palestinian memoirist and his attempts to recollect the causes and catalysts of his life when his long-estranged father admits he is dying.

Tuesday, February 11 / 7:00pm

Andrew Krivak
The Bear: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store

Andrew Krivak—author of the National Book Award–nominated novel, The Sojourn—presents The Bear, a spare, lovely, and ultimately hopeful novel set in an Edenic future. As a father and daughter navigate nature’s remaining dominion as the last survivors of humankind, a fateful separation leaves the girl stranded until a bear teaches her the way home.
Wednesday, February 12 / 7:00pm

E.J. Dionne, Jr.
*Code Red: How Progressives and Moderates Can Unite to Save Our Country*

in conversation with MARTHA MINOW

Ticket required

@ First Parish Church
1446 Mass. Ave.

Beloved Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne, Jr. discusses *Code Red*, a passionate and persuasive treatise on how to recover from Trump’s America and shrink the gap between progressives and moderates, facilitating collaboration before time has run out. He will be joined in conversation by legal scholar Martha Minow.

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Thursday, February 13 / 7:00pm

Craig Fehrman
*Author in Chief: The Untold Story of Our Presidents and the Books They Wrote*

@ Harvard Book Store

Craig Fehrman joins us for a discussion of *Author in Chief*, a rigorous and original behind-the-scenes history of American presidents’ with writer’s block, quarrels with ghostwriters, bad reviews, and the tremendous pressure of producing presidential literature.

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Friday, February 14 / 3:00pm

Susan Napier
*Miyazakiworld: A Life in Art*

Friday Forum

@ Harvard Book Store

Tufts professor and leading scholar on Japanese animation Susan Napier presents *Miyazakiworld*, a joyous voyage through Hayao Miyazaki’s captivating oeuvre. This event is cosponsored by Mass Humanities.

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Monday, February 17 / 10:00am – 7:00pm

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.

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Tuesday, February 18 / 7:00pm

David Michaels
*The Triumph of Doubt: Dark Money and the Science of Deception*

in conversation with LAWRENCE LESSIG

@ Harvard Book Store

David Michaels—celebrated author and former Assistant Secretary for Labor of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration—discusses his latest book, which confronts the insidiousness of manipulated science and its adverse effects on American public policy. He’ll be joined in conversation by Harvard Law professor Lawrence Lessig. This event is cosponsored by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

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Wednesday, February 19 / 7:00pm

Brian Greene
*Until the End of Time: Mind, Matter, and Our Search for Meaning in an Evolving Universe*

Science Book Talks

@ Harvard Science Center, Hall B 1 Oxford St.

Renowned physicist Brian Greene discusses his latest endeavor to plumb the cosmos, *Until the End of Time*, a book about the human urge to give meaning to the experience of reality. This event is cosponsored by Harvard University’s Division of Science, the Cabot Science Library, and Mass Humanities.

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Thursday, February 20 / 7:00pm

Laura DeNardis
*The Internet in Everything: Freedom and Security in a World with No Off Switch*

Science Book Talks

@ Harvard Science Center, Hall C 1 Oxford St.

Internet governance scholar Laura DeNardis discusses her latest book, *The Internet in Everything*, an exploration of the ever-expanding terrain of cyberspace, where the power to disrupt real-world systems lies unpoliced and readily available.

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Friday, February 21 / 7:00pm

Jerry Mitchell
*Race Against Time: A Reporter Reopens the Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era*

@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed investigative journalist Jerry Mitchell presents his astonishing memoir *Race Against Time*, a recollection of his time spent immersed in the deadends and unasked questions surrounding four of the most heinous crimes of the Civil Rights Era, and his dogged pursuit of justice decades after the fact.

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Tuesday, February 25 / 7:00pm

Dan Pfeiffer
*Un-trumping America: A Plan to Make America a Democracy Again*

Ticket required

@ First Parish Church
1446 Mass. Ave.

Pod Save America’s Dan Pfeiffer discusses *Untrumping America*, an eloquent dismantling of toxic Trumpism—and those who support it—that offers a much-needed way to a more hopeful and safer future.

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Tuesday, February 25 / 7:00pm

Melvin I. Urofsky
*The Affirmative Action Puzzle: A Living History from Reconstruction to Today*

@ Harvard Book Store

Professor and acclaimed biographer Melvin I. Urofsky examines the social ramifications of affirmative action—how it has evolved since its original inception, who it has helped (or inflamed), and why it is still, desperately, needed. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

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Wednesday, February 26 / 6:00pm

Daniel L. Everett
*How Language Began: The Story of Humanity’s Greatest Invention*

Science Book Talks

@ Harvard Science Center, Hall C 1 Oxford St.

Celebrated linguist Daniel L. Everett unveils the evolutionary story of language, offering a comprehensive and entertaining explanation of how humans moved from mere communication to intricate speech. This event is cosponsored by Harvard’s Division of Science, the Cabot Library and Mass Humanities.

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Thursday, February 27 / 7:00pm

The Harvard Square Book Circle

discusses Rachel Ingalls’s 
*Mrs. Caliban*

@ Harvard Book Store

Our in-store book club discusses Rachel Ingalls’s startling, singular, deliciously strange, and eerily familiar satire of domesticity.

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Friday, February 28 / 3:00pm

James Hankins
*Virtue Politics: Soulcraft and Statecraft in Renaissance Italy*

Friday Forum

@ Harvard Book Store

Harvard professor James Hankins discusses his latest book, *Virtue Politics*, a scholarly appraisal of Renaissance Italy, where corruption, vice, and societal discord were confronted through targeted attempts to reform the citizenry.

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Margaret Kimberley
*Prejudential: Black America and the Presidents*

@ Harvard Book Store

Editor of the Black Agenda Report Margaret Kimberley highlights the fraught relationship between all forty-five American presidents and black America, offering a careful and necessary account of attitudes largely overlooked by history. This event is cosponsored by Mass Humanities.

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