



May 2019 Events

Wednesday, May 1 / 7:00pm

Crystal King and Kris Waldherr

The Chef's Secret: A Novel
and
The Lost History of Dreams: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store

Writer & culinary enthusiast Crystal King and author, illustrator, & designer Kris Waldherr discuss their respective new novels—a tale of betrayal, murder, and sumptuous feasts set in Renaissance Italy, and a sweeping, atmospheric gothic mystery about love and loss.

Thursday, May 2 / 7:00pm

Robin Wolfe Scheffler

*A Contagious Cause:
The American Hunt for Cancer Viruses
and the Rise of Molecular Medicine*
@ Harvard Book Store

Author and historian Robin Wolfe Scheffler discusses the century-long hunt for a human cancer virus in America, the merging of scientific disciplines that went into the effort, and the fierce conflicts it sparked.

Friday, May 3 / 3:00pm

Elizabeth A. Herbin-Triant

*Threatening Property:
Race, Class, and Campaigns to
Legislate Jim Crow Neighborhoods*
Friday Forum
@ Harvard Book Store

UMass Lowell history professor Elizabeth A. Herbin-Triant discusses early twentieth-century campaigns for residential segregation laws in North Carolina and how the version of white supremacy supported by middle-class white people differed from that supported by the elite. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Friday, May 3 / 7:00pm

**George Abraham, Marwa Helal,
Brandon Melendez & Margaret Rhee**

the specimen's apology
Invasive species
The Gold That Frames the Mirror
and
Love, Robot
with an introduction by ANDRÉ M.
CARRINGTON
@ Harvard Book Store

Local poets George Abraham, Marwa Helal, Brandon Melendez & Margaret Rhee discuss their respective poetry collections. They'll be introduced by scholar and Radcliffe Fellow andré m. carrington.

Sunday, May 5 / 7:00pm

Susan Ware

*Why They Marched:
Untold Stories of the Women Who
Fought for the Right to Vote*
@ Harvard Book Store

Celebrated feminist historian Susan Ware discusses the diverse story behind the oft white-washed history of women's suffrage, exploring the lives of nineteen activists whose contributions to the cause have been long overlooked. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Monday, May 6 / 7:00pm

H.M. Naqvi

*The Selected Works of Abdullah
the Cossack*
@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed novelist H.M. Naqvi, author of *Home Boy*, discusses his latest novel about one gloriously unaccomplished man, his impending death, and his bustling, shape-shifting city.

Tuesday, May 7 / 6:00pm

Celeste Ng

Little Fires Everywhere: A Novel
in conversation with LAUREN GROFF
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT
There will not be a standby line.

Tuesday, May 7 / 7:00pm

Peter Hessler

*The Buried:
An Archaeology of the Egyptian
Revolution*
in conversation with MATTHEW BELL
@ Harvard Book Store

New Yorker staff writer Peter Hessler—acclaimed author of *River Town* and *Oracle Bones*—discusses his latest book, an astonishing portrait of Egypt and its people in the midst of the Arab Spring. He'll be joined by Matthew Bell, correspondent for *The World* at WGBH Boston.

Wednesday, May 8 / 6:00pm

Venki Ramakrishnan

*Gene Machine:
The Race to Decipher the Secrets of
the Ribosome*
Science Book Talks
@ Harvard Science Center, Hall C
1 Oxford St.

Nobel Prize-winning biologist and president of the Royal Society, Venki Ramakrishnan, discusses his latest book—an insider's account of the race to map the structure of the ribosome.

Wednesday, May 8 / 7:00pm

Jennifer Acker and DeWitt Henry

The Limits of the World: A Novel
and
Sweet Marjoram: Notes and Essays
@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed writers Jennifer Acker—founding editor of *The Common* magazine—and DeWitt Henry—founding editor of *Ploughshares*—discuss their new books: a chronicle of family relations & cultural divisions, and a collection of essays covering a lifetime of teaching, writing, & engaging with literature.

Thursday, May 9 / 7:00pm

Susan Hockfield

*The Age of Living Machines:
How Biology Will Build the Next
Technology Revolution*
@ Harvard Book Store

Renowned neuroscientist & MIT president emerita Susan Hockfield discusses the discoveries in biology and engineering that are making exciting, life—and Earth-saving, new technologies possible.

Friday, May 10 / 3:00pm

Cass R. Sunstein

How Change Happens
Friday Forum
@ Harvard Book Store

Harvard Law School professor Cass R. Sunstein discusses the mechanics of social change, utilizing behavioral economics, psychology, and other disciplines to explain why challenges to the status quo take hold—or don't.

Friday, May 10 / 6:00pm

Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche

*In Love with the World:
A Monk's Journey through the
Bardos of Living and Dying*
in conversation with
NARAYAN HELEN LIEBENSON
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT
There will be a standby line at the door.

Monday, May 13 / 7:00pm

Rachel Louise Snyder

*No Visible Bruises: What We Don't
Know About Domestic Violence
Can Kill Us*
in conversation with SUZANNE DUBUS
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning journalist Rachel Louise Snyder discusses the global epidemic of domestic violence and how we can begin to truly address its root causes and consequences. She'll be joined by Suzanne Dubus, CEO of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center.

May 2019 Events, *continued*

Tuesday, May 14 / 7:00pm

Tracy Strauss

I Just Haven't Met You Yet: Finding Empowerment in Dating, Love, and Life

@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning author and writing instructor Tracy Strauss discusses how readers can change their troubled self-images along with their (love) lives.

Wednesday, May 15 / 6:00pm

Rick Atkinson

The British are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775—1777

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Pulitzer Prize-winning military historian Rick Atkinson discusses the first volume of his Revolution Trilogy, an account of the first 21 months of America's violent war for independence. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Wednesday, May 15 / 7:00pm

Karen Russell

Orange World and Other Stories

@ Harvard Book Store

Acclaimed, best-selling writer Karen Russell, author of *Swamplandia!* and *Vampires in the Lemon Grove*, discusses her new collection: "a feast of invention and a funhouse of surprising wisdom." —Louise Erdrich

Thursday, May 16 / 6:00pm

Moby

Then It Fell Apart

in conversation with GEOFF EDGERS

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Singer-songwriter, DJ, & author Moby discusses his second memoir, a journey into the dark heart of fame. He'll be joined by *Washington Post* arts correspondent Geoff Edgers. Please note: while Moby will play a few acoustic songs, this is a literary talk, not a concert.

Thursday, May 16 / 7:00pm

Max Porter

Lanny: A Novel

@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning novelist Max Porter—author of *Grief is the Thing with Feathers*—discusses his latest book, a tapestry of fabulism and domestic drama in a small English village.

Friday, May 17 / 6:00pm

Adam Gopnik

A Thousand Small Sanities: The Moral Adventure of Liberalism

\$6 tickets

@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.

Celebrated author, critic, & lecturer Adam Gopnik—author of *Paris to the Moon* and *Strangers at the Gate*—performs a one-man show based on his latest book: a tour of the great and sometimes improbable people & places of liberalism's history. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Friday, May 17 / 7:00pm

David E. Sanger

The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age

@ Harvard Book Store

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and *New York Times* national security correspondent David E. Sanger discusses the startling inside story of how the rise of cyberweapons has transformed geopolitics as radically as the invention of the atomic bomb.

Monday, May 20 / 7:00pm

John Waters

Mr. Know-It-All: The Tarnished Wisdom of a Filth Elder

\$28.75 tickets (book included)

@ First Parish Church | 1446 Mass. Ave.

Iconic filmmaker, actor, visual artist, & author John Waters discusses his new memoir—sharing, in his inimitable style, a wealth of lessons on everything from home décor to cheating death. This event is co-sponsored by the Brattle Theatre.

Monday, May 20 / 7:00pm

Victor Grossman

A Socialist Defector: From Harvard to Karl-Marx-Allee

@ Harvard Book Store

Journalist and Harvard alumnus Victor Grossman discusses the circumstances that landed him in East Germany and his lived experiences under the German Democratic Republic's brand of socialism.

Tuesday, May 21 / 7:00pm

Mary L. Gray

Ghost Work: How to Stop Silicon Valley from Building a New Global Underclass

in conversation with GIDEON LICHFELD

@ Harvard Book Store

Anthropologist and Microsoft Senior Researcher Mary L. Gray discusses the invisible human labor, or "ghost work," that propels the growth & spread of high-tech companies. She'll be joined by Gideon Lichfield, editor-in-chief of *MIT Technology Review*.

Wednesday, May 22 / 7:00pm

David McCullough

The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West

\$8 tickets

@ First Parish Church | 1446 Mass. Ave.

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough tells the story of the challenging settlement of the Northwest Territory through the experiences of five disparate characters & their families. This event is co-sponsored by Cambridge Forum.

Wednesday, May 22 / 7:00pm

Casey Cep

Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee

in conversation with JAMAICA KINCAID

@ Harvard Book Store

Debut author Casey Cep discusses Harper Lee's attempt to write her own version of *In Cold Blood*, about a murder case in rural '70s Alabama. She'll be joined by renowned writer and Harvard professor Jamaica Kincaid.

Thursday, May 23 / 7:00pm

Michael Ames

American Cipher: Bowe Bergdahl and the U.S. Tragedy in Afghanistan

@ Harvard Book Store

Political & environmental journalist Michael Ames discusses the case of Bowe Bergdahl's departure from his military post in 2009—investigating government dysfunction, Bergdahl's personal story, and the myriad flaws & fissures in U.S. political culture that his trial brought to light.

Tuesday, May 28 / 7:00pm

Nick Thorkelson

Herbert Marcuse, Philosopher of Utopia: A Graphic Biography

@ Harvard Book Store

Cartoonist, author, & illustrator Nick Thorkelson discusses his graphic biography of Herbert Marcuse, the "unlikely pop star" of 20th century philosophy whose advocacy for a more humane, sustainable world is all the more relevant today. This event is co-sponsored by Mass Humanities.

Wednesday, May 29 / 7:00pm

Julie Orringer

The Flight Portfolio: A Novel

@ Harvard Book Store

Award-winning writer Julie Orringer—author of *The Invisible Bridge* and *How to Breathe Underwater*—discusses her masterful retelling of Varian Fry's efforts to rescue imperiled artists & writers in occupied France, 1940.

Friday, May 31 / 7:00pm

Daniel José Older and Malka Older

Freedom Fire and *State Tectonics*

@ Harvard Book Store

Siblings Daniel José Older—award-winning author of *Shadowshaper*—and Malka Older—bestselling author of *Infomocracy*—discuss their respective new books, offering different takes on sci-fi for YA & adult audiences.

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