November 2018 Events

Thursday, Nov. 1 / 6:00pm

Michael Beschloss
Presidents of War: The Epic Story, from 1807 to Modern Times
$6 tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
Acclaimed historian and author Michael Beschloss discusses the controversial leadership, public reputations, and evolving political powers of U.S. wartime presidents, including Lincoln and LBJ.

Friday, November 2 / 3:00pm

Max Abrahms
Rules for Rebels: The Science of Victory in Militant History
Friday Forum
@ Harvard Book Store
Max Abrahms, one of the world's leading experts on the subject of terrorism, discusses the history of American property rights and their future amidst climate change, construction, and environmental degradation.

Friday, November 2 / 7:00pm

George Scialabba
Slouching Toward Utopia: Essays & Reviews
in conversation with ARTHUR GOLDHAMMER
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed writer and critic George Scialabba discusses his latest book of essays, which focuses on contemporary politics and culture, American intellectualism, and political morality.

Saturday, Nov. 3 / 4:00pm

Peter Sagal
The Incomplete Book of Running
$8 tickets
@ First Parish Church 1446 Mass. Ave.
Award-winning writer, radio host, and marathon runner Peter Sagal discusses the lessons, stories, advice, and warnings gleaned from running the equivalent of once around the earth.

Sunday, Nov. 4 / 9:00am–11:00pm

Annual Frequent Buyer Sale
20% off purchases for Frequent Buyer Card holders in the store and on harvard.com!
@ Harvard Book Store

Monday, Nov. 5 / 7:00pm

Julie Dobrow
After Emily: Two Remarkable Women and the Legacy of America’s Greatest Poet
@ Harvard Book Store
Writer and Tufts professor Julie Dobrow discusses the untold story of the mother and daughter who transcribed, edited, and promoted the initial posthumous work of Emily Dickinson.

Wednesday, Nov. 7 / 7:00pm

Blair Imani
Modern HERstory: Stories of Women and Nonbinary People Rewriting History
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed writer and activist Blair Imani discusses her debut book—a new approach to history for all ages that profiles seventy women, girls, and gender nonbinary people who have changed or are still changing the world.

Thursday, Nov. 8 / 6:00pm

Elaine Pagels
Why Religion?: A Personal Story in conversation with ARUN RATH
$6 tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
Preeminent academic Elaine Pagels discusses her latest book, which draws on personal experiences and the perspectives of neurologists and historians to explore the enduring capacity of faith in the 21st century.

Thursday, Nov. 8 / 7:30pm

Pete Souza
Shade: A Tale of Two Presidents
$50 tickets (book included)
@ Back Bay Events Center 180 Berkeley St., Boston
Celebrated photographer Pete Souza—the Chief Official White House Photographer for President Obama—presents his latest book, which contrasts the Obama and Trump administrations through a series of visual juxtapositions.

Friday, November 9 / 3:00pm

Ieva Jusionyte
Threshold: Emergency Responders on the US-Mexico Border
Friday Forum
@ Harvard Book Store
Harvard professor Ieva Jusionyte discusses the politics of injury and rescue in the militarized region of the US-Mexico border and how first responders are torn between law and ethics.

Friday, November 9 / 7:00pm

Fox Butterfield
In My Father’s House: A New View of How Crime Runs in the Family
@ Harvard Book Store
Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Fox Butterfield discusses the United States incarceration problem and how debunking stereotypes about race and crime is necessary for reform efforts.

Saturday, Nov. 10 / 6:00pm

Jasmine Guillory
The Proposal in conversation with ROXANE GAY
$30 tickets (book included)
@ OBERON | 2 Arrow St.
Bestselling novelist Jasmine Guillory discusses The Proposal, the anticipated follow-up to her beloved romance The Wedding Date.

Monday, Nov. 12 / 7:00pm

Chaya Bhuvaneswar
White Dancing Elephants
New Voices in Fiction
@ Harvard Book Store
Prize-winning writer Chaya Bhuvaneswar discusses her debut story collection, which spotlights diverse women of color and explores feminist, queer, religious, and immigrant stories.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 / 7:00pm

Jonathan Franzen
The End of the End of the Earth: Essays
$8 tickets
@ First Parish Church 1446 Mass. Ave.
Renowned novelist and essayist Jonathan Franzen discusses his latest collection of essays, which includes an exploration of his complex relationship with his uncle, an assessment of the global seabird crisis, and his young adulthood in New York.
Tuesday, Nov. 13 / 7:00pm
Jess T. Dugan and Vanessa Fabbre
To Survive on This Shore: Photographs and Interviews with Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Older Adults
featuring GRACE STERLING STOWELL and DAVID E. WEEKLEY
@ Harvard Book Store
Photographer Jess Dugan and writer and professor Vanessa Fabbre discuss their new monograph, a nuanced view into the complexities of aging as a transgender person.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 / 6:00pm
Nathaniel Philbrick
In the Hurricane’s Eye: The Genius of George Washington and the Victory at Yorktown
$6 tickets
@ the Brattle Theatre | 40 Brattle St.
National Book Award–winning author Nathaniel Philbrick discusses the campaign that ultimately won the Revolutionary War for the Americans, from the Battle of the Chesapeake to the victory at Yorktown.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 / 7:00pm
James Geary
Wit’s End: What Wit Is, How It Works, and Why We Need It
@ Harvard Book Store
Bestselling author, journalist, and speaker James Geary discusses the many facets of wittness, such as the serendipitous wit of scientists, the crafty wit of inventors, the optical wit of artists, and the metaphorical wit of philosophers.

Thursday, Nov. 15 / 6:00pm
Adam Becker
What Is Real?: The Unfinished Quest for the Meaning of Quantum Physics
Cabot Science Book Talks
@ Harvard Science Center Hall C 1 Oxford St.
Astrophysicist and writer Adam Becker discusses the history of conflicting ideas surrounding the true meaning of quantum mechanics, and how a group of scientists in the 1920s challenged the dismissive Copenhagen interpretation.

Thursday, Nov. 15 / 7:00pm
Jonathan Lethem
The Feral Detective: A Novel
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning author Jonathan Lethem discusses his latest novel, in which a woman enlists the help of an enigmatic loner to help find her friend's missing daughter in the California desert where enclaves of vagabonds are at war.

Friday, Nov. 16 / 3:00pm
Christine M. Korsgaard
Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to the Other Animals
Friday Forum: Ethics in Your World
@ Harvard Book Store
Philosopher and author Christine Korsgaard discusses a new view of humans' moral relationships to other animals, defending the claim that we are obligated to treat all sentient beings as what Kant called "ends-in-themselves ."

Friday, Nov. 16 / 7:00pm
David Priess
How to Get Rid of a President: History’s Guide to Removing Unpopular, Unable, or Unfit Chief Executives
@ Harvard Book Store
Author and former CIA intelligence officer David Priess discusses the political history of the schemes, plots, maneuvers, and conspiracies that have attempted to remove unwanted U.S. presidents.

Monday, Nov. 19 / 7:00pm
Maryse Meijer
Northwood: A Novella
@ Harvard Book Store
Maryse Meijer, the acclaimed author of Heartbreaker, discusses her latest work of fiction, Northwood—a novella about a woman’s obsession with a brutal, violent lover that questions conceptions about art, female sexuality, and intimacy.

Monday, Nov. 26 / 7:00pm
The Harvard Square Book Circle
discusses Virginia Woolf's Orlando
@ Harvard Book Store
Our in-store book club discusses Virginia Woolf’s classic novel Orlando, a fantastical biography of a poet who doubles first as an Elizabethan nobleman and then as a Victorian heroine.

Tuesday, Nov. 27 / 7:00pm
David A. Kaplan
The Most Dangerous Branch: Inside the Supreme Court’s Assault on the Constitution
@ Harvard Book Store
Award-winning journalist David Kaplan discusses the Supreme Court and the secret world of its justices, arguing that their decisions in landmark cases are subverting democracy.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 / 7:00pm
Jack Bishop
Tasting Italy: A Culinary Journey
@ Harvard Book Store
Celebrated chef and food writer Jack Bishop discusses the latest cookbook from America’s Test Kitchen, a culinary journey through the history of Italian cuisine that combines recipes, photographs, and maps.

Thursday, Nov. 29 / 7:00pm
Tim Wu
The Curse of Bigness: Antitrust in the New Gilded Age
@ Harvard Book Store
Acclaimed writer, policy advocate, and Columbia law professor Tim Wu discusses the shortcomings of today’s “oligopoly age,” calling for tighter antitrust enforcement and an end to mega-corporate economic and political inequality.

Friday, Nov. 30 / 7:00pm
Helen Riess and Susan Lanzoni
The Empathy Effect: Seven Neuroscience-Based Keys for Transforming the Way We Live, Love, Work, and Connect Across Differences
@ Harvard Book Store
Harvard Medical School professor Dr. Helen Riess and science and medicine historian Susan Lanzoni discuss their new books on empathy. Riess’ The Empathy Effect explores new research on how empathy develops from birth to adulthood and the science behind how it works. Lanzoni’s Empathy is a well-researched history that tells the story of the first appearance of “empathy” in 1908 and its shifting meanings over the following century.

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