Speakers Bureau Catalog
2019–20
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OVERVIEW

The Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) Speakers Bureau Program provides Harvard Clubs and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) with the annual opportunity to host distinguished members of the Harvard faculty and administration for an educational event. The participating faculty and administrators generously volunteer their time and energy to keep alumni connected to the rich intellectual life of the University, and they receive no honorarium for their efforts.

U.S. and Canadian Clubs and SIGs may request one faculty speaker per academic year. Please review the program guidelines and the catalog of participating Harvard University faculty members. The speaker list includes faculty from almost all Harvard Schools and seeks to represent the evolving and diverse nature of the educators of Harvard. If you would like to host a Harvard speaker, please consult with your Club/SIG officers and submit your request form by the appropriate deadline. While it is not always possible to obtain your first-choice speaker, the HAA looks forward to working with you to create and execute a successful, engaging event.

Contact

If you have any questions about the Speakers Bureau, please connect with the HAA’s Clubs & SIGs office via email at clubs@harvard.edu or by phone at 800-654-6494.
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1. Speaker request forms must be submitted to the HAA by the following deadlines: **October 11, 2019, for fall 2019 events** and **December 13, 2019, for spring 2020 events**. Please note that once the HAA contacts a faculty member for his/her availability, this is an invitation, not an inquiry.

2. If you or a member of your leadership decides to contact a faculty speaker directly, please notify the HAA in advance and copy clubs@harvard.edu on all correspondence.

3. Clubs/SIGs must guarantee an audience of at least 40 alumni and guests for the event—and confirm this count to the HAA at least 10 days prior to the event. This minimum number ensures that faculty traveling for the program, as well as volunteers planning the event, feel that their participation is valuable both to the Club/SIG and to the University. If you are concerned about attendance, please contact the HAA for assistance.

**Club/SIG Responsibilities**

**HAA Speakers Bureau request form:** Complete the request form and identify one person to serve as the event contact. This person is responsible for managing all dealings with the HAA and the faculty member, arranging logistics, and either serving as the host or designating a host for the faculty member.

**Marketing:** Since you are responsible for ensuring that the program has a minimum of 40 attendees, please begin marketing the event as early as possible. Below are suggestions on how to market your event:

- Send a save-the-date email to your members as soon as the event date is confirmed.
- Create an event web presence on your Club/SIG website.
- List your event in HAA’s monthly e-newsletter eVENTS.
- Post your event on the HAA’s social media channels: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- Use telephone, text, and targeted email reminders as needed.

Note: If your event is open to all alumni in your area, you may leverage the HAA broadcast email system in addition to HAA’s eVENTS and social media channels. Please contact the HAA for guidelines and deadlines for these services.
**Speaker arrangements:** The Club/SIG is responsible for the faculty speaker’s hotel accommodations as well as transportation to and from the local airport or train station. If the speaker is traveling to a Club/SIG in the western United States, they may require a two-night stay. Please make all hotel arrangements and confirm that the room has been paid for in advance. Advise both the speaker and the HAA when these arrangements have been confirmed. The Club/SIG is also responsible for any special needs the speaker may have with regard to the event (e.g., audiovisual equipment, dietary concerns, accessibility, etc.).

**Event logistics and communications:** After the faculty member has accepted the invitation, your designated event contact should send a confirmation letter to the speaker, copying clubs@harvard.edu. Confirmation details should include:

- Event date and time
- Event location and address
- Expected event format and attendance
- Name and contact information of the host who will pick up the speaker from the airport/train station
- Hotel, address, and confirmation information
- Dress code, event flow/timing, including information on the introducer, etc.
- Audiovisual needs or other special arrangements for the event

**Hosting:** As the host during the speaker’s time in your city, you are responsible for making the trip both enjoyable and rewarding. Recommendations are as follows:

- Pick up speaker from the airport or train station
- Drive speaker to and from the event
- Pay for incidentals, such as drinks at a cash bar, etc.
- If the speaker has family, friends, or colleagues in the area, consider inviting to the events as guests
- Send a thank you note to the speaker on behalf of your Club/SIG immediately following the event

**Feedback:** You will receive a Speakers Bureau event summary survey following the event. Please complete the survey within one week. This summary is vital to the program’s overall success and the HAA’s ability to review speakers and determine ways to improve the Speakers Bureau program.
Harvard Alumni Association Responsibilities

Speaker invitations: After receiving the Club/SIG’s completed HAA Speakers Bureau request form, the HAA is responsible for issuing invitations and securing a speaker on behalf of the Club/SIG.

Speaker travel: The HAA arranges and pays for coach-class air travel to/from Boston as well as ground transportation to/from Logan Airport and other incidental travel costs.

Bio, title, and description: The HAA provides the Club/SIG with the speaker’s biographical information, presentation title, and event description for marketing. The HAA will also work with the faculty speaker’s audiovisual needs and other background information as needed.

Marketing support: On a case-by-case basis, the HAA may support event marketing by sending a broadcast email on behalf of a Club/SIG to all alumni in the club area a few weeks in advance of an event. The HAA may also assist in promoting the event in the monthly EVENTS e-newsletter and on the HAA’s social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn) as appropriate. For all event marketing, the sponsoring Club/SIG is responsible for creating and sharing the message content and the preferred date to send the message. (Please note that this email is in addition to the one broadcast email per Club/SIG allocated in accordance with the current Clubs and Shared Interest Groups broadcast email policy.)

Briefing the faculty member: The HAA provides briefings for faculty members/administrators before their trips on all event plans and logistics and serves as a liaison for the sponsoring Club/SIG both before and after the event.

Questions?

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Below are faculty members whose research and teaching focuses on University priorities, including inequality and access to education and climate change.

**Anthony Abraham Jack PhD ’16**

*Title:* Junior Fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Assistant Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Shutzer Assistant Professor, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study  
*Possible topics:* What influences undergraduate students’ sense of belonging, higher education and doubly disadvantaged students  
*Recent books/articles:* The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students

**Daniel Jacob**

*Title:* Vasco McCoy Family Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry and Environmental Engineering, John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Faculty Associate, Harvard University Center for the Environment; Professor, Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences  
*Possible topics:* Air pollution, climate change  
*Recent books/articles:* Thriving on Our Changing Planet: A Decadal Strategy for Earth Observation from Space

**Timothy Patrick McCarthy AB ’93**

*Title:* Core Faculty and Program Director, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, and Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School; Lecturer on History & Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education  
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Recent books/articles: Inside Urban Charter Schools, Confronting Challenges: Case Studies for School Principals

Daniel G. Nocera

Title: Patterson Rockwood Professor of Energy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Renewable energy, biologic energy conversion, fuels and food from sunlight, chemical physics

Martha Schwartz GSD ’77

Title: Professor in Practice of Landscape Architecture, Harvard Graduate School of Design
Possible topics: Education of climate change and geoengineering technologies in academia, urban landscaping, environmental sustainability, sustainable cities, landscape architecture, climate change
Recent books/articles: “Martha Schwartz on Climate Change: ‘We’re Past the Point of No Return’,” “LAMCAST: Martha Schwartz Beyond Practice”
Peter Burgard

Title: Professor of German, Faculty Associate of the Minda de Gunzberg Center for European Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Stephanie Burt AB ’93

Title: Professor of English, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Sonnets, contemporary poets, science fiction
Recent books/articles: The Poem Is You: 60 Contemporary American Poems and How to Read Them

Verena A. Conley

Title: Long Term Visiting Professor of Comparative Literature and of Romance Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: French literature today, postwar literature, transformations of space in contemporary culture, “The Question of the Banlieue,” “Crisscrossing the Mediterranean: Literary and Cultural Exchanges Between France and North Africa”
Recent books/articles: Cree: To Believe in the World

Lorgia García Peña

Title: Roy G. Clouse Associate Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures and of History and Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Contemporary U.S. Latinx literature and cultures, Caribbean literature and cultures, performance studies, race and ethnicity, transnational feminism, migration, human rights, Dominican and Dominican diaspora studies
Recent books/articles: The Borders of Dominicanidad: Race, Nation, and Archives of Contradiction
William Granara

Title: Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Professor of the Practice of Arabic on the Gordon Gray Endowment, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Modern Arab literature

Thomas Forrest Kelly PhD ’73

Title: Morton B. Knafel Professor of Music Emeritus, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Classical music, opera, history of musical notation

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Title: Core Faculty and Program Director, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, and Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School; Lecturer on History & Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Recent books/articles: Indecent on Broadway

Catherine Ann McKenna PhD ’76

Title: Margaret Brooks Robinson Professor of Celtic Languages and Literatures, Chair of the Department of Celtic Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Jack Megan

Title: Director of the Office for the Arts at Harvard, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: The burgeoning undergraduate arts scene at Harvard, the unique environment of undergraduate arts at Harvard and their importance in a liberal arts environment

Elisa New

Title: Powell M. Cabot Professor of American Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Jacob’s Cane, “Moby Dick in the Era of BP,” “Hawthorne and the Pillory in the Age of the Huffington Post,” “Whitman: Life on the Streets”
Recent books/articles: *Jacob’s Cane: A Jewish Family’s Journey from the Four Lands of Lithuania to the Ports of London and Baltimore*

Martin Puchner PhD ’98

Title: Byron and Anita Wien Professor of Drama and of English and Comparative Literature, Founding Director of the Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Theater, Dance & Media program at Harvard; “Storytelling and Media”; “Contemporary Theater and the Arts”; “Theater and Philosophy: From Plato to the Present”; “World Literature and Travel”; MOOCs
Recent books/articles: *The Written World: The Power of Stories to Shape People, History, and Civilization*

Jeff Quilter

Title: William and Muriel Seabury Howells Director of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Senior Lecturer in Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: “Andean South America, the Intermediate Area, and Interactions Between and Shared Culture Among New World Peoples”; “Social Change and Transformations”; ancient and non-Western art; “The Limits and Potentials of Archaeology in Understanding the Past”
Linda Schlossberg

**Title:** Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, Lecturer on Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** “Dystopic Literature in the Age of Trump”; “Selling Jane Austen”; “Fiction and Gender”; “Identity Politics and the Study of Literature and Fiction Writing”; “LGBTQ+ Literature and Representations of LGBTQ+ People in Literature, Popular Culture, and Media”; “Women’s Issues and Representations of Women in Literature, Popular Culture, and Media”; “Body Image Issues and Eating Disorders: Historical and Contemporary Perspective”

**Recent books/articles:** *Life in Miniature*

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Kay K. Shelemay

**Title:** G. Gordon Watts Professor of Music, Professor of African and African American Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences


**Recent books/articles:** *Soundscapes: Exploring Music in a Changing World (third edition)*

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Werner Sollors

**Title:** Henry B. and Anne M. Cabot Research Professor of English Literature and Professor of African American Studies Emeritus, Faculty of Arts and Sciences


**Recent books/articles:** *The Temptation of Despair: Tales of the 1940s*

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Doris Sommer

**Title:** Director of Graduate Studies in Spanish, Ira Jewell Williams, Jr. Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures and of African and African American Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** Democracy and aesthetics, “Civility: An Option or a Baseline?”, *The Work of Art in the World*, education for peace

**Recent books/articles:** *The Work of Art in the World: Civic Engagement and Public Humanities*
Maria Tatar

**Title:** Chair of the Program in Folklore and Mythology, John L. Loeb Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** “Touching Magic: The Power of Stories in Childhood”; African American fairytales; *Alice in Wonderland; Beauty and the Beast*; children’s literature, folklore, and fairytales

**Recent books/articles:** *The Classic Fairy Tales*
Alberto Alesina PhD ’86

**Title:** Nathaniel Ropes Professor of Political Economy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** economic policies and elections; the political economy of fiscal policy and budget deficits; culture and economics; ethnic conflict; inequality, social mobility, and redistributive policies; the macroeconomic effects of austerity; European integration  
**Recent books/articles:** *The Future of Europe: Reform or Decline, Austerity: When It Works and When It Doesn’t*

Tommy Amaker

**Title:** Thomas G. Stemberg ’71 Family Endowed Head Coach for Men’s Basketball  
**Possible topics:** Harvard athletics today, national issues surrounding recruiting, sports specialization and year-round commitment, lessons learned through athletics participations, transforming an athletics program, sustaining excellence while staying true to Ivy ideals

Hannah Riley Bowles MPP ’94, DBA ’01

**Title:** Chair of the Management, Leadership, and Decision Sciences Area, Co-Director of the Women & Public Policy Program, Roy E. Larson Senior Lecturer in Public Policy and Management, Harvard Kennedy School  
**Possible topics:** Decision-making and negotiation; gender, race, and identity; public leadership and management; women and power  
**Recent books/articles:** “Status Reinforcement in Emerging Economies: The Psychological Experience of Local Candidates Striving for Global Employment,” “How Can Women Escape the Compensation Negotiation Dilemma? Relational Accounts Are One Answer”

Richard Newell Cooper PhD ’62

**Title:** Maurits C. Boas Professor of International Economics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** “Prospects for the World Economy: A Glimpse of 2040,” “Are Free Trade Areas Good for Us?”, “Policy Towards Global Climate Change,” “A Half Century of Development: China’s Past and Future Growth”
Fiery Cushman AB ’03, PhD ’08

Title: John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Psychology, morality, punishment, decision-making, social behavior, causal reasoning

Amy C. Edmondson AB ’81, PhD ’96

Title: Novartis Professor of Leadership and Management, Harvard business School
Possible topics: Organizational behavior, cross-boundary teaming, organizational learning, leading change, innovation through collaboration
Recent books/articles: Building the Future: Big Teaming for Audacious Innovation, Teaming: How Organizations Learn, Innovate, and Compete in the Knowledge Economy

Benjamin Friedman AB ’66, PhD ’71

Title: William Joseph Maier Professor of Political Economy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Recent books/articles: “A Century of Growth and Improvement”

Michael Norton

Title: Director of Research, Harold M. Brierley Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School
Recent books/articles: Happy Money: The Science of Smarter Spending
**Daniel L. Shapiro**

**Title:** Founder and Director of the Harvard International Negotiation Program, Affiliate Faculty in the Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School; Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School

**Possible topics:** Negotiation and conflict resolution—from the interpersonal to the international; bridging the divides in the United States and the world; new negotiation tools derived from work with international peacemakers, business leaders, hostage negotiators, and families in crisis; the critical role of emotions and identity in negotiation

**Recent books/articles:** *Negotiating the Nonnegotiable, Beyond Reason: Using Emotions as You Negotiate*

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**Scott A. Snook MBA ’87, PhD ’96**

**Title:** MBA Class of 1958 Senior Lecturer of Business, Harvard Business School

**Possible topics:** Leader development, organizational behavior, organizational change and transformation

**Recent books/articles:** *The Discover Your True North Fieldbook*

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**David Yoffie**

**Title:** Max and Doris Starr Professor of International Business Administration, Harvard Business School

**Possible topics:** Competition, competitive advantage, information technology, strategy, strategic planning

**Recent books/articles:** *Strategy Rules: Five Timeless Lessons from Bill Gates, Andy Grove, and Steve Jobs*
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**Recent books/articles:** *The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students*

Pamela Adrienne Mason MAT ’70, EdD ’75

**Title:** Director of the Language and Literacy Program, Director of the Jeanne Chall Reading Lab, Senior Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

**Possible topics:** “Critical Literacy and Culturally Sustaining Literacy Instruction”; “Now Read This!: Understanding What We Read”; “There’s No Place Like Home: Raising Readers and Writers (of all ages)”; “Instructional Coaching as Public Narrative: Motivation, Strategy, and Action”; “School Leadership: Developing a Culture of Achievement”; “Promoting Equity and Diversity in Educational Organizations”

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**Recent books/articles:** *Inside Urban Charter Schools, Confronting Challenges: Case Studies for School Principals*
Paul E. Peterson

**Title:** Director of the Program on Education Policy and Governance, Henry Lee Shattuck Professor of Government, Harvard Kennedy School

**Possible topics:** Education policy and governance, school reform, school choice vouchers, high-stakes testing, accountability, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, the perilous state of education and what can be done about it, charter schools, how virtual education can transform our high schools

Chris Robichaud

**Title:** Director of Pedagogical Innovation at the Edmund J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University; Senior Lecturer in Ethics and Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

**Possible topics:** “Post-truth” age of politics, teaching through gameplay, new innovations in ethics pedagogy, superheroes and culture/politics/philosophy/literature, dystopias and politics/philosophy, pop culture and philosophy

**Recent books/articles:** “Morality Play: Old Game Gives us a New Way to Teach Ethics” TEDx talk

Stuart Shieber AB ’81

**Title:** Director of the Center for Research on Computation and Society, Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Faculty Director of the Harvard Office for Scholarly Communication, Harvard Libraries; James O. Welch, Jr. and Virginia B. Welch Professor of Computer Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** Technology and society, open access to scholarship
Ali S. A. Asani AB ’77, PhD ’84

**Title:** Professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures, Faculty of Arts and Sciences


Theodore C. Bestor

**Title:** Reischauer Institute Professor of Social Anthropology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** Tokyo Tsukiji fish market scandal, Japanese cuisine as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, the fifth flavor: umami

**Recent books/articles:** *Routledge Handbook of Japanese Culture and Society*

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Ashish K. Jha MD ’96, MPH ’04

**Title:** Director of the Harvard Global Health Institute, K.T. Li Professor of Global Health, Senior Associate Dean for Research Translation and Global Strategy, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

**Possible topics:** U.S. health care reform, Affordable Care Act, international comparisons of health systems, quality of care and patient safety, global health and universal health coverage, health information technology

**Recent books/articles:** “Comparison of Hospital Mortality and Readmission Rates for Medicare Patients Treated by Male vs. Female Physicians,” “Health Care Spending in the United Stated and Other High-Income Countries”
Michael B. McElroy

**Title:** Gilbert Butler Professor of Environmental Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** *Energy and Climate: Vision for the Future;* Harvard Global Institute; the economy, public health, and future of China

**Recent books/articles:** *Energy and Climate: Vision for the Future*

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Rahul Mehrotra MAUD ’87

**Title:** Director of the Master of Architecture in Urban Design Program, Co-Director of the Master of Landscape Architecture in Urban Design Degree Program, Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Harvard Graduate School of Design


**Recent books/articles:** *Ephemeral Urbanism: Does Permanence Matter?; The State of Architecture: Practices and Processes in India—Documenting the Exhibition and Its Allied Events*

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Alberto Jose Mora

**Title:** Senior Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

**Possible topics:** “The United States and the Strategic Costs of the Use of Torture”

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Thomas M. Nichols

**Title:** Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** “Nuclear Deterrence and Nuclear War in the 21st Century,” “Dictators and Disasters: When Should America Intervene?”, “Secrets of the Cold War: What Have We Learned?”, “The Death of Expertise”
Michael Puett

Title: Walter C. Klein Professor of Chinese History, Chair of the Committee on the Study of Religion, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: “The Path: What Chinese Philosophers Can Teach Us About the Good Life,” Chinese philosophy, Chinese history, contemporary political debates in China
Recent books/articles: “Early China in Eurasian History” in A Companion to Chinese History

Michael Rosen

Title: Senator Joseph S. Clark Professor of Ethics in Politics and Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: “19th- and 20th-Century European Philosophy and Contemporary Anglo-American Political Philosophy,” “Dignity: Its History and Meaning”

Martha Schwartz GSD ’77

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Possible topics: Education of climate change and geoengineering technologies in academia, urban landscaping, environmental sustainability, sustainable cities, landscape architecture, climate change
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Aaron Bernstein

Title: Co-Director of the Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School; Physician in Medicine, Children’s Hospital Boston

Possible topics: Climate change and health, biodiversity and health, climate change and children’s health, global environmental change and human health

I. Glenn Cohen JD ’03

Title: Faculty Director of the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics, James A. Attwood and Leslie Williams Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Possible topics: Law and ethics at the cutting edge of medicine; the future of reproduction; patients with passports: medical tourism, law, and ethics; big data, health care, law, and ethics

Recent books/articles: *The Globalization of Health Care: Legal and Ethical Issues; Big Data, Health Law, and Bioethics; Specimen Science: Ethics and Policy Implications*

Fiery Cushman AB ’03, PhD ’08

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Jamie Jacobs

Title: Assistant Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School; Director of Cancer Caregiving Research, Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Outcomes Research Program; Clinical Staff Psychologist, Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center

Possible topics: “Fighting Cancer with the Mind”; mastering family caregiver stress; leveraging virtual and app-based tools in cancer care; stress, cancer, and coping; integrating mind-body medicine in cancer care

Recent books/articles: “How to Cope with the Stress of Cancer,” *Cancer Caregivers*, “Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Mobile Application for Anxiety in Patients with Incurable Cancer”
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**Joshua M. Kosowsky AB ’88, MD ’96**

**Title:** Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Harvard Medical School  
**Possible topics:** “When Doctors Don’t Listen”

**Richard J. McNally**

**Title:** Director of Clinical Training, Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** “What is Mental Illness?”, “Why Do Some People Come to Believe They Have Been Abducted by Space Aliens or Have Lived Previous Lives?”

**William Pirl MD ’94, MPH ’08**

**Title:** Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; Vice Chair for Psychosocial Oncology, Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
**Possible topics:** “Fighting Cancer with the Mind,” “Psychological Aspects of Cancer,” “Palliative and End-of-Life Care”
**Linda Schlossberg**

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**Recent books/articles:** *Life in Miniature*

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**Michael VanRooyen**

**Title:** Director of the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative; Lavine Family Professor of Humanitarian Studies, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Professor of Emergency Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Chairman, Brigham and Women’s Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine  
**Possible topics:** Humanitarian assistance and war and conflict; the future of humanitarian assistance; strategies for aid effectiveness in the Middle East; professionalizing global humanitarianism; the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative; “The World’s Emergency Room: The Growing Threat to Doctors, Nurses, and Humanitarian Workers”

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**John R. Weisz**

**Title:** Director of the Laboratory for Youth Mental Health, Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** The nature and treatment of child and adolescent mental health problems, including anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress, and conduct problems; the evolution of psychotherapy since the early 1900s  
**Recent books/articles:** *Evidence-Based Psychotherapies for Children and Adolescents (third edition)*
Ali S. A. Asani AB ’77, PhD ’84

Title: Professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures, Faculty of Arts and Sciences


Ann D. Braude

Title: Director of the Women’s Studies in Religion Program, Senior Lecturer on American Religious History, Harvard Divinity School

Possible topics: Religion and the modern women’s movement

Catherine Brekus AB ’85

Title: Charles Warren Professor of the History of Religion in America, Harvard Divinity School; Chair of the Committee on the Study of Religion, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Possible topics: Religion and American exceptionalism; Evangelical Christianity in America; women’s religious leadership in America; the Bible and the American Revolution; Christianity, capitalism, and consumerism in the United States

Recent books/articles: Sarah Osborn’s World: The Rise of Evangelical Christianity in Early America

Diane L. Moore MDiv ’84

Title: Director of the Religious Literacy Project; Lecturer in Religion, Conflict, and Peace; Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of World Religions; Harvard Divinity School

Possible topics: Religious illiteracy, religion and ecology, world religions, politics and religion
**Michael Puett**

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**Possible topics:** “The Path: What Chinese Philosophers Can Teach Us About the Good Life,” Chinese philosophy, Chinese history, contemporary political debates in China  
**Recent books/articles:** “Early China in Eurasian History” in *A Companion to Chinese History*

**Ahmed Ragab**

**Title:** Richard T. Watson Associate Professor of Science and Religion, Harvard Divinity School; Affiliate of the Department of the History of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** Science and religion, Islam and science, Islamic history, intellectual and cultural history of the Middle East and the Islamic world, history of science and technology, science and religion, Islam and science  
**Recent books/articles:** *The Medieval Islamic Hospital: Medicine, Religion, and Charity*; “One, Two, or More Sexes: Sex Differentiation in Medieval Islamicate Medical Thought” in the *Journal of the History of Sexuality*
Andrew J. Berry

Title: Lecturer on Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Assistant Head Tutor of Integrative Biology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences


Emily Broad Leib JD ’08

Title: Founder and Director, Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic; Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Possible topics: U.S. food law and policy, reducing food waste—U.S. and global policies, expiration date labels, food system impacts on health and environment, U.S. national food strategy


I. Glenn Cohen JD ’03

Title: Faculty Director of the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics, James A. Attwood and Leslie Williams Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Possible topics: Law and ethics at the cutting edge of medicine; the future of reproduction; patients with passports: medical tourism, law, and ethics; big data, health care, law, and ethics

Recent books/articles: The Globalization of Health Care: Legal and Ethical Issues; Big Data, Health Law, and Bioethics; Specimen Science: Ethics and Policy Implications
David R. Foster

Title: Director of the Harvard Forest, Senior Lecturer on Biology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

William Friedman

Title: Director of the Arnold Arboretum, Arnold Professor of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Faculty Fellow of the Arnold Arboretum, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Peter Galison AB ’77, PhD ’83

Title: Director of the Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments, Joseph Pellegrino University Professor, Senior Fellow of the Society of Fellows, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: “Einstein’s Clock,” The H-Bomb Dilemma (film and talk)

Alyssa A. Goodman PhD ’89

Title: Co-Director of the Science Program, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study; Robert Wheeler Wilson Professor of Applied Astronomy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Research Associate of the Smithsonian Institution
Jonathan E. Grindlay PhD ’71

**Title:** Robert Treat Paine Professor of Practical Astronomy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  

Robert P. Kirshner AB ’70

**Title:** Clowes Professor of Science Emeritus, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** “Dark Energy, Exploding Stars, and the Accelerating Universe”

Michael B. McElroy

**Title:** Gilbert Butler Professor of Environmental Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** *Energy and Climate: Vision for the Future*; Harvard Global Institute; the economy, public health, and future of China  
**Recent books/articles:** *Energy and Climate: Vision for the Future*

Daniel G. Nocera

**Title:** Patterson Rockwood Professor of Energy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** Renewable energy, biologic energy conversion, fuels and food from sunlight, chemical physics  
**Recent books/articles:** “The Bionic Leaf: How Artificial Plant Life Could Wipe Out Poverty,” “Why Developing Countries Won’t Make the Same Energy Mistakes,” “Bionic Leaf Might Power Earth”
Karin Öberg

Title: Director of Undergraduate Studies, Professor of Astronomy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: The chemistry of planet formation, how to make a habitable planet, origins of chemical complexity in space

Ahmed Ragab

Title: Richard T. Watson Associate Professor of Science and Religion, Harvard Divinity School; Affiliate of the Department of the History of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Science and religion, Islam and science, Islamic history, intellectual and cultural history of the Middle East and the Islamic world, history of science and technology, science and religion, Islam and science
Recent books/articles: The Medieval Islamic Hospital: Medicine, Religion, and Charity; “One, Two, or More Sexes: Sex Differentiation in Medieval Islamicate Medical Thought” in the Journal of the History of Sexuality

Martha Schwartz GSD ’77

Title: Professor in Practice of Landscape Architecture, Harvard Graduate School of Design
Possible topics: Education of climate change and geoengineering technologies in academia, urban landscaping, environmental sustainability, sustainable cities, landscape architecture, climate change
Recent books/articles: “Martha Schwartz on Climate Change: ‘We’re Past the Point of No Return’,” “LAMCAST: Martha Schwartz Beyond Practice”

Stuart Shieber AB ’81

Title: Director of the Center for Research on Computation and Society, Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Faculty Director of the Harvard Office for Scholarly Communication, Harvard Libraries; James O. Welch, Jr. and Virginia B. Welch Professor of Computer Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Possible topics: Technology and society, open access to scholarship
Amy J. Wagers

Title: Co-Chair, Harvard Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology, Forst Family Professor of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology, Senior Investigator at the Joslin Diabetes Center, Harvard Medical School

Possible topics: Using stem cells to rebuild and repair damaged organs, healthy aging, therapeutic gene editing using CRISPR/Cas9

Recent books/articles: “In Vivo Gene Editing in Dystrophic Mouse Muscle and Muscle Stem Cells”
### Sasha Achen Killewald

**Title:** Director of Graduate Studies, Professor of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Chair, PhD Program in Social Policy  
**Possible topics:** How marriage and parenthood shape men’s and women’s careers, racial wealth disparities and where they come from  
**Recent books/articles:** “Intergenerational Wealth Mobility and Racial Inequality” (*with animations*); “Tethered Lives: A Couple-Based Perspective on the Consequences of Parenthood for Time Use, Occupation, and Wages”

### Joyce A. Chaplin

**Title:** James Duncan Phillips Professor of Early American History, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** “World Population: From Malthus to Malthusianism”; “Early American Climate Science, a Distant Mirror”; American food history  
**Recent books/articles:** “Ogres and Omnivores: Early American Historians and Climate History,” *Round About the Earth: Circumnavigation from Magellan to Orbit*

### Benjamin Friedman AB ’66, PhD ’71

**Title:** William Joseph Maier Professor of Political Economy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Recent books/articles:** “A Century of Growth and Improvement”

### Randall Kennedy

**Title:** Michael R. Klein Professor of Law, Harvard Law School  
**Possible topics:** Racial controversies and the American legal system, how did the protests against racial injustice in the mid 20th century change American law?
Michael Klarman

**Title:** Kirkland & Ellis Professor of Law, Harvard Law School


**Recent books/articles:** *The Framers’ Coup: The Making of the United States Constitution*

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Caroline Light

**Title:** Director of Undergraduate Studies; Senior Lecturer on Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality; Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** “The Historical and Ideological Roots of Self-Defense Ideologies (and Stand Your Ground Laws in Particular)”; “Historical Perspectives on Immigration and Naturalization”; “The History of the Jewish South”; “Gender, Race, and Consumption in the United States” (or “Consumer Culture”)

**Recent books/articles:** *Stand Your Ground: A History of America’s Love Affair with Lethal Self-Defense*

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Timothy Patrick McCarthy AB ’93

**Title:** Core Faculty and Program Director, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, and Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School; Lecturer on History & Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education


**Recent books/articles:** *Indecent on Broadway*
**Alberto Jose Mora**

**Title:** Senior Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School  
**Possible topics:** “The United States and the Strategic Costs of the Use of Torture”

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**Nancy L. Rosenblum AB ’69, PhD ’73**

**Title:** Senator Joseph S. Clark Professor of Ethics in Politics and Government Emerita, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Possible topics:** “Good Neighbors: The Democracy of Everyday Life”; “Ordinary Vices and Ordinary Offenses: The Ethic of Good Neighbors”; “Neighbors in Extreme Situations: Violence, Betrayal, Lynching, Disaster”  
**Recent books/articles:** *A Lot of People Are Saying: The New Conspiracism and the Assault on Democracy*

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**Maya Sen AB ’00, PhD ’12**

**Title:** Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School  
**Possible topics:** Political economy of U.S. race relations, the American legal system, the impact of U.S. slavery on contemporary Southern politics  
**Recent books/articles:** *Deep Roots: How Slavery Still Shapes Southern Politics*

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**Werner Sollors**

**Title:** Henry B. and Anne M. Cabot Research Professor of English Literature and Professor of African American Studies Emeritus, Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
**Recent books/articles:** *The Temptation of Despair: Tales of the 1940s*
Brandon M. Terry AB ’05

**Title:** Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies and Social Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** African American Civil Rights Movement; black intellectual and political thought; contemporary political theory; the philosophy of race and racism; questions of poverty, crime, and incarceration in political and social theory; the tragic vision of the Civil Rights Movement

**Recent books/articles:** “After Ferguson”

Richard Tuck

**Title:** Frank G. Thomson Professor of Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**Possible topics:** History of political theory, modern political theory, slavery, democracy, Anglo-American universities