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The Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) Speakers Bureau Program provides Harvard Clubs and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) with the opportunity to host distinguished members of the Harvard faculty and administration.

U.S. and Canadian Clubs and SIGs may request one faculty speaker per academic year. Speakers participating in this year's program can be found in this catalogue (broken down by subject area and in an alphabetical index) and also on the [HAA Speakers Bureau website](#).

The participating faculty and administrators are volunteers, and we are very grateful to them for supporting the Speakers Bureau. They generously commit their time and energy to keeping alumni connected to the rich intellectual life of the University, and they receive no honorarium for their efforts. Please keep in mind that each of the participating individuals has limited time and a busy schedule. While it is not always possible to obtain your first-choice speaker, the HAA will do its utmost to accommodate your requests and assist you in planning a successful event.

In addition to this listing, please review all Speakers Bureau guidelines and responsibilities. If you decide to host a Harvard speaker, please consult with your Club/SIG officers and submit the Speakers Bureau request form by the appropriate deadline. If you have any questions or concerns about the Speakers Bureau, please contact [Ryan Ford](#) in the HAA's Clubs and SIGs office by [email](#) or at 800-654-6494 or 617-495-5326.

By Department/Possible Topic

- AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES -

[Rachel Gillett](#), *Lecturer and Assistant Director of Studies on History and Literature*

Possible topics: Crossing the Pond: Jazz, Race and Gender in Interwar Paris; Banana Skirts and Jungle Dreams—Why Black French Weren't Crazy about the Jazz Craze; Begin the Beguine: Why Dance Mattered in Interwar France; Europe in 1968: Protest on Both Sides of the Wall/Literature and Protest/From Paving Stones to Politics; Encountering "Others": Black French and American Soldiers in World War I; Colored Cosmopolitanism: Soldiers of Color and the World War One Experience; Rugby, Race, and Protest: The 1981 South African Rugby Tour of New Zealand; The Color Line and the Front Line: World War I and Minority Experiences; Who is Charlie? Charlie Hebdo, Race, and Politics in France

[Timothy Patrick McCarthy](#), *Lecturer on History and Literature and Adjunct Lecturer on Public Policy; Director of the Sexuality, Gender, and Human Rights Program at the Carr Center for Human Rights at the Harvard Kennedy School*

Possible topic: Our Bondage, Our Freedom: The Long History of Slavery and Abolition

Werner Sollors, *Henry B. and Anne M. Cabot Professor of English Literature; Professor of African and African American Studies*

Possible topics: African American Intellectuals in Europe between the Two World Wars; The True American Exception: Opposition to Interracial Marriage?; Dedicated to a Proposition: 'All Men Are Created Equal' in American Culture; Notes toward a Cultural History of the American Occupation of Germany after World War II; Can Rabbits Have Interracial Sex? The Strange Fate of Garth Williams' *The Rabbits' Wedding*; A New Look at the Concept of Immigrant Generations Literature: The Rise of Ethnic Modernism in the US, 1910–1950; The Multilingual Anthology of American Literature: Crossing Linguistic Boundaries in American Culture; From *Arabian Nights* to Hans Christian Andersen's play *Mulatto*: On an Anthology of Interracial Literature

– ART, ARCHITECTURE, and MUSIC –

Richard Beaudoin, *Preceptor in Music*

Possible topics: Anatomy of a Masterpiece; The Handless Watch: Music, Time, and Proportion; What Makes Music Beautiful?

Peter Burgard, *Professor of German; Faculty Associate of the Minda de Gunzberg Center for European Studies*

Possible topics: Caravaggio and the Contingencies of Faith: The Incredulity of St. Thomas; Decoration and Decorum: Vienna 1683–1914; Baroque and the Nonunity of the Visual Arts: From Bernini to Asam

Thomas Forrest Kelly, *Morton B. Knafel Professor of Music*

Possible topics: Classical Music; Opera; History of Musical Notation

Robert Levin, *Dwight P. Robinson, Jr. Professor of Music, Emeritus*

Possible topics: Who Cares If Classical Music Dies?; Mozart and Swing Jazz: The Same Language?; The Current State of the Performing Arts at Harvard

Timothy Patrick McCarthy, *Lecturer on History and Literature and Adjunct Lecturer on Public Policy; Director of the Sexuality, Gender, and Human Rights Program at the Carr Center for Human Rights at the Harvard Kennedy School*

Possible topics: From the Archive to the A.R.T.: What Happens When a Historian Tries to Become a Playwright?

Jack Megan, *Director, Office for the Arts at Harvard*

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

Martin Puchner, *Byron and Anita Wien Professor of Drama and of English and Comparative Literature; Founding Director, Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research*

Possible topic: Contemporary Theater and the Arts; Theater and Philosophy: From Plato to the Present

Carl Sapers, *Adjunct Professor of Studies in Professional Practice in Architecture, Emeritus*

Possible topic: Observations on Professional Life in America

Kay Kaufman Shelemay, *G. Gordon Watts Professor of Music; Professor of African and African American Studies Ethnomusicology*

Possible topics: Music and Memory; Performing Identity; A New African Community in North America: A Musical Portrait of the Ethiopian Diaspora; Mulatu Astatke and the Genesis of Ethio-Jazz; Musicians from the African Horn in their American diaspora; Soundscapes: Exploring Music in a Changing World

- ASTRONOMY -

[Alyssa Goodman](#), *Robert Wheeler Wilson Professor of Astronomy; Research Associate of the Smithsonian Institution*

Possible topics: Making Stars with Smoke and Mirrors; The Skeleton of the Milky Way

[Jonathan Grindlay](#), *Robert Treat Paine Professor of Practical Astronomy*

Possible topics: The High Energy Universe: Black Holes and Collapsed Objects, as Observed with the NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory, Operated from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics; The Historical Sky: Digital Access to Harvard's Unique Half-Million Images of the Sky Over the Past Century; Searching for Black Holes in 100 Years of Harvard Images of the Sky; Developing Future Space Telescopes to Observe Gamma-Ray Bursts from the Very First Stars as Probes of the Early Universe; Developing a Small Student-Built X-Ray Camera for a Big NASA Mission to an Asteroid

[Robert Kirshner](#), *Clowes Professor of Science*

Possible topic: Dark Energy, Exploding Stars, and the Accelerating Universe

[David Layzer](#), *Donald H. Menzel Research Professor of Astrophysics, Emeritus*

Possible topic: Freedom and Determinism: A New Scientific Perspective

- BUSINESS -

[Michael Norton](#), *Professor of Business Administration*

Possible topic: Trust Through Transparency; Happy Money: How Prosocial Spending Improves Happiness—and the Bottom Line

- EAST ASIAN STUDIES -

[Theodore C. Bestor](#), *Reischauer Institute Professor of Social Anthropology, Director of Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies*

Possible topics: Tsukiji: The Fish Market at the Center of the World; The Americanization of Sushi; How Sushi Went Global; Re-inventing Tokyo (all talks are with slides)

[James Cheng](#), *Librarian of the Harvard-Yenching Library*

Possible topic: East Asian Studies and Programs, and the Harvard-Yenching Library

[Robert E. Murowchick](#), *Assistant Professor of Archaeology and Anthropology; Associate in East Asian Archaeology at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology*

Possible topics: From the Ground Up: New Surprises in the Archaeology of Ancient China; From Geomancy to Geophysics: The Peabody Museum-Chinese Institute of Archaeology Field Program on Shang Civilization; Making the Past Serve the Present: Politics, Nationalism, and Archaeology; Let Silent Sentinels Speak: The Archaeology of Terra-Cotta Armies in China

- ECONOMICS -

[Richard Cooper](#), *Maurits C. Boas Professor of International Economics*

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

[Benjamin Friedman](#), *William Joseph Maier Professor of Political Economy*

Possible topics: How Economic Growth or Stagnation affects the Moral Character of Our Society; The Changing Nature of Monetary Policy; Prospects for the U.S. Economy and U.S. Economic Policy; Is Our Financial System Serving us Well?

- EDUCATION -

Catherine Marie Cook Avoub, *Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, Massachusetts General Hospital*

Possible topics: Childhood Trauma and Violence Prevention; Intervention with Young Children; Children in Court

Roland Fryer, *Henry Lee Professor of Economics; Faculty Director of the Education Innovation Laboratory*

Possible topics: The Education Innovation Laboratory at Harvard University; Education and the Achievement Gap; Testing for Racial Differences in the Mental Ability of Young Children

Alyssa Goodman, *Robert Wheeler Wilson Professor of Astronomy; Research Associate of the Smithsonian Institution*

Possible topics: The Art of Numbers: Data Visualization for the 21st Century (alternative title, "Seeing Science"); How Does Pervasive Computing and "Big Data" Change Teaching?

William Granara, *Director of Modern Language Programs; Professor of the Practice of Arabic on the Gordon Gray Endowment*

Possible topic: Arab and Islamic Education in America

Harry R. Lewis, *Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science, Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*

Possible topic: Reinventing the Classroom, Rethinking Education

Pamela Mason, *Senior Lecturer on Education, Director of the Language and Literacy Program and the Jeanne Chall Reading Lab at the Graduate School of Education*

Possible topics: 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

Timothy Patrick McCarthy, *Lecturer on History and Literature and Adjunct Lecturer on Public Policy; Director of the Sexuality, Gender, and Human Rights Program at the Carr Center for Human Rights at the Harvard Kennedy School*

Possible topics: Pedagogy and Privilege: Teaching the Values of Public Service and Social Justice

Paul E. Peterson, *Henry Lee Shattuck Professor of Government; Director of the Program on Education Policy and Governance; Editor-in-Chief of Education Next*

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

- ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE -

Andrew Berry, *Lecturer on Organismic and Evolutionary Biology; Assistant Head Tutor of Integrative Biology*

Possible topics: Evolution's Natural Laboratories: Island Insights; What Darwin Didn't Know: Evolution since *The Origin*

Peter Ashton, *Charles Bullard Research Professor of Forestry, Emeritus*

Possible topics: Tropical Forests; Research Towards Policy Reform for Maintaining Tropical Forests

[Aaron Bernstein](#) *M.D., M.P.H., Associate Director at the Center for Health and the Global Environment, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Instructor in 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, Energy and Health

- HARVARD ATHLETICS -

[Jenny Allard](#), Head Coach, Softball

[Tommy Amaker](#), *The Thomas G. Stemberg '71 Family Head Coach for Men's Basketball*

[Charley Butt](#), *The Bolles-Parker Head Coach for Men's Heavyweight Crew*

[Edward Donato](#), *The Robert D. Ziff '88 Head Coach for Men's Ice Hockey*

[Ted Minnis](#), *The Friends of Harvard Water Polo Head Coach of Men's and Women's Water Polo*

[Tim Murphy](#), *The Thomas Stephenson Family Head Coach for Football*

[Jason Saretsky](#), *The William W. "Bill" McCurdy Director of Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track and Field; Proctor*

Possible topics for all: Harvard Athletics Today; National Issues Surrounding Recruiting; Sports Specialization and Year-Round Commitment; Lessons Learned Through Athletics Participations; Transforming an Athletics Program; Sustain Excellence While Staying True to Ivy Ideals

- HARVARD UNIVERSITY -

[Peter Burgard](#), *Professor of German and Faculty Associate of the Minda de Gunzberg Center for European Studies*

Possible topic: HarvardX or Ex-Harvard?: MOOCs and the Future of the University; Engineering the Future of Harvard College?

[William R. Fitzsimmons](#), *Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid*

Possible topic: Admissions and Financial Aid at Harvard College

[Roland Fryer](#), *Henry Lee Professor of Economics; Faculty Director of the Education Innovation Laboratory*

Possible topic: The Education Innovation Laboratory at Harvard University

[Haden Guest](#), *Director of the Harvard Film Archive, Lecturer on Visual and Environmental Studies*

Possible Topics: The History of Film Production and Film Studies at Harvard; A Critical History of Postwar American Avante-Garde Cinema, An Illustrated Lecture

[Richard M. Hunt](#), *Former University Marshal, Former Senior Lecturer on Social Studies*

Possible topic: Harvard on the World Stage

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[John Rosenberg](#), *Editor, Harvard Magazine*

Possible topics: Ear to the Ground: The Life of the University Community as Reflected Bimonthly—and Daily, Online—in *Harvard Magazine*; Harvard University: Perspectives on the Campus and Schools Today

[Stuart Shieber](#), *James O. Welch, Jr. and Virginia B. Welch Professor of Computer Science; Faculty Director, Office for Scholarly Communication, Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*

Possible topic: Open Access to Scholarship

- HEALTH AND WELLNESS -

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[Dariush Mozaffarian](#), *Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*

Possible topic: Improving Healthcare Crises with Omega-3s; New Advances in Our Understanding of the Cardioprotective Diet; Trans Fatty Acids, Cardiometabolic Health, and Public Policy; Fats and Cardiovascular Disease

[Joshua M. Kosowsky](#), *Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine*

Possible topic: When Doctors Don't Listen

- HISTORY -

[Andrew Berry](#), *Lecturer on Organismic and Evolutionary Biology; Assistant Head Tutor, Integrative Biology*

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Thomas Nichols, *Adjunct Professor, Harvard Extension School*

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

Roger Owen, *Faculty Associate; Harvard Academy Senior Scholar; A. J. Meyer Professor of Middle East History, Emeritus*

Possible topics: The Modern Middle East; The Arab Spring; The Ups and Downs of Arab Unity; The Rise and Fall of the Era of Arab Republican Presidents for Life; The Mediterranean, its Winds and its Shipping Through the Ages

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Martin Puchner, *Byron and Anita Wien Professor of Drama and of English and Comparative Literature; Founding Director, Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research*

Possible topic: Theater and Philosophy: From Plato to the Present

Werner Sollors, *Henry B. and Anne M. Cabot Professor of English Literature; Professor of African and African American Studies*

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Richard Tuck, *Frank G. Thomson Professor of Government*

Possible topics: History of Political Theory; Modern Political Theory; Slavery; Democracy; Anglo-American Universities

Jason Ur, *Professor of Archaeology; Director of the Archaeology Program; Director of the Center for Geographic Analysis; Project Director for the Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey*

Possible topics: Declassified Spy Satellite Imagery and Archaeology in the Middle East

- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS -

Theodore C. Bestor, *Reischauer Institute Professor of Social Anthropology, Director of Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies*

Possible topics: Japanese Food Culture; The Tsukiji Fish Market; The Global Fishing Industry and Environmental Issues; Markets and Culture; Globalization and Culture; Re-inventing Tokyo (Note: all talks are with slides.)

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Donna Hicks, *Associate of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs*

Possible topics: Dignity: The Essential Role it Plays in Resolving Conflict (lecture based on publication); Leading with Dignity

Richard M. Hunt, *Former University Marshal, Former Senior Lecturer on Social Studies*

Possible topics: The New Germany in the New Europe; Nazi Germany: Lessons from the Past for the Present

Ofrit Liviatan, *Lecturer on Law and Politics; Director of Harvard College's Freshman Seminar Program*

Possible topics: The Functions of Law in Divided Societies; The Actualization of Law in Cultural and Ethno-national Conflicts (e.g., abortion politics, Islam, and the European public sphere, Northern Ireland, and Israel)

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Michael Rosen, *Professor of Government*

Possible topics: 19th and 20th Century European Philosophy and Contemporary Anglo-American Political Philosophy; Dignity: It's History and Meaning (based on publication)

Carol R. Saivetz, *Research Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies; Research Associate, Ukrainian Institute; Senior Advisor in the Security Studies Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

Possible topics: Politics of Caspian Oil; Russian Policy Toward Central Asia, Afghanistan, and the War on Terrorism; Russian Affairs; US-Russian Relations; Russian Foreign Policy; US-Russian Policy in the Middle East, Specifically Russian Policy Toward Iran and Iraq; International Relations of the Middle East; Russia

and the Arab Spring; US-Russian Relations After Ukraine; Energy Politics in the Black Sea Region; Russia and the Arab Spring; The New Russia

- LITERATURE -

Verena Andermatt Conley, *Long-Term Visiting Professor of Comparative Literature and of Romance Languages and Literatures*

Possible topics: French Literature Today; Postwar Literature; Transformations of Space in Contemporary Culture; The Question of the Banlieue; Criss-crossing the Mediterranean: Literary and Cultural Exchanges Between France and North Africa

Peter Burgard, *Professor of German and Faculty Associate of the Minda de Gunzberg Center for European Studies*

Possible topics: Caravaggio and the Contingencies of Faith: The Incredulity of St. Thomas; Decoration and Decorum: Vienna 1683–1914; Nietzsche and the Ethics of Atheism

Stephen Burt, *Professor of English*

Possible topics: Sonnets; Contemporary Poets; Science Fiction

William Granara, *Director of Modern Language Programs; Professor of the Practice of Arabic on the Gordon Gray Endowment*

Possible topics: Modern Arab Literature

Karl Guthke, *Kuno Francke Professor of German Art and Culture*

Possible topics: Global vs. Humanistic Education: Goethe and the English-Speaking World; The Culture of Last Words in Life and Literature; Are We Alone? Extraterrestrials from Galileo to H. G. Wells

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Catherine McKenna, *Margaret Brooks Robinson Professor of Celtic Languages and Literatures*

Possible topics: The Celtic Languages in an English-Speaking World; Autonomy and Resurgence in Wales; Gods and Heroes of the Celts; European Pilgrimage in the Middle Ages; The Holy Wells of Ireland; Saint Brigid of Ireland and New Age Spirituality

Elisa New, *Powell M. Cabot Professor of American Literature*

Possible topic: *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

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[Linda Schlossberg](#), *Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies; Lecturer on Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality*

Possible topics: Selling Jane Austen; Fiction and Gender; Identity Politics and the Study of Literature, Fiction Writing; LGBT Literature and Representations of LGBT People in Literature, Popular Culture, and Media; Women's Issues and Representations of Women in Literature, Popular Culture, and Media

[Maria Tatar](#), *John L. Loeb Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures; Chair of the Program in Folklore and Mythology*

Possible topics: Touching Magic: The Power of Stories in Childhood; Alice in Wonderland; Children's Literature, Folklore, and Fairytales; African American folklore

[Jan Ziolkowski](#), *Arthur Kingsley Porter Professor of Medieval Latin; Professor of Comparative Literature; Director, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection*

Possible topics: The Not-So-Medieval World of Manuscripts; The Brothers Grimm and Medieval Fairy Tales

- PSYCHOLOGY -

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[Richard J. McNally](#), *Professor and Director of Clinical Training, Department of Psychology*

Possible topic: What is Mental Illness? (based on publication)

[Linda Schlossberg](#), *Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies; Lecturer on Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality*

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- PUBLIC POLICY -

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[Sheila Jasanoff](#), *Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies, John F. Kennedy School of Government*

Possible topics: Our Uncertain Future: The Science and Politics of Global Environment; Cultural Differences in Attitudes towards Technological Risk; *Designs on Nature: Science and Democracy in Europe and the U.S.*, A Comparative Study of the Politics of Biotechnology; The Imagined Earth: Reflections on the Human Place in Nature; Science and Public Reason (based on publication); The Ethics of Invention

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Possible topics: Stonewall's Children: Living History in the Age of Liberation, Loss, and Love; LGBT Rights; Race in the United States; 2016 U.S. Presidential Election

- RELIGION -

[Ali Asani](#), *Professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures; Director of the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program*

Possible topics: Pluralism, Intolerance and the Quran: Challenges in Contemporary Islam; Religion and Politics in Contemporary Muslim Societies: The Rise of Anti-western Movements in the Islamic World; Islamist Groups in the Muslim World; Islam in America: Understanding Islam and the Role of Religion in Muslim Societies: Going Beyond the Headlines

[Ann Braude](#), *Senior Lecturer on American Religious History and Director of the Women's Studies in Religion Program, Divinity School*

Possible topics: Religion and the Modern Women's Movement

[William Granara](#), *Director of Modern Language Programs; Professor of the Practice of Arabic on the Gordon Gray Endowment*

Possible topics: Islamic Civilization in Medieval Spain and Sicily; Islamic Civilization in Post-Colonial North Africa; Arab and Islamic Education in America

[Ahmed Ragab](#), *Lecturer, Harvard University Department of The History of Science*

Possible topics: Science and Religion; Islam and Science; Islamic History; Intellectual and Cultural History of the Middle East and the Islamic World

- SCIENCE and MEDICINE -

[Andrew Berry](#), *Lecturer on Organismic and Evolutionary Biology; Assistant Head Tutor, Integrative Biology*

Possible topics: Genomics and the New Understanding of Who We Are; Finding the Genes that Make Humans Human; Evolution's Natural Laboratories: Island Insights; What Darwin Didn't Know: Evolution Since *The Origin*; Replaying the Tape of Life: How Predictable is Evolution?; Alfred Russel Wallace: The Other Darwin; The Many Journeys of Charles Darwin; Erasmus Darwin: Charles's Grandfather and So Much More

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Ahmed Ragab, *Richard T. Watson Assistant Professor of Science and Religion; Affiliate of the Department of the History of Science*

Possible topics: History of Science and Technology; Science and Religion; Islam and Science

Robert Sackstein, *Professor of Dermatology and Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Director of the Program of Excellence in Glycosciences*

Possible topics: Stem Cells: The Science We Must All Know; Reversing Degenerative Disease: The Promise of Stem Cell Therapeutics; Understanding Cancer Metastasis

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Possible topics: The Art of Numbers: Data Visualization for the 21st Century (alternative title, "Seeing Science"); How Do Pervasive Computing and "Big Data" Change Teaching?

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Possible topics: The Future of the Internet; Cyberlaw; Network Neutrality; Internet Filtering by National Governments

Recent and Forthcoming Books

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Jasanoff, Sheila. [*Dreamscapes of Modernity: Sociotechnical Imaginaries and the Fabrication of Power*](#), University of Chicago Press, 2015.

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Peterson, Paul. [*The Global Debt Crisis: Haunting U.S. and European Federalism*](#), Brookings Institution Press, 2014.

Peterson, Paul. [*Teachers versus the Public- What Americans Think about Schools and How to Fix Them*](#), Brookings Institution Press, 2014.

Shelemay, Kay Kaufman. [*Soundscapes: Exploring Music in a Changing World*](#) (third edition), W.W. Norton & Company, 2015.

Sollors, Werner. [*The Temptation of Despair: Tales of the 1940s*](#), Belknap Press, 2014.

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