



Speakers Bureau Catalog

2021–22

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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 participation, transforming an athletics program, sustaining excellence while staying true to Ivy ideals



Bharat Anand AB '88

Title: Vice Provost for Advances in Learning; Henry R. Byers Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School

Possible Topics: Digital strategy and transformation, future of learning, media and entertainment strategy, remote learning in a pandemic

Recent books/publications:

[*The Content Trap: A Strategist's Guide to Digital Change*](#)

["The Coronavirus Allows Us to Reimagine the College Experience"](#)



Ali S. A. Asani AB '77, PhD '84

Title: Murray A. Albertson Professor of Middle Eastern Studies and Professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

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;" "The Importance of Religious and Cultural Literacy in a Cosmopolitan World"



Julie Battilana

Title: Joseph C. Wilson Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School; Alan L. Gleitsman Professor of Social Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School

Possible Topics: Power dynamics in interpersonal relationships, organizations, and society; change implementation in organizations and in society; social innovation; the joint pursuit of social, environmental, and financial goals in corporation

Recent Books/Publications:

[*Power, for All: How It Really Works and Why It's Everyone's Business*](#)

[*Le Manifeste Travail: Démocratiser, Démarchandiser, Dépolluer*](#) (English translation forthcoming Spring 2022)



Paul Biddinger

Title: Director of the Emergency Preparedness Research, Evaluation & Practice Program, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Director, MGH Center for Disaster Medicine; Medical Director for Emergency Preparedness Mass General Brigham

Possible Topics: Emergency preparedness and disaster medicine, COVID-19 response, mass casualty response

Recent books/publications:

[“Novel Coronavirus and Old Lessons—Preparing the Health System for the Pandemic”](#)



Sara Bleich PhD '07

Title: Professor of Public Health Policy, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Carol K. Pforzheimer Professor, Social Sciences Advisor, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study; Member of Faculty, Harvard Kennedy School

Possible Topics: Health policies to prevent obesity and diet-related diseases, nutrition policy, factors that promote unhealthy eating behaviors, interventions to improve eating habits, health equity, social determinants of health

Recent publications:

[“Strengthening the Public Health Impacts of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance”](#)

[“The Association Of a Sweetened Beverage Tax With Changes in Beverage Prices and Purchases at Independent Stores”](#)

[“A Roadmap for Sustaining Healthy Eating Behavior”](#)

[“The Complex Relationship Between Diet and Health”](#)



Michael P. Brenner

Title: Michael F. Cronin Professor of Applied Mathematics and Applied Physics and Professor of Physics, Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Kavli Scholar, Kavli Institute for Bionano Science and Technology

Possible topics: Using methods and ideas of applied mathematics to address problems in science and technology, biophysics and self-assembly, bioengineering, science and cooking

Recent books/articles:

[*Science and Cooking: Physics Meets Food, From Homemade to Haute Cuisine*](#)



Arthur Brooks

Title: William Henry Bloomberg Professor of the Practice of Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School; Professor of Management Practice, Harvard Business School

Possible Topics: Happiness, Political Reconciliation, Nonprofit Leadership

Recent books/publications: [*From Strength to Strength*](#)

[*Love Your Enemies: How Decent People can Save America from Our Culture of Contempt*](#)

[*The Conservative Heart: How to Build a Fairer, Happier, and More Prosperous America*](#)



Caroline Buckee

Title: Professor of Epidemiology, Associate Director of the Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Possible Topics: Effective COVID-19 surveillance and response, COVID-19's effects on vulnerable populations, What we know about the COVID-19 pandemic

Recent books/publications:

["Improving Epidemic Surveillance and Response: Big Data Is Dead, Long Live Big Data"](#)

["Aggregated Mobility Data Could Help Fight COVID-19"](#)

["U.S. County-Level Characteristics to Inform Equitable COVID-19 Response"](#)



Bruno Carvalho PhD '09

Title: Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures and African and African American Studies; Co-Director of the Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative; Affiliated Professor in Urban Planning and Design at the Graduate School of Design

Possible Topics: Urban futures in history; urban studies; interplays between urban diversity, inequality, and segregation; race and the history of racism; sociospatial theory; architecture and urban planning; migration; environmental humanities and climate change; film and media studies; Latin American studies; Luso-Afro-Brazilian

literatures and cultures

Recent Publications:

[*Porous City: A Cultural History of Rio de Janeiro*](#)

[*New York Times* op-ed](#)



Linda Chavers PhD '13

Title: Allston Burr Resident Dean of Winthrop House, Assistant Dean of Harvard College, Lecturer on African and African American Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Possible Topics: Equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging; Black Feminisms; history of slavery; race and racism; popular and visual culture; 20th- and 21st-century

fiction; intersectionality

Recent books/publications:

["What Too Many White People Still Don't Understand About Racism"](#)

[*Violent Disruptions: American Imaginations of Racial Anxiety in William Faulkner and Richard Wright*](#)

[*#MeToo and Literary Studies: Reading, Writing, and Teaching about Sexual Violence and Rape Culture*](#)



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

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

Title: Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Possible topics: Psychology, morality, punishment, decision-making, social behavior, causal reasoning

Recent books/articles: ["How We Know What Not to Think"](#)

["Rationalization is rational"](#)



Benjamin Friedman AB '66, PhD '71

Title: William Joseph Maier Professor of Political Economy, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

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?"

Recent books/articles:

["A Century of Growth and Improvement"](#)

[*Religion and the Rise of Capitalism*](#)



Jarvis Givens

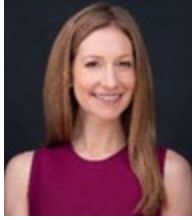
Title: Assistant Professor on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Faculty Affiliate in the Department of African and African American Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Possible Topics: The history of American education; theories of race, power, and education; 19th- and 20th-century African American history

Recent Publications:

[*Fugitive Pedagogy: Carter G. Woodson and the Art of Black Teaching*](#)

["What's Missing From the Discourse About Anti-racist Teaching"](#)



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”](#)



Monik Jimenez SM '06, SD '09

Title: Assistant Professor of Medicine, Brigham and Women’s Hospital; Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Possible Topics: Equity in healthcare; intersection of race, sex, and ethnicity as factors in disease inequities; epidemiology of COVID-19 in prisons

Recent books/publications:

[Focused Update of Sex Differences in Patient Reported Outcome Measures After Stroke](#)

[Epidemiology of COVID-19 Among Incarcerated Individuals and Staff in Massachusetts Jails and Prisons](#)



Juliette Kayyem AB '91, JD '95

Title: Faculty Chair of the Homeland Security Project, Robert and Renée Belfer Senior Lecturer in International Security, Co-Chair of the Global Health and Security Executive Program, Harvard Kennedy School; [CNN Security Analyst](#)

Possible Topics: Crisis management, national security, cybersecurity, resiliency planning, risk management, public leadership, international relations, crisis communications

Recent books/publications:

[Security Mom: My Life Protecting the Home and the Homeland](#)

[Beyond 9/11: Homeland Security for the Twenty-First Century](#)

[“Never Go Back to the Office”](#)



Sasha Achen Killewald

Title: Professor of Sociology; Faculty of Arts and Sciences

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” \(Animation I | Animation II\)](#)

[“Tethered Lives: A Couple-Based Perspective on the Consequences of Parenthood for Time Use, Occupation, and Wages”](#)



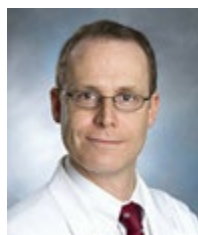
Michael Klarman

Title: Charles Warren Professor of American Legal History, Harvard Law School

Possible topics: “Trump, Democracy, and the Constitution;” “The Framers’ Coup: The Making of the U.S. Constitution;” “Race in American History;” “The Supreme Court, Race, and the Constitution in American History;” “How Same-Sex Marriage Came to Be;” “The History of Black Suffrage;” “Brown v. Board of Education: The Justices’ Internal Deliberations;” “The Civil War and the Constitution”

Recent books/articles:

[*The Framers’ Coup: The Making of the United States Constitution*](#)



Joshua M. Kosowsky AB ’88, MD ’96

Title: Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Harvard Medical School

Possible topics: “When Doctors Don’t Listen”



Carrie Lambert-Beatty

Title: Professor of History of Art and Architecture and of Art, Film, and Visual Studies, Faculty of Art and Sciences

Possible Topics: Contemporary art and truth, fiction presented as fact, political art from the 1960s to present, structural politics of gender and race in art

Recent books/publications:

[*October*](#)

[“Make Believe: Parafiction and Plausibility”](#)

[*Being Watched: Yvonne Rainer and the 1960s*](#)

[“Twelve Miles: Boundaries of the New Art/Activism”](#)



Meira Levinson

Title: Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Possible Topics: ethical dilemmas in education policy and practice; schooling during and after the pandemic; educating for democracy; the history of culture wars; race, racism, anti-racism, and education; future of learning and of schooling

Recent books/publications:

[“Can Our Schools Help Us Preserve Democracy? Special Challenges at a Time of](#)

[Shifting Norms”](#)

[“Health Equity, Schooling Hesitancy, and the Social Determinants of Learning”](#)

[*Democratic Discord in Schools: Cases and Commentaries in Educational Ethics*](#)



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*](#)

[“Ahmaud Arbery was killed, allegedly by vigilantes. Racism allowed them to claim self-defense”](#)



Timothy Patrick McCarthy AB '93

Title: Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Possible topics: “Pedagogy and Privilege: Teaching the Values of Public Service and Social Justice;” “From Tom Paine to Trump’s Tweets;” “Our Bondage, Our Freedom: The Long History of Slavery and Abolition;” “Trump’s Tweets—A Close Reading: Is There Method or Meaning to the Madness?;” “Stonewall’s Children: Living History in the Age of Liberation, Loss, and Love;” “History Matters: The Paradox of Progress;”

LGBTQ+ rights; race in the United States; 2020 U.S. presidential election

Recent books/articles: [*Reckoning with History: Unfinished Stories of American Freedom*](#)



Michael B. McElroy

Title: Gilbert Butler Professor of Environmental Studies, Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied 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”](#)



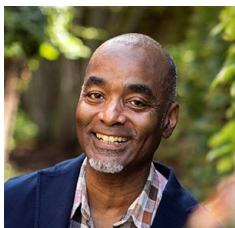
Martin Puchner PhD '98

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: “How Stories Shape History (based on best-selling book *The Written World*),” “The (Coming) Revolution in Online Education,” “The Humanities in a Changing World,” Art and Climate Change”

Recent books/articles: [*The Written World: The Power of Stories to Shape People, History, and Civilization*](#)

[*The Language of Thieves, on language, history, and family*](#)



Robert Reid-Pharr

Title: Professor of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality and of African and African American Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Possible Topics: The life of James Baldwin—American novelist, playwright, essayist, poet, and activist

Recent books/publications:

[*Archives of Flesh: African America, Spain, and Post-Humanist Critique*](#)

[*Once You Go Black: Choice, Desire, and the Black American Intellectual*](#)



Elena Savoia MPH '04

Title: Principal Research Scientist, Deputy Director of the Emergency Preparedness, Research, Evaluation & Practice Program, Director of the Community Safety Branch; Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Possible Topics: Public health emergency preparedness, improving public communication efforts in large-scale emergencies, utilizing evaluation methods to inform public health policies

Recent books/publications:

[“COVID-19 and the Reopening of Schools: A Policy Maker’s Dilemma”](#)

[“Evaluation of a School Campaign to Reduce Hatred”](#)

[“Preparedness Emergency Response Research Centers \(PERRCs\): Addressing Public Health Preparedness Knowledge Gaps Using a Public Health Systems Perspective”](#)



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’”](#)



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*](#)



Willy Shih

Title: Robert and Jane Cizik Professor of Management Practice in Business Administration, Harvard Business School

Possible Topics: Global supply chains, technology strategy, competitive strategy, manufacturing, industrial competitiveness in high tech and science-based businesses

Recent books/publications:

[“Global Supply Chains in a Post-Pandemic World”](#)

[“Bringing Manufacturing Back to the U.S. Is Easier Said Than Done”](#)

[“Is It Time to Rethink Globalized Supply Chains?”](#)



Hirotaka Takeuchi

Title: Professor of Management Practice, Harvard Business School

Possible Topics: New thinking in strategy, knowledge creation, wise leadership, fusion of analog and digital, staying agile during VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity)

Recent books/publications:

[*The Wise Company*](#)

[“Humanizing Strategy”](#)

[“Embracing Agile”](#)



Dehlia Umunna MPA '11

Title: Clinical Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Faculty Deputy Director, Harvard Law School Criminal Justice Institute

Possible Topics: Mass incarceration, race and racism, forgiveness and the law, faith and the law, gender and class, criminal defense

Recent publications:

[“Learning to Forgive”](#)

[“Last Lecture”](#)



Jason Ur

Title: Stephen Phillips Professor of Archaeology and Ethnology, Director of the Archaeology Program, Project Director for the Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Possible topics: Declassified spy satellite imagery and archaeology in the Middle East

Recent books/publications: "[Physical and Cultural Landscapes of Assyria](#)"



Ashley Whillans (on leave until Spring '22)

Title: Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School

Possible Topics: "A Simple Strategy for Happiness," employee motivation and well-being, time management

Recent Publications: *[Time Smart: How to Reclaim Your Time & Live a Happier Life](#)*



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](#)