

# Tulane faculty, staff and alumni take the stage at New Orleans Book Festival

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Tulane-affiliated authors appearing at the New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University include (from left) Ilana Horwitz, Robert W. Livingston, Iñaki Alday, Peter Ricchiuti and Susan Hassig. (Photos 3 and 5 by Paula Burch-Celentano; graphic by Chelsea Christopher)

When The New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University officially opens on Thursday, March 10, some of the most popular and thought-provoking authors will be in attendance. Even better, many of those authors are already affiliated with Tulane University. Faculty and staff from across the university will appear on panels discussing a variety of topics on Friday and Saturday, March 11-12, 2022. Seating may be limited and is first come, first served. [Click here to learn more about The New Orleans Book Festival.](#)

**Student panel: Max Weber, Don Hemedes, Jordan Peck, Richard Whitney III, Murad Laradji and Westley Sturhan**

Elevating Undergraduate Perspectives: the Tulane Journal of Policy and Political Economy

Friday, 10 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center Mezzanine

**[Dean Iñaki Alday](#)**

School of Architecture

New Orleans: Building History and Preparing for the Future

Friday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

**[John Barry](#)**

School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

The American Spirit: Invention, Ingenuity and Social Movements that Shape America  
*Tulane-Aspen Values in America Speaker Series*

Friday, 11 a.m. United Airlines Stage Kendall Cram Auditorium

Climate Change: Louisiana, New Orleans and the Nation

Friday, 2 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 1834 Club

COVID-19: State of our Recovery and Future Threats

Saturday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 1834 Club

**[Barri Bronston](#)**

Tulane University Communications and Marketing

Visual New Orleans: A City of Neighborhoods

Friday, 3 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center Mezzanine

**[William Craft Brumfield](#)**

School of Liberal Arts

*Journeys Through the Russian Empire*

Friday, noon Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Richard Campanella**

School of Architecture

New Orleans: Building History and Preparing for the Future

Friday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

Visual New Orleans: A City of Neighborhoods

Friday, 3 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center Mezzanine

**Peter Cooley**

School of Liberal Arts

Poetry Summit

Saturday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

**Judy Cooper '59, '69**

Alumna

Visual New Orleans: A City of Neighborhoods

Friday, 3 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center Mezzanine

Picturing New Orleans: Photography Summit

Saturday, 2 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

**Brian DeMare**

School of Liberal Arts

History in the Making: Writing History in a Polarized Age

Friday, 10 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Jerry DiColo '15**

Alumnus

Authors in the Family: A Father and Son on their Writing Careers

Saturday, 1 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

**Dean Brian Edwards**

School of Liberal Arts

History in the Making: Writing History in a Polarized Age

Friday, 10 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Charles Figley**

School of Social Work

The Wounds of War: Treating the Mental and Physical Scars of Military Veterans  
Friday, 3 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

**President Michael A. Fitts**

President of Tulane University

Giving Back

*Presidential Speaker Series Event*

Friday, 2 p.m. United Airlines Stage Kendall Cram Auditorium

**Merissa Nathan Gerson**

School of Liberal Arts

*Forget Prayers, Bring Cake: A Single Woman's Guide to Grieving*

Friday, 2 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Blake Gilpin**

School of Liberal Arts

History in the Making: Writing History in a Polarized Age

Friday, 10 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Dean Lee Hamm**

School of Medicine

*Exhale: Hope, Healing, and a Life in Transplant*

Saturday, 1 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Susan Hassig**

School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

COVID-19: State of our Recovery and Future Threats

Saturday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 1834 Club

**Andy Horowitz**

School of Liberal Arts

From Katrina to Climate Change: How New Orleans Can Remain Resilient

Friday, 3 p.m. Marshall Family Commons

**Ilana Horwitz**

School of Liberal Arts

Why Do Kids Succeed? How Backgrounds and Culture Impact Success and Education

Saturday, 2 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Laura-Zoë Humphreys**

School of Liberal Arts

Cuba: The Urgency of Past and Present

Saturday, 2 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 1834 Club

**Walter Isaacson**

School of Liberal Arts

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Benjamin Franklin: A Conversation with Walter Isaacson, with clips from the new Ken Burns documentary, "Benjamin Franklin"

Friday, 3 p.m. United Airlines Stage Kendall Cram Auditorium

**T.R. Johnson**

School of Liberal Arts

The Birthplace: The History of New Orleans Jazz

Saturday, 3 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center Mezzanine

**Margarita Jover**

School of Architecture

New Orleans: Building History and Preparing for the Future

Friday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

**Kris Lane**

School of Liberal Arts

History in the Making: Writing History in a Polarized Age

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**Dean Thomas LaVeist**

School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

COVID-19: State of our Recovery and Future Threats

Saturday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 1834 Club

**Robert W. Livingston '93**

Alumnus

Bridging the Gap: Bringing Together Different Perspectives  
Friday, 4 p.m. Marshall Family Commons

**Ana Lopez**

School of Liberal Arts  
Cuba: The Urgency of Past and Present  
Saturday, 2 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 1834 Club

**Katherine Mattes**

School of Law  
Fighting Time: A Conversation on Prison Reform  
Friday, 4 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 1834 Club

**Elisabeth McMahon**

School of Liberal Arts  
History in the Making: Writing History in a Polarized Age  
Friday, 10 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Lawrence N. Powell**

School of Liberal Arts  
The Storied History of Jewish New Orleans  
Saturday, noon Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Carol McMichael Reese**

School of Architecture  
New Orleans: Building History and Preparing for the Future  
Friday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

**Peter Ricchiuti**

A.B. Freeman School of Business  
Think Local: Entrepreneurship in New Orleans  
Friday, 1 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

Southern Humor: Why are Southerners Funnier than Everyone Else?  
Saturday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center Mezzanine

Being Your Own Boss is Terrific  
Saturday, 3 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Sandy Rosenthal '81**

Alumna

From Katrina to Climate Change: How New Orleans Can Remain Resilient  
Friday, 3 p.m. Marshall Family Commons

**Rebecca Rouse**

School of Professional Advancement

The Wounds of War: Treating the Mental and Physical Scars of Military Veterans  
Friday, 3 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 202 Rechler

**Matt Sakakeeny**

School of Liberal Arts

The Birthplace: The History of New Orleans Jazz  
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**Anneliese Singh '91**

Office of Academic Affairs and Provost, School of Social Work  
Bridging the Gap: Bringing Together Different Perspectives  
Friday, 4 p.m. Marshall Family Commons

**Dr. Greg Stewart**

School of Medicine

The Wounds of War: Treating the Mental and Physical Scars of Military Veterans  
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**Mike Strecker**

Tulane University Communications and Marketing

Southern Humor: Why are Southerners Funnier than Everyone Else?  
Saturday, 11 a.m. Lavin-Bernick Center Mezzanine

Family Day Presentation for Young Comics

Saturday, 12:40 p.m. Mayor's Office of Youth & Family Services Stage

Being Your Own Boss is Terrific

Saturday, 3 p.m. Lavin-Bernick Center 201 Race

**Tania Tetlow '92**

Alumna

Women's Success and Challenges in Business and Politics

Saturday, 1 p.m. United Airlines Stage Kendall Cram Auditorium

**Mark VanLandingham**

School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

From Katrina to Climate Change: How New Orleans Can Remain Resilient

Friday, 3 p.m. Marshall Family Commons

**Michael Wallace**

School of Professional Advancement

The Wounds of War: Treating the Mental and Physical Scars of Military Veterans

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**Dr. David Weill '86, '90**

Alumnus

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**Jane Wolfe '12**

Alumna

Think Local: Entrepreneurship in New Orleans

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