

Book Fest brings literary luminaries to Tulane

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Bestselling author John Grisham sits down for an interview with Jenna Bush Hager at Dixon Hall on Thursday on the opening day of the New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

Grisham addresses a packed house. Some of his novels, such as 'The Client' and 'The Pelican Brief,' have New Orleans ties. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

Also on Thursday, Imani Perry, the Hughes Rogers Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University, discusses the topic of "Race and the American Soul" with moderator Eddie Glaude Jr., the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor and chair of Princeton's Department of African American Studies, at Dixon Hall. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

After their session exploring "Most Blessed of the Patriarchs: Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of Imagination" on Thursday, Annette Gordon-Reed (far left), the Carl M. Loeb University Professor at Harvard University, signs books at the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life with Peter S. Onuf (second from left), the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professor Emeritus at the University of Virginia and senior research fellow at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)