

## Tulane authors, presenters at the 2025 New Orleans Book Fest

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Faculty and staff, as well as alumni, from across Tulane will appear on panels discussing a variety of topics at the 2025 New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University. (Photo by Jason Cohen)

When the New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University officially opens on Thursday, March 27, the schedule will include a number of authors and presenters from Tulane. Faculty and staff, as well as alumni, from across the university will appear on panels discussing a variety of topics as the festival continues through Friday, March 28, and Saturday, March 29, 2025. The festival is free and open to the

public. Seating at the sessions is first come, first served. For more information about the festival and to view the full schedule, visit the [New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University](#) website.

*\*Dates and times are subject to change. See the [Book Fest schedule](#) for the latest information.*

## **Faculty, staff and board members at Book Fest**

### **Kate Baldwin**

Professor of English and Communication Studies, School of Liberal Arts

[From First Draft to Hard Cover: The Life Cycle of a Book](#)

Saturday at 11 a.m.

### **Carolyn Barber-Pierre**

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Multicultural Affairs, Tulane Trailblazer

[Legacy in Action: Preserving Black History at Amistad](#)

Saturday at 10 a.m.

### **Kim Boyle**

Board of Tulane member

[Legacy in Action: Preserving Black History at Amistad](#)

Saturday at 10 a.m.

### **Richard Campanella**

Associate Dean for Research, Mintz Professor in Architecture, Senior Professor of Practice in Architecture and Geography, School of Architecture

[The Mississippi River: History, Geography and the Future of a Vital Lifeline](#)

Friday at 10 a.m.

[New Orleans History and Geography](#)

Friday at 3 p.m.

### **Edgar “Dook” Chase, IV**

Chapter IV, 1834 Club, Alva Jean’s and Homage at Wave City Market

[Gumbo to Gourmet: The Stories Behind New Orleans’ Greatest Kitchens](#)

Friday at 12 p.m.

**Scott Cowen**

President Emeritus

[Lead and Succeed](#)

Friday at 4 p.m.

**Lindsay Cronk**

Dean of Libraries and Academic Information Resources

[Mystery, Magic, Myth and the Power of Imagination](#)

Saturday at 10 a.m.

[United for Books: Defending the Right to Read](#)

Saturday at 2 p.m.

**Brian Edwards**

Dean of the School of Liberal Arts

[Vanishing Coast: Stories of Place, Power and Preservation](#)

Saturday at 10 a.m.

**Gabe Feldman**

Sher Garner Professor of Sports Law and Paul and Abram B. Barron Professor of Law,  
Associate Provost of NCAA Compliance, Director of the Sports Law Program, Co-  
Director of the Tulane Center for Sport, Law School

[Navigating the NIL Era: Opportunities and Challenges in College Sports](#)

Saturday at 2 p.m.

**Michael A. Fitts**

Tulane President

[Together: The Power of Human Connection](#)

Saturday at 12 p.m.

**Robin Forman**

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

[The Intelligence Revolution: How AI and Big Data are Changing the World](#)

Saturday at 12 p.m.

**Walter Isaacson**

Leonard Lauder Professor of American History and Values, School of Liberal Arts, Co-  
Chair, New Orleans Book Festival

[On Call: A Doctor's Journey in Public Service](#)

Friday at 10 a.m.

[The Code Breaker](#)

Friday at 1 p.m.

[An Unfinished Love Story](#)

Saturday at 1 p.m.

[Democracy and its Discontents: A Look at Why America Has Become Polarized](#)

Saturday at 4 p.m.

**Rob Lalka**

Professor of Practice in Management, Executive Director of the Albert Lepage Center, Albert R. Lepage Professor in Business, A. B. Freeman School of Business

[Move Fast, Break Government? The Risks of Silicon Valley Thinking in Public Policy](#)

Saturday at 3 p.m.

**Dennis Lauscha**

Board of Tulane member

[Superdome at 50: A Behind the Scenes Look at the Past and Future](#)

Friday at 1 p.m.

**Chris Lipp**

Professor of Practice, Director of MCOM Programs, A. B. Freeman School of Business

[The Science of Personal Power: How to Build Confidence, Create Success and Obtain Freedom](#)

Saturday at 2 p.m.

**Bernice McFadden**

Assistant Professor of English, School of Liberal Arts

[Living It, Writing It: Memoir and the Journey of Reflection](#)

Friday at 1 p.m.

[From 'Sugar' to 'Firstborn Girls'](#)

Friday at 4 p.m.

**Nicholas Mattei**

Associate Professor of Computer Science, Co-Director of the Tulane Center for Community Engaged AI, School of Science & Engineering

[The Intelligence Revolution: How AI and Big Data are Changing the World](#)

Saturday at 12 p.m.

**Corey Miles**

Assistant Professor of Sociology, School of Liberal Arts

[Singing the Truth: Fiction, Identity and Community in Isaac's Song](#)

Friday at 3 p.m.

**Alexandra Navarre-Davis**

Adjunct professor, Law School

[Clyde the Giant Crawfish](#)

Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

**Kara Oldige**

Executive Director of the Amistad Research Center

[Curating the Catalogue: Post-Katrina Documentation of Chandra McCormick and Keith Calhoun](#)

Saturday at 12 p.m.

**Maurita N. Poole**

Director and Chief Curator of Newcomb Art Museum

[The Complex Terrain of Contemporary African Art](#)

Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Lawrence Powell**

Professor Emeritus of History, School of Liberal Arts

[New Orleans History and Geography](#)

Friday at 3 p.m.

**Nathaniel Rich**

Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Arts

[Writing the Apocalypse and After](#)

Friday at 12 p.m.

**Anneliese Singh**

Associate Provost for Diversity and Faculty Development/Chief Diversity Officer,  
Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work

[Reimagining the Future: Feminist Visions for a More Just World](#)

Saturday at 11 a.m.

[Eve: How the Female Body Drove 200 Million Years of Human Evolution](#)

Saturday at 3 p.m.

**Michael Strecker**

Assistant Vice President for News and Media Relations

[Bayous, Backroads and Beyond: Fiction Set in Louisiana](#)

Friday at 3 p.m.

[Jokes for Crescent City Kids](#)

Saturday at 11:20 a.m.

**Jon Sumrall**

Head Coach, Football

[Navigating the NIL Era: Opportunities and Challenges in College Sports](#)

Saturday at 2 p.m.

**Michael Wallace**

Senior Professor of Practice, Program Director of Emergency & Security Studies,  
School of Professional Advancement

[Unit X: How the Pentagon and Silicon Valley are Transforming the Future of Warfare](#)

Saturday at 4 p.m.

**Melissa A. Weber**

Curator, Hogan Archive of New Orleans Music and New Orleans Jazz

[My Black Country: Country Music's Black Past, Present and Future](#)

Saturday at 12 p.m.

## **Alumni at Book Fest**

**Rich Cohen**

School of Liberal Arts

[The Infernal Machine: A True Story of Dynamite, Terror and the Rise of the Modern Detective](#)

Friday at 4 p.m.

[Whodunnit: True Crime and Crime Fiction](#)

Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Danielle Del Sol**

School of Architecture

[Painting the Town: The Importance of Color in Historic New Orleans Architecture](#)

Saturday at 12 p.m.

**Tripp Friedler**

Law School

[Mind Matters: Mental Health, Stigma and Solutions](#)

Friday at 10 a.m.

**Megan Holt**

School of Liberal Arts

[United for Books: Defending the Right to Read](#)

Saturday at 2 p.m.

**Meredith Jao**

School of Liberal Arts

[The Hesitant Hedgehog](#)

Saturday at 12:20 p.m.

**Sarah Jaffe**

Newcomb College

[Reimagining the Future: Feminist Visions for a More Just World](#)

Saturday at 11 a.m.

[Work, Power and Purpose: Women Changing the Leadership Playbook](#)

Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Yvette Jones**

College of Arts & Sciences, A. B. Freeman School of Business

[Lead and Succeed](#)

Friday at 4 p.m.

**Rachel Marsh**

School of Liberal Arts

[Mystery, Magic, Myth and the Power of Imagination](#)

Saturday at 10 a.m.

**Echo Olander**

Newcomb College

[Documenting New Orleans Street Culture: Just Because You Can, Should You?](#)

Friday at 10 a.m.

**Marie Quintana**

School of Social Work

[The Last Flight from Havana](#)

Friday at 11 a.m.

**Mike Sacks**

School of Liberal Arts

[Dirty Nerdy](#)

Friday at 1 p.m.

[So You Want to Get Your Comedy Published](#)

Saturday at 1 p.m.

**Dr. David Weill**

College of Arts & Sciences, School of Medicine

[Bayou, Backroads and Beyond: Fiction Set in Louisiana](#)

Friday at 3 p.m.

**Dr. Michael White**

Graduate School, Tulane Trailblazer

[20 Years Later: Post-Katrina Music in New Orleans](#)

Saturday at 1 p.m.