Meet MELISSA LEVY

All about the professor
Professor at the Curry School that proposed the Youth and Social Innovation major; her research is supported by UVA’s CTE and explores how a unit on race, racism, and White Supremacy supports both White students and students of color in their growth relevant to understanding these topics.

All about the book
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee shows how the economic and political powers-that-be have exploited race to split Americans into warring tribes trapped in a zero-sum game fighting for what’s left after the top 1% take 40% of the wealth.

Event details!
Monday
January 23, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 389
Meet HEIDI NOBLES

All about the professor
Professor in the English Department that teaches ENWR 1510; being in book editing for more than fifteen years, she specializes in developmental and substantive editing of academic and professional nonfiction; she’s currently working on her book “Editing Culture: How Changing Texts Changes All of Us”

All about the book
Behave by Robert Sapolsky explains why humans behave the way we do. Sapolsky breaks down complex science into enjoyable explanations, beginning at the level of our brains, then diving into hormones, genes, evolution and even culture and history.

Event details!
Tuesday
January 24, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 389
Meet WILLIAM LITTLE

All about the professor
Associate Professor for Media Studies. He is the author of The Waste Fix: Seizures of the Sacred from Upton Sinclair to The Sopranos, as well as articles on film and on contemporary American literature. His research interests focus on genre study of film, history and philosophy of film, and film and critical race studies.

All about the book
Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro is a dystopian science fiction story set in the U.S. in an unspecified future, the book is told from the point of view of Klara, a solar-powered AF (Artificial Friend), who is chosen by Josie, a sickly child, to be her companion.

Event details!
Wednesday
January 25, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 389
Meet
VICTORIA OLWELL

All about the professor

All about the book
Leave the World Behind by Rumaan Alam is a suspenseful novel about two families, strangers to each other, who are forced together on a long weekend gone terribly wrong. Follow along with these families as they navigate the complexities of parenthood, race, and class.

Event details!
Thursday
January 26, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 177
Meet REBECCA STANGL

All about the professor

Philosophy Professor that specializes in contemporary ethical theory, especially virtue ethics, and is the author of “Neither Heroes Nor Saints: Ordinary Virtue, Extraordinary Virtue, and Self-Cultivation”

All about the book

How to Be Perfect by Michael Shur explains exactly how to act in every conceivable situation to be seen as 'good' by others. Shur, the creator of The Good Place, explains complex moral issues and concepts like existentialism and utilitarianism in more tangible ways and to help make you perfect.

Event details!

Monday
January 30, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 389
Meet KAREN INKELAS

All about the professor
Principal of Hereford Residential College, she is also an Associate Professor in the Higher Education Program; Research Director of Crafting Success for Underrepresented Scientists and Engineers, which seeks to reduce the achievement gap in STEM fields for students from marginalized groups; and serves as Research Director of Undergraduate Initiatives with the Contemplative Sciences Center.

All about the book
They Called Us Enemy by George Takei is Takei’s firsthand account of those years behind barbed wire, the joys and terrors of growing up under legalized racism, his mother’s hard choices, his father’s faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future.

Event details!
Tuesday
January 31, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 389
Meet
JACKIE ARTHUR-MONTAGNE

All about the professor
Professor in the Classics Department known for teaching CLAS 2010 Greek Civilization; also serves as a Faculty Advisor for the Karsh Institute of Democracy; her current book in progress “An Education in Fiction” argues that literary education in postclassical antiquity was designed to equip students with the skills of fiction competency.

All about the book
Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It by Richard Reeves tackles the complex and urgent crisis of boyhood and manhood. Reeves looks at the structural challenges that face boys and men and offers fresh and innovative solutions that turn the page on the corrosive narrative that plagues this issue.

Event details!
Wednesday
February 1, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 389
Meet
CHRISTIAN
STEINMENTZ

All about the professor
Professor and coordinator of the Doctoral and M.Ed. programs in Higher Education; her previous work as a student affairs administer informs and influences her teaching in Student Affairs and College Student Development as well as her research interest in the psychosocial development of students from low-income backgrounds.

All about the book
The Privileged Poor: How elite colleges are failing disadvantaged students by Anthony Abraham Jack observes events on campus while also conducting interviews in order to find out how social class impacts students’ adjustment to college and to determine ways colleges make students feel part of, or separate from, the community.

Event details!
Thursday
February 2, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 177
Meet SANDRA SEIDEL

All about the professor
Association Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. She teaches a course on human biology for the Biology Department and two COLAs—College Advising Seminars for first-semester first year students—one on cardiovascular physiology and another on mindfulness. As a former Director of Studies for the IRC, Sandy worked to build a caring and mindful residential community.

All about the book
See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love by Valerie Kaur describes revolutionary love as the call of our time, a radical, joyful practice that extends in three directions: to others, to our opponents, and to ourselves. It enjoins us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say: You are part of me I do not yet know.

Event details!
Monday
February 6, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 389
Meet STANLEY STEPANIC

All about the professor
Assistant Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures and to date he has published three textbooks. In addition, he has been very active in the public sphere, giving a variety of presentations and interviews with media outlets over the years, primarily concerning the vampire. He also runs an underground media site and small record label named Deaf Sparrow.

All about the book
I Am Legend by Richard Matheson details the life of Robert Neville in the months and eventually years after the outbreak of a pandemic that has killed the rest of the human population and turned infected survivors into "vampires".

Event details!
Tuesday February 7, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 389
Meet ANDY PETTERS

All about the professor
Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life, Dean P is approaching his 11th year supporting residents at UVA and working with the ResStaff program to support RAs and SRs in on-Grounds communities.

All about the book
The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch is a lengthened version of the Final lecture professor Pausch gave before he lost his battle with pancreatic cancer, entitled “Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams.” The book focuses on the core principles for his children to embody as part of their everyday lives, this book highlights the importance of mentors.

Event details!
Wednesday
February 8, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Newcomb 389