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NANA KWAME ADJEI-BRENYAH

A Reading by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

Ghanaian American Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah is the *New York*

Times–bestselling author of *Friday Black* (2018), a collection of edgy, yet charming tales. He was the winner of the PEN/Jean Stein Book Award and selected by Colson Whitehead as one of the National Book Foundation’s “5 Under 35” honorees. Adjei-Brenyah’s work has appeared in the *New York Times Book Review*, *Esquire*, *Literary Hub*, the *Paris Review*, *Guernica*, and *Longreads*, and he recently completed his debut novel *Chain-Gang All-Stars* (Penguin Random House 2023)

Tue, March 21 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Online



MATT STOLLER

Monopoly Power, the Tech Goliaths, and Our Democracy

Matt Stoller, Director of Research at the American Economic Liberties

Project, is the author of *Goliath: The Hundred Year War Between Monopoly Power and Democracy* (Simon and Schuster 2020). A former policy advisor to the Senate Budget Committee, he also worked for a member of the Financial Services Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives during the financial crisis. Stoller’s writing has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Fast Company*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Guardian*, *Vice*, *The American Conservative*, and *The Baffler*. He also writes Big, the monopoly-focused newsletter with tens of thousands of subscribers.

Tue, April 4 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Online



TANANARIVE DUE

Navigating Real-Life Horror Through Writing Horror: A Reading by Tananarive Due

Award-winning author Tananarive

Due, a leading voice in Black speculative fiction for more than 20 years, teaches Black Horror and Afrofuturism at UCLA. She is an executive producer on Shudder’s groundbreaking documentary “Horror Noire: A History of Black Horror.” Projects with her husband and collaborator, Steven Barnes, include “A Small Town” for Season 2 of Jordan Peele’s “The Twilight Zone” on Paramount Plus and two segments of Shudder’s anthology film “Horror Noire.” The duo also co-wrote the upcoming Black Horror graphic novel *The Keeper*, illustrated by Marco Finnegan, and they co-host the podcast “Lifewriting: Write for Your Life!”

Fri, April 7 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Online



KAREN TEI YAMASHITA

A Reading by Karen Tei Yamashita

Karen Tei Yamashita, whose parents were survivors of the Topaz internment camp during World War

II, is professor emerita of literature and creative writing at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She is the author of eight books, including the award-winning novel *I Hotel*. In 2021, Yamashita was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters by the National Book Foundation. She is also the recipient of the John Dos Passos Prize for Literature and a U.S. Artists’ Ford Foundation Fellowship, as well as the California Book Award and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association Award, among others.

Tue, April 25 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Online



DOUGLAS MACGREGOR

The War in Ukraine and the U.S. Response

Dr. Douglas Macgregor is a decorated combat veteran, former Senior Advisor

to the Secretary of Defense, author of five books, and a defense and foreign policy consultant. He is widely known across Europe, Israel, Russia, China, and Korea for his groundbreaking books on military transformation — *Breaking the Phalanx* (Praeger 1997) and *Transformation under Fire* (Praeger 2003) — and his recommendations for change in Force Design have profoundly influenced force development in Israel, Russia, and China. Dr. Macgregor also wrote *Margin of Victory: Five Battles that Changed the Face of Modern War* (Naval Institute Press 2016). He has testified as an expert witness before the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, and has appeared as a defense analyst on Fox News, CNN, BBC, Sky News, and public radio.

Thu, May 11 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Online

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