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Mark Your Calendar Free Annual Lectures

- Saturday, October 24, 2026
- Saturday, November 21, 2026
- Saturday, May 8, 2027

All talks at **8:00PM** at Cary Memorial Hall,
1605 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington, MA.

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Thought Full: The Human Advantage in an AI World

Po-Shen Loh - October 24, 2026 8:00PM

In a world where artificial intelligence can now complete many of the tasks once used to measure academic achievement, Carnegie Mellon University professor, social entrepreneur, and educational innovator Po-Shen Loh invites families, educators, students, and community leaders to consider a powerful question: What skills will matter most for the next generation?

Through years of teaching, listening, experimenting with new educational approaches, and traveling to nearly 100 cities annually, Loh has searched for patterns in how people learn, adapt, and grow into thoughtful, confident individuals. What he discovered challenges many conventional assumptions about education and success.

These observations led Loh to develop **Thought Full**, the idea that success in the age of AI comes from the love of delighting others, even strangers, while understanding the world through your own thought. In this lecture, Loh shares why he believes the human advantage lies not in knowing more, but in our ability to imagine what could be, solve problems that matter, and leave a meaningful mark on the world around us.



The Bittersweet History of Chocolate: What Makes Chocolate Good?

Carla D. Martin - November 21, 2026 8:00PM

Social anthropologist Dr. Carla D. Martin will trace the bittersweet history of chocolate — from Mayan temples, to the Transatlantic Slave Trade, to the rise of iconic brands like Hershey's and Nestlé, to grueling labor on cocoa farms today. For centuries, the interests of U.S. and European chocolate makers have often diverged from those of cocoa farmers and producers. As she examines the cocoa-chocolate industry, Martin highlights the often-conflicting goals that create gaps in social and environmental responsibility. Many artisanal chocolate makers today market the social values underlying their production. When it comes to chocolate, good taste is paramount, but how do we measure its social goodness, and what value does this add for consumers?

Carla D. Martin is a lecturer in Harvard University's Department of African and African American Studies and Founder and Board President of the nonprofit Institute for Cacao and Chocolate Research. Her work brings her into community with workers at cocoa farms and chocolate factories worldwide. **A chocolate tasting will follow the talk.**



Why Women Won

Claudia Goldin - May 8, 2027 8:00PM

Professor Claudia Goldin was awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Economics “for having advanced our understanding of women’s labor market outcomes.” She will explore how we moved from a world in which discrimination against women was not recognized as an issue, women were routinely and legally fired when they married or became pregnant, and they often couldn’t get a credit card or legally keep their name— to the world we live in now, however imperfect. Women won workplace and reproductive rights fifty years ago. But why have women never achieved equality in the workplace and equity in their homes, and how can they in a politically fractured nation?

Claudia Goldin is the Samuel W. Morris University Professor and the Henry Lee Professor of Economics at Harvard University. An economic historian and labor economist, her research covers topics including the female labor force, the gender gap in earnings, income inequality, technological change, education, and immigration. She holds many honorary degrees and is the author of numerous books and articles. The subject of this talk, *Why Women Won*, will also be the title of her upcoming book.