

The Honors College and The Center for Cognitive Science Present

DR. STEVEN PINKER

ENLIGHTENMENT NOW: THE CASE FOR REASON, SCIENCE,
HUMANISM, AND PROGRESS



WEDNESDAY
OCT 3, 2018

LECTURE: 1:10–2:30 PM

Scott Hall, Room 123
43 College Avenue

RECEPTION: 5:00–7:00 PM

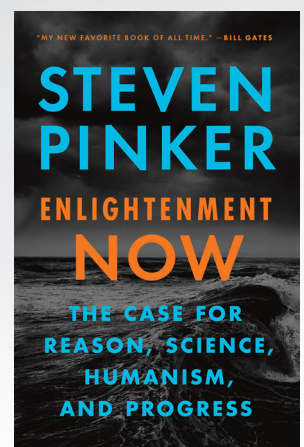
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“My new favorite book of all time.”
—Bill Gates

If you read the news today, you might come to the conclusion that the human race is doomed, that democracy is on the decline, that authoritarianism and tribalism are on the rise. But is the world really falling apart? In this bold keynote, Steven Pinker urges us to step back from the gory headlines, which play to our psychological biases. Instead, follow the data. Pinker shows that life, health, prosperity, safety, peace, knowledge, and happiness are on the rise, not just in the West, but worldwide. In a timely and hopeful keynote, Dr. Pinker makes the case for reason, science, and humanism: the ideals we need to confront our problems and continue our progress.

Currently Johnstone Professor of Psychology at Harvard, Dr. Pinker has also taught at Stanford and MIT. He has won numerous prizes for his research, his teaching, and his ten books. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, a Humanist of the Year, a recipient of nine honorary doctorates, and one of *Foreign Policy*'s “World's Top 100 Public Intellectuals” and *Time*'s “100 Most Influential People in the World Today.” He is Chair of the Usage Panel of the *American Heritage Dictionary*, and writes frequently for *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and other publications.



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