We Flourish Book List

Below is a compilation of books that are authored by Princeton alumni and faculty that are speaking at We Flourish: Celebrating Asian and Asian American Alumni at Princeton University. Books will be for sale at Labyrinth Books on Nassau Street at a 20% discount to conference attendees.

Helen Zia ’73
Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People
Review - [https://www.nytimes.com/books/00/03/05/reviews/000305.05sengupt.htm](https://www.nytimes.com/books/00/03/05/reviews/000305.05sengupt.htm)
Comments - An ambitious blend of personal and cultural history, a primer on Asian America that covers everything from the history of Asian immigration to the turbulence of the past three decades as the community has gone from silent majority to demanding its place in American society.

Anne Anlin Cheng ’85
The Melancholy of Race: Psychoanalysis, Assimilation and Hidden Grief
Bio - [http://english.princeton.edu/people/anne-cheng](http://english.princeton.edu/people/anne-cheng)
Review - [https://muse.jhu.edu/journals/criticism/v043/43.4kearly.html](https://muse.jhu.edu/journals/criticism/v043/43.4kearly.html)
Comments - Anne Anlin Cheng’s The Melancholy of Race forcefully reimagines the politics of the subject by focusing on the logic of fantasy through which the subject is always imagined. That she does so in a volume that offers her readers the genuine jolt of intellectual surprise testifies at once to the originality of her insights and to our need for the vital and revitalizing intelligence with which she makes possible new ways of questioning the terms through which we pose, and thereby reimpose, the so-called question of race.

Gordon H. Chang ’70
Fateful Ties: A History of America’s Preoccupation with China
Bio - [https://history.stanford.edu/people/gordon-h-chang](https://history.stanford.edu/people/gordon-h-chang)
Comments - Chang’s eloquently written history takes this country’s ongoing mythmaking about China seriously and subjects it to a richly detailed critical analysis. An essential book for anyone interested in going behind the ‘rise of China’ headlines.
Franklin Odo ’61 *’75
No Sword to Bury: Japanese Americans in Hawaii during World War II
Bio - http://encyclopedia.densho.org/authors/Franklin%20Odo/
Comments - he Japanese American population of Hawai`i navigated its way through one of the most dangerous and transformational periods in U.S. history. Franklin Odo’s use of personal stories of the men and women who made that journey reveals the choices that were made, the strategies that were used, and the lessons we all can draw from them.

Tarun Khanna ’88
Billions of Entrepreneurs: How India and China are Reshaping Their Futures – and Yours
Interview - http://hbswk.hbs.edu/item/5766.html
Comments - Khanna delivers a dense but lively blend of anecdotes and analysis. He shows how entrepreneurial spirit is transforming both these countries not only economically, but strengthening ties between the two.

Thomas J. Christensen
The China Challenge: Shaping the Choices of a Rising Power
Bio - http://wws.princeton.edu/faculty-research/faculty/tchriste
Comments - Christensen is a first-rate expert on Asian politics, American foreign policy, and international relations theory. His new book is a major contribution to all three fields and uses meticulous historical analysis to show how and why internal alliance dynamics have repeatedly made life difficult and dangerous for everyone.
Sheryl WuDunn *88
*A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity*
(with Nicholas D. Kristof)
Comments - These stories of real people struggling for survival and opportunity serve as a powerful reminder that poverty is complex and painful, but the call to action doesn’t need to be. With insight, compassion and optimism, Kristof and WuDunn show us that we can all play a role in making the world a better place.

Sam S. Wang, PhD.
*Welcome to Your Child’s Brain: How the Mind Grows from Conception to College*
(with Sandra Aamodt, PhD)
Bio - [http://molbio.princeton.edu/faculty/molbio-faculty/139-wang](http://molbio.princeton.edu/faculty/molbio-faculty/139-wang)
Comments - *Welcome To Your Brain* is not just a parenting book - though it does have information that parents will find quite useful. Think of it as a book about how we become the adults that we are today. The core of that is childhood.

Maria A. Ressa ’86
*From Bin Laden to Facebook: 10 Days of Abduction, 10 Years of Terrorism*
Website - [http://www.mariaressa.com/](http://www.mariaressa.com/)
Comments - One of the leading experts on terror in Southeast Asia, Maria Ressa has written a fascinating and important primer on the ties of family and loyalty that bind the region’s Islamist networks. Rich with the personal histories of some of the region’s most dangerous men and women, her account is framed by the gripping step-by-step drama of a kidnapping that brought terror to her doorstep in what she calls ‘the most challenging ten days of my life.’
Karthick Ramakrishnan *02
*The New Immigration Federalism* (with Pratheep Gulasekaram)
and *Asian American Political Participation*
Website - [http://karthick.com/](http://karthick.com/)
Comments - Richly interdisciplinary and multidimensional, *The New Immigration Federalism* offers an ambitious reframing of a core issue in today's immigration debates, challenging conventional wisdoms and putting current controversies in historical context.

Monica Youn ’93
*Ignatz*
Bio - [http://arts.princeton.edu/people/profiles/myyoun/](http://arts.princeton.edu/people/profiles/myyoun/)
Comments - In wiry verse, prose poems, sharp, jagged stanzas, and even lines that mimic the movement of a tetherball, Youn traces the many incarnations of desire...Not only has Youn created a thrilling book of poems but also opened new avenues for ekphrastic poetry.

Akhil Sharma ’92
*Family Life*
Bio - [http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/akhil-sharma](http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/akhil-sharma)
Comments - *Family Life* will cut your heart to pieces but it will also make you rejoice. The language, the humor, the sophistication, the empathy, the insight—all signal a new kind of literature about families and the bonds with which they hold us tight.

Indrani Pal-Chaudhuri ’01
*ICONS: The Celebrity Exposures of Markus + Indrani*
Website - [http://www.indrani.com/](http://www.indrani.com/)
Comments - The text, based on interviews with the photographers and many of the stars they’ve shot, describes the uniquely fascinating professional partnership of the former lovers, how they work, and tells stories about the famed subjects of their photography—at turns funny, fascinating, and endearing.