

Calvin University January Series

These episodes will be live-streamed during Young at Heart Activities

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Monday, January 15 12:30-1:30

Lerone Martin

Soul Force: The Challenge of Martin Luther King

Lerone Martin is an associate professor of religious studies at Stanford University and an award-winning author. He will highlight his book, [*The Gospel of J. Edgar Hoover*](#), and discuss the historical and legal context of government surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., its implications for the Civil Rights Movement, and lessons learned to be considered for today's social justice efforts.

Tuesday, January 16 12:30-1:30

Dan Tepfer

From Bach to Natural Machines: Algorithms as the Shapers of Music

Dan Tepfer is a pianist-composer who's recorded, performed, and composed around the world. He will share how his performances incorporate musical improvisation and computer programming accompaniment. He'll also discuss how composers as far back as Bach used algorithms and logical systems in famous works. Note: There is a FREE concert the night of his talk (January 16).

Wednesday, January 17 12:30-1:30

Robert George

Religious Liberty and the Human Good

Robert George is a McCormick professor of jurisprudence and the director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. He'll pull on his knowledge in law and theology to present how governments are obligated to respect and protect religious freedom for the sake of the basic human right of religion itself.

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Monday, January 22 12:30-1:30

Kendall VanderSlice

Table Conversations: Building Community as We Eat

Kendall Vanderslice is a baker, writer, and the founder of the Edible Theology Project, an educational nonprofit connecting the Communion table to the kitchen table. Through her work in food studies and theology, she explores the ways God uses the table to restore communities and creation.

Tuesday, January 23 12:30-1:30

Lydia Dugdale

The Lost Art of Dying: Ethical Considerations in Facing Our Mortality

Dr. Lydia Dugdale is an internal medicine primary care doctor and a medical ethicist. She's also a Columbia University professor and director of the Center for Clinical Medical Ethics. In her new book, *The Lost Art of Dying*, Dugdale offers insight and thoughtful guidance on how to die well. She guides readers to recover their sense of finitude, confront fears, accept how bodies age, develop meaningful rituals, and involve communities in end-of-life care.

Wednesday, January 24 12:30-1:30

Niala Boodhoo

Lessons I've Learned from Listening

Niala Boodhoo '96 is an Axios journalist and podcast host, as well as guest host for 1A on NPR. She'll discuss the importance of living outside of an echo chamber and the ways the human voice can help us change our perspectives. Niala is also a past vice president and emerita board member of the Asian American Journalists Association and a current member of the Board of Trustees of Calvin University. A Veriditas-trained labyrinth facilitator, Niala is also an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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Monday, January 29 12:30-1:30

Jacob Goldstein

Technology, Luddites, and the Future of Work

Jacob Goldstein is an NPR correspondent and podcast host. His interest in technology and the changing nature of work has led him to stories on UPS, the Luddites, and the history of light. His current work looks at the big picture of new technologies such as AI and the future of work. Goldstein looks at the history of technological breakthroughs to point out a silver lining.

Tuesday, January 30 12:30-1:30

Daniel Bowman

Neurodivergent Storytelling

Daniel Bowman Jr. is a novelist, poet, and professor, who received an autism diagnosis at age 35. He will offer insights on autism, relationships, faith, and the gift of neurodiversity through stories of his heartbreaks and triumphs.

Wednesday, January 31 12:30-1:30

Abram Van Engen, Joanne Diaz and Marilyn Nelson

A Live Recording of the Podcast, "Poetry for All" with Marilyn Nelson

Joanne Diaz and Abram Van Engen are podcast co-hosts Poetry for All, where they read a poem, discuss it, see what makes it tick, learn how it works, grow from it, and then read it again. During the January Series, they'll do a live recording of their show with guest Marilyn Nelson, a three-time finalist for the National Book Award and one of America's most celebrated poets.

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