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Photos of Heather Cox Richardson (left) and Dylan Penningroth (right) are available for download from the Cal Performances' [Press Room](#).

ADDED EVENT!

**CAL PERFORMANCES AND THE GRADUATE DIVISION
AT UC BERKELEY PRESENT
FORGING A NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM, 2024 AND BEYOND
HEATHER COX RICHARDSON
IN CONVERSATION WITH DYLAN PENNINGROTH
FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:30PM
AT ZELLERBACH HALL**

Berkeley, December 4, 2024—Cal Performances and the Graduate Division at UC Berkeley present historian and political commentator Heather Cox Richardson in conversation with UC Berkeley professor of law and history Dylan Penningroth for a timely discussion about the reshaping of the United States' two major political parties. The event takes place on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30pm at Zellerbach Hall. Tickets go on sale to the general public Tuesday, December 10 at 12 noon.

A professor of 19th century American history at Boston College, Richardson provides an incisive perspective on current politics to the more than three million readers of her nightly newsletter, *Letters from an American*. She has written for the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and the *Guardian*, and is the author, most recently, of the best-selling book *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of*

America. Penningroth is the author of the award-winning *Before the Movement: The Hidden History of Black Civil Rights*. He serves as Associate Dean of the Program in Jurisprudence and Social Policy at the UC Berkeley Law School; his scholarship focuses on African American and legal history.

This event is part of the Charles M. and Martha Hitchcock Lectures series, from the Graduate Council and the Graduate Division.

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CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

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PRESENT**

Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30pm

**Zellerbach Hall
Bancroft Way at Dana Street
UC Berkeley campus**

Speakers

[Forging a New Political System, 2024 and Beyond](#)

Heather Cox Richardson

In Conversation With Dylan Penningroth

Program:

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Tickets: \$26–\$59 (prices subject to change). Tickets go on sale to the general public Tuesday, December 10 at 12pm. Tickets for all performances are available at calperformances.org, by phone at (510) 642-9988, or in person at the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall, Tuesday–Friday, 12–5:30pm and Saturday–Sunday, 1–5pm. There is a \$15 per order service charge on ticket purchases made by phone or online that are not part of a subscription package. There is no fee for tickets purchased in person at the Zellerbach Hall Ticket Office.

UC Berkeley students can access exclusive discounts, including half-price tickets in all sections of the theater. Information about UC Berkeley student tickets and discounts is available at calperformances.org/ucb-students; information about other discounts can be found at calperformances.org/discounts.

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