

Humanities for Humans

Turning Controversy into Connection

Wednesday, February 21st, 12PM - online

Conversation with Professor Martha Minow and Choreographer,
Writer, Teacher Liz Lerman.

Moderated by Professor Irene Kacandes

More from today's experts:

Martha Minow

Between Vengeance and Forgiveness: Facing History After Genocide and Mass Violence (Beacon 1999)

When Should Law Forgive? (Norton 2019)

"Walls or Bridges: Law's Role in Conflicts over Religion and Equal Treatment," 48 *Brigham Young L. Rev.* 1581 (2023), <https://digitalcommons.law.byu.edu/lawreview/vol48/iss5/7/>

"Learning How to Forgive," *Criminal* (Podcast May 1, 2020),
<https://thisiscriminal.com/episode-139-learning-how-to-forgive-5-1-2020/>

"Can Americans Forgive One Another," *Project Syndicate* (Dec. 21, 2020)
<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/what-a-politically-divided-america-should-prioritize-by-martha-minow-2020-12>

"Respectfully resolving tensions between religion, law is possible," with Michael McConnell, *Boston Globe*, May 27, 2015.
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2015/05/27/respectfully-resolvingtensions-between-religion-law-possible/IRgR30PYQYSqCDrp2USpBP/story.html#>

<https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Turning-Conflict-Into-Connection.pdf>

Liz Lerman

Critique is Creative (Wesleyan Press 2022)

Liz Lerman's Critical Response Process (Liz Lerman Dance Exchange 2003): [CRP One Pager](#)

Hiking the Horizontal: Field Notes from a Choreographer (Wesleyan Press 2011)

"Small Dances About Big Ideas" (at Harvard Law School in Commemoration of 60th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials; in consultation with Martha Minow)

<https://lizlerman.com/2018/05/17/small-dances-about-big-ideas/>

For additional videos of her work, please visit Liz Lerman's website

<https://lizlerman.com/timeline/>

From other authors:

David Brooks, *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* (Random House 2023)

Tina Campt, *A Black Gaze: Artists Changing How We See* (MIT University Press 2021)

Judith Lewis Herman, *Truth and Repair: How Trauma Survivors Envision Justice* (Basic 2023)
what needs to be done according to survivors themselves:
acknowledge, listen to survivors, and change the unjust system that leads to violence

Irene Kacandes, ed. *On Being Adjacent to Historical Violence* (De Gruyter 2022)

Facing History and Ourselves, *The Reconstruction Era and Fragility of Democracy*
<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/reconstruction-era-and-fragility-democracy-0>

Christina Sharpe, *Ordinary Notes* (Farrar, Straus, Giroux 2023)

Elizabeth Spelman, *Repair: The Impulse to Restore in a Fragile World* (Beacon 2003)
repair as a key aspect of human life

Douglas Stone, Bruce Patton, Sheila Heen (of the Harvard Negotiation Project),
Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most (Penguin, Revised ed. 2023)

Blog

"What Relationships Would You Want if You Believed They were Possible?"

with Rhaina Cohen, The Ezra Klein Show 6 Feb 2024

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/06/opinion/ezra-klein-podcast-rhaina-cohen.html>

Recent Films

Amerikatsi (Dir and wr Michael A. Goorjian, 2023)

remarkable depiction of prisoner making connection to one of his warders

The Promised Land (Dir Nikolaj Arcel and wr by Arcel and Anders Thomas Jensen, 2023)

man with egotistic quest is taught by a woman and a girl what true connection is