

Friday, May 1: Track down [Robert Cardillo](#), the former director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (a combat support organization), as he shares an insider's look at the hunt for Osama bin Laden. [National September 11 Memorial & Museum](#).

Saturday, May 2: Celebrate a [First Saturday](#) with the [Brooklyn Museum](#), which takes its show virtual this month, bringing together hands-on art, a Cinco de Mayo-inspired happy hour, music, and two curators on putting together new exhibition *Out of Place: A Feminist Look at the Collection*.

Sunday, May 3: French economist [Thomas Piketty](#) gives a presentation in conjunction with a film version of his breakout 2013 book *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. (The movie version can be rented from [Film Forum](#) starting Friday, May 1st.)

Monday, May 4: Stay informed about [the threats to free elections](#) posed by COVID-19 and partisan threats like that which put Wisconsin voters in danger in April. [NYU School of Law](#).

Tuesday, May 5: Belly up to food historian Jane Ziegelman (*A Square Meal: A Culinary History of the Great Depression*) as she sits down with [Tenement Museum](#) Director of Curatorial Affairs Dave Favoloro to look at immigrant cooking and how previous crises impacted American eating habits.

Wednesday, May 6: Look into democracy and the "complex web of [institutions, documents, social norms, and belief systems](#)" that support it as we struggle to stave off the forces of authoritarianism. [Queensborough Community College](#).

Thursday, May 7: Join a rabbi, a reverend, and a Jewish feminist professor at a Christian divinity school to look at [the Jewishness of Jesus](#), why that's been obscured, and why it's still significant today. [Temple Emanu-El](#).

Friday, May 8: Find artistic inspiration from the [Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden](#) and a lunchtime lecture on the 1830s trends of "[Greek Revival Architecture & Design](#)."

Saturday, May 9: Proceed to the annual sustainability celebration [Ecological City—Virtual—Art & Climate Solutions Pageant](#), which will run from 11am to 4pm.

Sunday, May 10: Love your mother—even if the pandemic keeps you apart—at this [Town Hall](#) sharing of maternal stories with the [World Mother Storytelling Project](#).

Monday, May 11: Make an appointment with Dr. Marisa T. Cohen ([From First Kiss to Forever: A Scientific Approach to Love](#)) as she talks about human connections in a time of social distancing.

Tuesday, May 12: Let Pulitzer Prize-winning art critic Jerry Saltz paint a pretty picture for you as he teams up with [The National Arts Club](#) for a presentation of his new book, [How to Be an Artist](#).

Wednesday, May 13: Go down the trail of the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair's [Spanish Pavilion](#), considered the Jewel of the Fair before it embarked on a second life as the lobby of a St. Louis Hilton. [Landmark West!](#)

Thursday, May 14: Search for SS veterans in America with Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter Debbie Cenziper as she presents her new book, [Citizen 865: The Hunt for Hitler's Hidden Soldiers in America](#). [Museum of Jewish Heritage](#).

Friday, May 15: Discover the latest updates as atmospheric scientist Katharine Hayhoe comes virtually to the [Simons Foundation](#) to share [what's happening with climate change](#) and why it (urgently) matters.

Saturday, May 16: Pay a visit to Ramallah with Orwell Prize–winning author, who talks about his 2019 book [Going Home: A Walk Through Fifty Years of Occupation](#), chronicling a series of journeys around his home town. [McNally Jackson](#).

Sunday, May 17: Lend an ear to the [American Composers Orchestra](#) and its new commission series Connecting ACO Community, which this week features composer Gity Razaz's new work for violinist Jennifer Koh, followed by a Q&A.

Monday, May 18: Steal a glimpse of the Miami literary scene with the next session of "[Zen and the Art of Poetry by Women](#)," this week featuring writers Juliana Gray and Caroline Cabrera.

Tuesday, May 19: Enter the waiting room for [Caveat](#) comedians, historians, and storytellers as they talk about overlooked women in medicine at the next session of [Nevertheless She Existed](#).

Wednesday, May 20: Get an answer to the question of whether we should know Lizzie Borden as an unjustly persecuted daughter or a cold-blooded killer. Cara Robertson, author of the recent book [The Trial of Lizzie Borden](#), explains the narratives that Gilded Age America was seeking.

Thursday, May 21: Appreciate some art as the [International Center of Photography \(ICP\)](#) hosts a lecture and virtual book launch for New York–based photographer Justine Kurland's new monograph, [Justine Kurland: Girl Pictures](#).

Friday, May 22: Join [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) resident performing artists [ETHEL](#) for a virtual string quartet "Balcony Bar From Home" session.

Saturday, May 23: Cruise on over to Paris and a visit to the home of architectural historian, Pascal Yves Laurent, head of the Paris Art Deco Society. He'll be leading an illustrated talk on [French world's fairs and ocean liners](#).

Sunday, May 24: Relax into a weekly [Binaural Sound Meditation Broadcast](#), streaming live from The Dojo Upstate.

Monday, May 25: Mark [Memorial Day](#) with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) and a virtual commemoration from Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, May 26: Broaden your mind with Integral Yoga New York president [Swami Asokananda](#), who shares insights into yoga philosophy and psychology inspired by a lifetime's study of the *Bhagavad Gita*.

Wednesday, May 27: Ponder the contradiction at the heart of Thomas Jefferson's life: champion of liberty and owner of slaves. Two of the world's leading Jefferson scholars, Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter S. Onuf, discuss their book "[Most Blessed of the Patriarchs](#)": *Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination*.

Thursday, May 28: Join [Columbia University](#) as it continues its "Care for the Polis" series. A session on Urban Infrastructures of Violence includes mental illness expert Jonathan Metz, author of [Dying of Whiteness: How the Politics of Racial Resentment Is Killing America's Heartland](#).

Friday, May 29: Settle in to the kick off of [We Are One: A Global Film Festival](#), which brings together works from dozens of festivals forced to cancel by the coronavirus.

Saturday, May 30: Let the [Tibetan Buddhist Shrine Room](#) at the Rubin Museum of Art provide a respite in stressful times with a recording of two hours of meditative chanting, available 24-7.

Sunday, May 31: Seek out neuroscience, psychology, and wisdom practices "to support awakening as the next natural stage of human development" in a full-day workshop with [psychotherapist and Buddhist teacher Loch Kelly](#). [92nd Street Y](#).