

Hear from SoPA faculty during the 2023 New Orleans Book Festival!

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The **NEW ORLEANS**
BOOK FESTIVAL
at Tulane University

SoPA SPEAKERS

Suri Duitch, PhD

Froswa' Booker-Drew, PhD

Michael Wallace, EDD

Chris Cox, SoPA '17

The Tulane School of Professional Advancement (Tulane SoPA) is gearing up for the second annual New Orleans Book Festival taking place March 9-11 on Tulane's uptown campus. Tulane SoPA will be represented on Friday, March 10, when several faculty members and alumni will participate in talks around the topics of philanthropy and veteran healthcare.

At 2 p.m. Friday in the Lavin-Bernick Center, Race Room 201, [Dean Suri Duitch, PhD](#), will moderate a conversation with SoPA Public Administration faculty member,

[Froswa' Booker-Drew, PhD](#), during a discussion titled, *A Frank Conversation About Philanthropy, Community and Race*.

At 3 p.m. Friday in the ROTC Building on the Uptown campus, [Michael Wallace, EdD](#), director of SoPA's Emergency and Security Studies Program and Senior Professor of Practice, will host a panel titled, *A Call to Arms: Advancing HealthCare to Veterans*. The panel features Emergency and Security Studies alumnus [Chris Cox](#), Tulane School of Medicine [Assistant Professor of Sports Medicine Dr. Greg Stewart](#), and former Green Beret and NFL player [Nate Boyer](#).

The three-day celebration of literature and culture features over 130 renowned and rising authors participating in 78 panels, book signings, a culinary symposium, family day festivities and a musical performance. The festival is free and open to the public. [Click here](#) for the complete lineup and schedule.

This one-of-a-kind book festival has a distinct New Orleans flavor with live jazz music, cooking presentations and tastings from local chefs and some of the Crescent City's most colorful authors and political figures. Lively author discussions, moderated conversations, panel discussions, book sales and at least one major plenary session featuring a leading author will highlight each day.

The popular culinary symposium returns on Friday, March 10 and features a distinguished lineup of chefs, including Kevin Belton, Molly Kimball, Alon Shaya, Susan Spicer and Bryant Terry. The group will participate in roundtable discussions and food tastings.

Family Day will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 and will feature children's and family programming that includes 14 talented and award-winning local and national authors. Fox 8 anchor Kelsey Davis will serve as the emcee for the event. The book festival has partnered with Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education and media company, for Family Day and will include a free book giveaway. Family Day is open and accessible to all children of our community and their families. [Click here](#) for the Family Day authors.

The Preservation All-Stars will close the book festival with a musical celebration on Saturday afternoon with their famous New Orleans traditional jazz performance.

Author book signings will take place immediately following the conclusion of most panel sessions. Books from the participating authors will be available for purchase in

the Barnes & Noble College Bookstore, located inside the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life (LBC), each day from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., and in the Hyatt Regency Festival Tent, located on Berger Family Lawn, on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The official 2023 poster by New Orleans-based artist and bestselling author Alex Beard will be available for purchase in the LBC bookstore, the Alex Beard Studio (3926 Magazine St.) or online [here](#).

All events will take place on Tulane’s uptown campus, including the Avron B. Fogelman Arena in the Devlin Fieldhouse, the Malkin Sacks Commons, the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life, McAlister Auditorium, the Navy ROTC Building, the Goldring/Woldenberg Business Complex and the Berger Family Lawn.

For more information on the New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University, please visit www.bookfest.tulane.edu or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).