Harvard Professor Robert D. Putnam has written fifteen books, including *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Italy* and *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, both among the most cited (bestselling) social science works in the last half century.

Alumna Shaylyn Romney Garrett’s work includes the uniquely revealing portraits of religious communities across the United States in *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us.*

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“The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again”

12:00-12:05  Call to Order: Walter F. Edwards, Director, Humanities Center, WSU
12:05-12:10  Welcoming Remarks: Stephanie W. Hartwell - Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, WSU
12:10-12:15  Moderator- Alisa Moldavanova, Associate Professor, Political Science, WSU
12:15-12:45  Patrick Cooper McCann, (Assistant Professor, Urban Studies & Planning, WSU)-“Reframing The Shrinking City”
12:45-1:15  Kristin Taylor, (Associate Professor, Political Science, WSU)-“Do All Failures Lead to Change? A Comparative Analysis Of Policy Failure And Learning After Natural Disasters And Infrastructure Crises”
1:15-1:45  Natalie Bakopoulos, (Associate Professor, English, WSU) -“A Little History Had To Intervene”
1:45-2:15  Billicia Hines, (Associate Professor, Theatre & Dance, WSU) & Dr. Ras Mikey Courtney, (Assistant Professor, Dance, WSU) - “Decolonization Of The Arts: An Altered Perception Of Failure”
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2:40-3:25  Keynote Address- Robert D. Putnam, (Malkin Research Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University) with Shaylyn Romney Garrett, (Writer, Alumna of Harvard University)
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