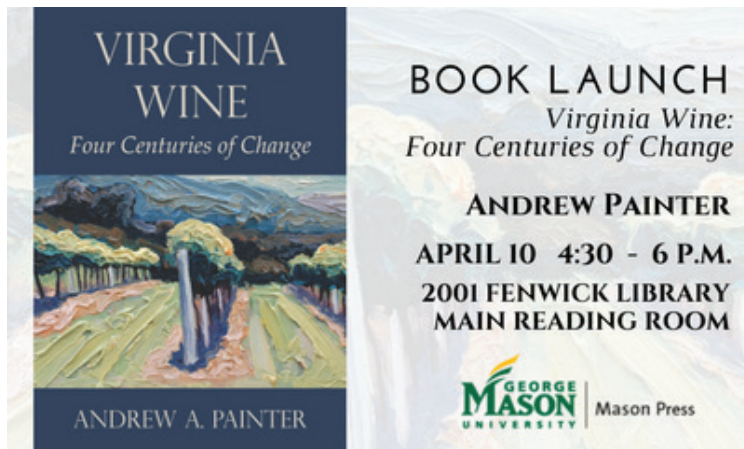


Giving Day Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Mason's second annual Giving Day by supporting our University Libraries Student Assistant Scholarship Endowment or another initiative of the Libraries.

With your generosity, we exceeded our expectations and raised over \$13K, allowing us to fully fund our Scholarship Endowment. Because of you, we will be able to begin awarding scholarships during the 2018-19 academic year!



Virginia Wine: Four Centuries of Change

Join us today at 4:30pm in our Fenwick Main Reading Room for the launch of *Virginia Wine: Four Centuries of Change*, featuring author Andrew Painter. *Virginia Wine* presents a comprehensive record of the Virginia wine industry, from the earliest Spanish accounts describing Native American vineyards in 1570 through its astonishing rebirth in the modern era. The author chronicles the dynamic personalities, diverse places, and engrossing personal and political struggles that have established the Old Dominion as one of the nation's preeminent wine regions. Virginia's wine industry now accounts for nearly \$1 billion in annual sales, with more than 275 wineries growing more than 30 varieties of grapes.

Books will be available for purchase at the event, and refreshments will be provided (courtesy of the University Bookstore).

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Annual Fenwick Fellow Lectures

Join us on Wednesday, April 25 at 2pm in the Fenwick Library Main Reading Room, when Professors Edward Rhodes and John Turner will discuss their research findings from their 2016-2017 fellowships.

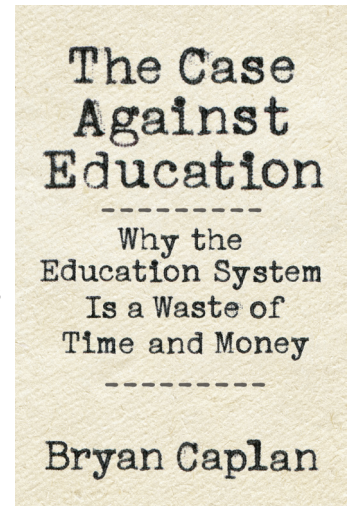
Professor Rhodes, Government & International Affairs, Schar School of Policy & Government,



will present on “Normalcy’: Rediscovering the Curious Brilliance of Warren G. Harding.” Professor Turner, Religious Studies, College of Humanities & Social Studies, will present on “The Plymouth Colony and the Making of American Liberty.”

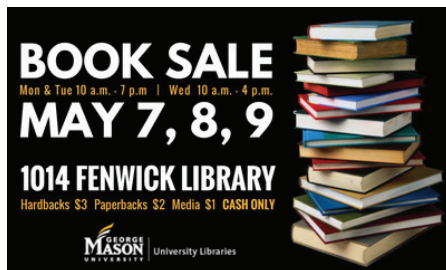
Mason Author Series

Rounding out our spring Mason Author Series, we will host Bryan Caplan on Thursday, May 3, from 3 to 4:30pm in the Fenwick Main Reading Room. Bryan Caplan, Professor of Economics, will discuss his recent book, *The Case Against Education*. In this explosive book, Bryan Caplan argues that the primary function of education is not to enhance students’ skill but to certify their intelligence, work ethic, and conformity—in other words, to signal the qualities of a good employee. Learn why students hunt for the easy A and casually forget most of what they learn after the final exam, why decades of growing access to education have not resulted in better jobs for the average worker but instead in runaway credential inflation, how employers reward workers for costly schooling they rarely if ever use, and why cutting education spending is the best remedy. Books will be available for purchase at the event, and refreshments will be provided (courtesy of the University Bookstore).



About the Mason Author Series: The University Libraries’ Mason Author Series features Mason faculty and alumni authors throughout the year, and is generously sponsored by the George Mason University Bookstore. Books will be available for purchase at events, and refreshments will be provided. For more information about the Mason Author Series, please contact John Warren, Head, Mason Publishing, at jwarre13@gmu.edu.

Libraries Book Sale



The Libraries will host a book sale on May 7-9 in Fenwick Library, Room 1014. Stop by during the following hours:

- Monday, May 7th, 10am – 7pm
- Tuesday, May 8th, 10am – 7pm
- Wednesday, May 9th, 10am – 4pm

CASH ONLY accepted. Hardcover \$3; Paperback \$2; Media \$1. \$5 for an entire bag of books on Wednesday!

Faculty & Staff Accolades

In addition to their day-to-day activities ensuring our library system operates smoothly, and the hours they spend conducting workshops and assisting and guiding students, our faculty and staff serve on national professional committees, organize and contribute to international conferences, secure grants, and supervise student research teams, just to list a few items of note. Visit <http://library.gmu.edu/about/accolades> for more.



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