

Yale SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The Program for Humanities in Medicine

Spiro Lecture Series presents...

Harriet A. Washington

National Book Critics Circle Award-winner

Author of *A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and the Assault on the American Mind*; *Infectious Madness: The Surprising Science of How We "Catch" Mental Illness*; and *Medical Apartheid The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present*

The Brain Thieves: Heavy Metals, Pathogens and Other Enemies of Cognition



"Harriet Washington explores how environmental racism damages young minds, particularly the minds of impoverished African American children who are exposed inordinately to toxins and pathogens in marginalized communities. She writes lucidly of how pollutants such as heavy metals and neurotoxins injure developing brains and recounts vividly case after case of the devastating cost to human brains and bodies. As she demolishes racist notions of inherited intelligence, she describes the medical consequences of horrific environmental catastrophes that have largely been forgotten or overlooked. Revelatory and compelling, Harriet Washington's *A Terrible Thing to Waste is the Silent Spring for the 21st century.*"

-- Robin Lindley, JD, Features Editor, *History News Network*

Thursday, September 5, 2019

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Cohen Auditorium

Yale Child Study Center

NIHB, E-02

230 South Frontage Road, New Haven

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