



Psych: The Story of the Human Mind Paul Bloom, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology at the University of Toronto, and Brooks and Suzanne Ragen Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Yale University.

Jennifer Senior

Staff writer at *The Atlantic* and winner of the 2022 Pulitzer for Feature Writing. Author, *All Joy and No Fun: The Paradox of Modern Parenthood*.

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 7:00 PM CT (on Zoom)

Register: www.bit.ly/BloomFANWebinar

PLUS: After-Hours Event!

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How does the brain—a three-pound wrinkly mass—give rise to intelligence and conscious experience? Was Freud right that we are all plagued by forbidden sexual desires? What is the function of emotions such as disgust, gratitude, and shame? Renowned psychologist **Paul Bloom, Ph.D.** answers these questions and many more in his riveting new book *Psych: The Story of the Human Mind*.

Psych is an expert and passionate guide to the most intimate aspects of our nature, serving up the equivalent of a serious university course while being funny, engaging, and full of memorable anecdotes. But *Psych* is much more than a comprehensive overview of the field of psychology. Bloom reveals what psychology can tell us about the most pressing moral and political issues of our time—including belief in conspiracy theories, the role of genes in explaining human differences, and the nature of prejudice and hatred. Bloom also shows how psychology can give us practical insights into important issues—from the treatment of mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety to the best way to lead happy and fulfilling lives.

Bloom is the Brooks and Suzanne Ragen Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Yale University and a psychology professor at the University of Toronto. His work seeks to uncover how children and adults understand themselves, others, and the world at large, with a special focus on pleasure, morality, religion, fiction, and art. His research is heavily interdisciplinary, incorporating concepts from cognitive, social, and developmental psychology as well as evolutionary theory, behavioral economics, and philosophy. He is the author of seven books, including *The Sweet Spot*, *Against Empathy*, *Just Babies*, *How Pleasure Works*, *How Children Learn the Meanings of Words*, and *Descartes' Baby*.

Bloom will be in conversation with **Jennifer Senior** (FAN '14), staff writer at *The Atlantic* and winner of the 2022 Pulitzer for Feature Writing. Senior is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *All Joy and No Fun: The Paradox of Modern Parenthood*.

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