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2018 Distinguished Lecture in Psychology

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Against Empathy

- Most people think the only problem with empathy is that we don't have enough of it. Drawing on research in areas such as psychopathy, criminal behavior, charitable giving, cognitive neuroscience, dehumanization, and Buddhist meditation practices, Bloom argues that this is mistaken. Empathy makes us worse. We are better off, in both public policy and intimate relationships, drawing upon a combination of reason and distanced compassion.



Thursday, April 12
4:00 pm

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Dr. Paul Bloom

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