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# 'An Evening with Jonathan Haidt'

Renowned psychologist, writer and professor to speak at the Student Life Cinema

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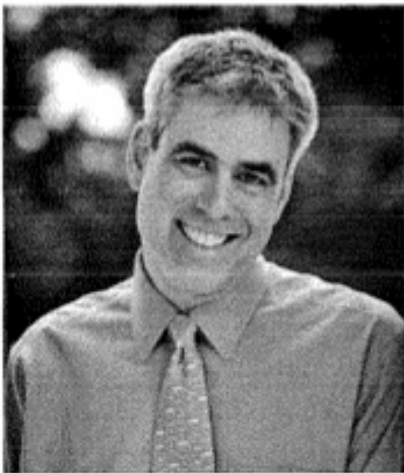


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Jonathan Haidt, a researcher of morality and emotion across cultures and author of *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* and *The Happiness Hypothesis: Finding Modern Truth in Ancient Wisdom*, will speak at The Student Life Cinema on Tuesday, Sept. 11. This lecture is free for anyone to attend, although priority entrance will be given to Florida State University students.

"An Evening with Jonathan Haidt" is part of Florida State's Golden Tribe Lecture Series, which is responsible for bringing many other speakers to campus, including film director, Spike Lee and science writer, Rebecca Skloot.

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Haidt is a Professor of Ethical Leadership at New York University's Stern School of Business, and has also taught psychology at the University of Virginia. He received his PhD in social psychology in 1992 from the University of Pennsylvania, and received additional training in cultural psychology at the University of Chicago. In 2001, he was awarded the Templeton Award for Positive Psychology, a field that seeks ways to make life fulfilling.

His earliest work was with Social Intuitionism, in which he asserted intuition is the basis for moral judgment and decision-making, rather than reasoning.

IF YOU GO

When: Tuesday, September 11  
Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Student Life Cinema in the Askew Student Life Center

Haidt is best known for his "Moral Foundations Theory," which was the focus in his 2008 TEDTalk, a conference to spread ideas in a number of subjects. These moral foundations consist of six underlying ideas that help to form a person's political choices:

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Haidt describes his political stance as centrist after his work with the moral foundations. He believes because of these morals, all people see the world as either good or evil, and always see themselves as situated on the good side.

His lecture at TED2012 is geared more toward happiness, and "hive psychology." He argues humans lose themselves in groups like bees in a hive, and this is important for understanding where politics, religion and morality originated.

To learn more about Haidt's findings on political civility, visit his website at [civilpolitics.org](http://civilpolitics.org).

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