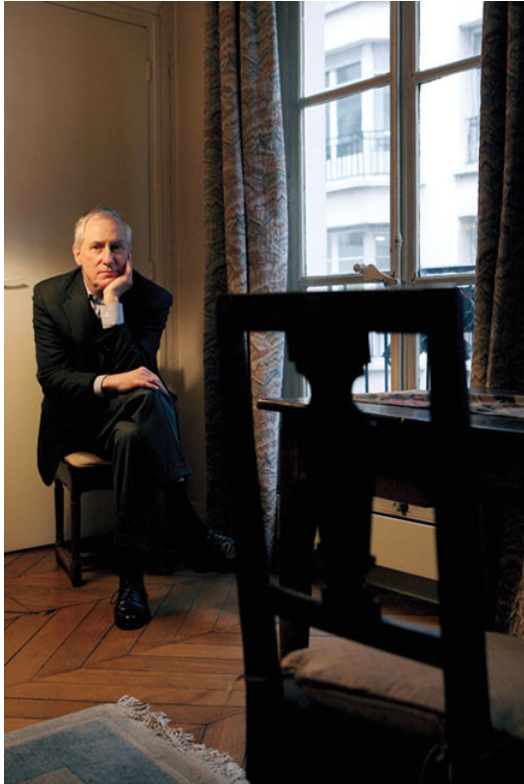


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[Robert Darnton and the Digital Public Library of America](#)



Robert Darnton, Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professor, continues to break new ground with his work on the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA). Professor Darnton desires to see a universal library established online that would “make all knowledge available to all citizens.” In the 1990s he initiated two projects to digitize scholarly and historical works, and in 2007 he was named Director of the Harvard University Library.

More on Professor Darnton’s work and the DPLA can be found in this month’s [Technology Review](#).

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[Mava Jasanoff wins Washington Book Prize](#)

Professor Maya Jasanoff has won the Washington Book Prize for her recent book [“Liberty’s Exiles.”](#)

This award honors the previous year’s best book about America’s founding era. “Liberty’s Exiles” is the story of the losers in America’s struggle for independence: loyalists who found themselves on the wrong side of history. Jasanoff tells the story of these exiles, who fled their lost colonies for Canada, Africa, the Caribbean and India, and simultaneously helped shape the future of the British Empire.

This is the second major honor for “Liberty’s Exiles.” In March, Jasanoff won the [National Book Critics Circle Award](#) for general nonfiction.