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[Honors for Jill Lepore](#)

Professor of history and chair of the History and Literature program, Jill Lepore, has been honored for her most recent book, *The Mansion of Happiness: A History of Life and Death*, shortlisted for the [Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction](#). In 2012, Lepore received the [Sarah Joseph Hale Medal for Distinction in Literature](#). This year, “[Benched](#),” her *New Yorker* article on the history of the Supreme Court, was named by [Greenbag](#) as an exemplary piece of legal writing, and “[Battleground America](#),” an investigation into the history of the gun debate, was named by [Longform](#) as one of the year’s best political essays. In May, she will receive an honorary degree from Colgate University.

Congratulations Professor Lepore!

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[Peter E. Gordon reviews the new biography of Karl Marx](#)

Peter E. Gordon considers “Marx After Marxism: What can the revolutionary teach us if the revolution is dead?” in a [review](#) of *Karl Marx: A Nineteenth-Century Life* by Jonathan Sperber.

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