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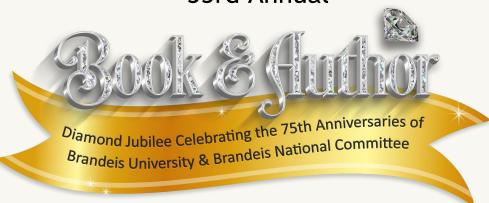




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Welcome

Welcome Members and Friends of the Brandeis Phoenix Chapter's 33rd Book & Author Event. We're delighted that you have joined us for the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Brandeis University and the Brandeis National Committee (BNC). The Phoenix Chapter, one of the founding members of the BNC, has been a proud supporter of Brandeis University for 73 years and we are still growing strong.

Your presence here today is an affirmation that for the past 33 years, the Phoenix Chapter's Book & Author momentum continues as one the most recognized events in the country. We bring nationally known and new authors to our community for you to meet, buy their well-reviewed books and have them personalized for you. The boutiques offer a selection of items that definitely add excitement to the day.

Why is this event so meaningful? All proceeds from the Book & Author luncheon, book sales, boutiques and centerpieces will go toward the *Legacy of Louis: Inspiring Inquiry* Campaign that will create a research archive of original letters, photographs, and documents that shed light on the life and lasting contribution of Justice Louis D. Brandeis, the first Jewish Supreme Court Justice and namesake for the University.

Thank you to all the "Bookmarks," whose donations will help make this possible and to all of you. You are all GEMS to us!

This special event is a labor of love and it truly takes a village to make our cocktail reception, author dinner, luncheon and boutiques happen - we thank everyone involved, who volunteered their time and efforts - a huge Thank You to everyone.

Enjoy the day and we look forward to seeing you at the 34th Book & Author event next year!

Carol Jan Linda

Carol Kern, Jan Lebovitz, Linda Ullman Book & Author '23 Co-Chairs



Program and Speakers



Olivia Fierro Moderator



Ronald D. Liebowitz
President
Brandeis University



Wanda M Morris Historical Thriller



Rebecca Makkai Literary Mystery

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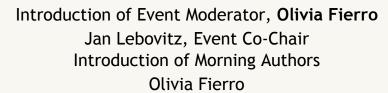
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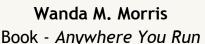
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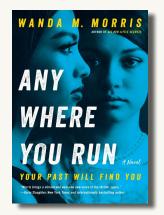
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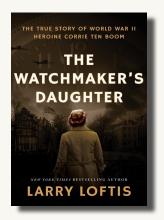
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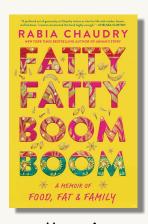
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Guest Speakers



Olivia Fierro, Moderator

Olivia Fierro is the co-host of Good Morning Arizona, which includes interviews with newsmakers, lifestyle segments, and breaking news (for which she earned a Regional EMMY Award in 2021.)

Beyond the news desk, Olivia is the founder and host of Olivia's Book Club, an online book community, and is the host and producer of a weekly podcast of the same name. She also lends her time, voice, and creativity to a variety of organizations and causes (Valley of the Sun United Way, Dress for Success, Chicanos Por la Causa, March of Dimes AZ, GOTR, HonorHealth Foundation, among others) helping these non-profits raise hundreds of thousands of dollars.



Rabia Chaudry

Rabia Chaudry is an attorney, advocate, podcaster, and author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Adnan's Story: The Search for Truth and Justice After "Serial"* and executive producer of a four-part HBO documentary *The Case Against Adnan Syed*, which was based on her book.

A 2021 Aspen Institute/ADL Civil Society Fellow and a 2016 Aspen Ideas Scholar, she serves on the Vanguard Board at the Aspen Institute. She is a Fellow of the Truman National Security Project, a Fellow of the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute, and a Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute. She is a founding board member of the Inter-Jewish Muslim Alliance and the Muslim Jewish Advisory Council, both of which focus on building Muslim-Jewish coalitions. *Fatty Fatty Boom Boom: A Memoir of Food, Fat & Family* received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly* and was named one of the Top 10 Memoirs of 2022 by *Library Journal* and Best Nonfiction of 2022 by *Kirkus Reviews*.



Larry Loftis

Larry Loftis is the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and international bestselling author of the nonfiction spy thrillers The Princess Spy: The True Story of WWII Spy Aline Griffith, Countess of Romanones, Code name: Lise: The True Story of the Woman Who Became

WWII's Most Highly Decorated Spy, and Into The Lion's Mouth: The True Story of Dusko Popov - WW II Spy, Patriot, and the Real-Life Inspiration for James Bond. His fourth book, The Watchmaker's Daughter: The True Story of World War II Heroine Corrie ten Boom, will be released in March 2023. A two-time winner of the Florida Book Award, his books have been translated into numerous languages and can be found in many countries. Before becoming a full-time writer, Larry was an AV-rated corporate attorney and adjunct professor of law. His academic legal works have been published in the National Law Journal, Florida Bar Journal, and the law reviews of the university of Florida, University of Georgia, and Suffolk University.

Guest Speakers

Rebecca Makkai

Rebecca Makkai is the Chicago-based author of the novels *The Great Believers*, *The Hundred-Year House*, and *The Borrower*, and the short story collection *Music for Wartime*. Her work has been translated into 20 languages.



Her short fiction has been anthologized in *The Pushcart Prize XLI* (2017), *The Best American Short Stories* (2008-2011), and featured on National Public Radio. Named one of the *New York Times* Ten Best Books of 2018, Rebecca's last novel, *The Great Believers*, was a finalist for The Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, and received the ALA Carnegie medal and the *LA Times* Book Prize, among other honors. Rebecca, a 2022 Guggenheim fellow, is on the MFA faculties of Sierra Nevada College and Northwestern University; she is Artistic Director of StoryStudio Chicago. Named one of the most anticipated books of 2023 by *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post*, *NPR*, *USA Today*, *Entertainment Weekly* and others, Rebecca's new novel, *I have Some Questions for You*, is "a forensic whodunnit and a true literary mystery—haunting and hard to put down." It debuted at #3 on the *New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Bestseller list and has been optioned for TV.

Wanda M. Morris

Wanda M. Morris is the acclaimed author of *All Her Little Secrets*, named one of the "Best Books of 2021" by Hudson Booksellers and selected as the #1 Top Pick for "Library Reads" by librarians across the country. It has been optioned for a limited series on Showtime network, starring and produced by three-time Emmy winner Uzo Aduba.



Her new book, *Anywhere You Run*, was named One of the Top Ten Crime Fiction Books of 2022 by *The New York Times* and named one of the Best Books of 2022 by *NPR*, *Publisher's Weekly*, and Amazon. It has received starred reviews from *Kirkus*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist* and *Library Journal*. It was listed as one of "Fifteen Standout Historical Fiction Books to Read This Year" by *Oprah Daily*. Wanda is a member of Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America, Crime Writers of Color and serves on the Board of International Thriller Writers. She is married, the mother of three and lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dani Shapiro

Dani Shapiro is the *New York Times* bestselling author of eleven books, and is the host and creator of the hit podcast *Family Secrets*. Her most recent novel, *Signal Fires*, was named a best book of 2022 by *Time*, *The Washington Post*, and Amazon, and is a national bestseller.



Her most recent memoir, *Inheritance*, was an instant *New York Times* bestseller, and was named a best book of 2019 by *Vanity Fair*, *Elle*, *Wired*, and *Real Simple*. Both *Signal Fires* and *Inheritance* won the National Jewish Book Award. Dani's work has been published in fourteen languages. She has taught at Columbia, Wesleyan, and New York University and is the co-founder of the Sirenland Writers Conference in Positano, Italy. Dani is currently developing *Signal Fires*—described as "riveting, emotional, and impossible-to-put-down"—for its television adaptation.

Guest Speaker



Ronald D. Liebowitz, Brandeis President

President Liebowitz joined Brandeis in July 2016 as the university's 9th president. He is a political geographer, who earned his doctorate at Columbia University, and who joined

Brandeis after a successful eleven-year term as the president of Middlebury College in Vermont. In a special edition on higher education, *Time* Magazine named President Liebowitz one of the nation's top-10 college presidents.

Under President Liebowitz's leadership, Brandeis has reaffirmed its special role in higher education, and has ushered in a new era of transparency and accountability as it refocuses on the quality of the undergraduate experience and the intellectual strength of its faculty.

This Event Supports:

The Legacy of Louis: Inspiring Inquiry as the university nears its milestone 75th anniversary in 2023



<u>The Legacy of Louis: Inspiring Inquiry</u> will reinvigorate the Brandeis Library's mission to empower its community to become scholars, creators, and innovators through the creation of two interactive additions to the Library. The first will be the construction of a research archive of original letters, photographs, documents and family objects that shed light on the life and the lasting contributions of Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

The second addition to the Brandeis Library will be the creation of a new Judaica reading room in the library. This space will provide the Brandeis community with a place to engage with Jewish texts outside of the typical classroom and religious environments. By presenting Jewish texts in conversation with writings from cultural and religious traditions from around the world, the room will serve scholars and students alike.

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