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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 • 5 PM

Natasha Trethewey, United States
Poet Laureate, 2012–2014

*"Bellocq's Ophelia: New Orleans
in the American Imaginary"*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 • 5 PM

Tom Piazza, novelist and writer
on American music

*"Improvising Identity: New Orleans and
the American Dream"*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 • 5 PM

Mitch Landrieu, mayor of New Orleans
"NOLA 2018: New Orleans Tricentennial"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 • 5 PM

Lynnell Thomas, American Studies
University of Massachusetts Boston

*"New Orleans at 300: Tourism, Historical
Memory, and Post-Katrina Reality"*

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