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# ThinkForum

The F. Joseph Callahan Distinguished Lecture

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

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## Hua Hsu

Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Stay True*  
and staff writer at *The New Yorker*

*A State of Becoming: What It Means  
to Tell Asian American Stories*

# Program

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## University Welcome

**Eric W. Kaler**

President, Case Western Reserve University

## Speaker Introduction

**Jue Liang, PhD**

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

Severance Chair of Religious Education

Case Western Reserve University

## Lecture

**Hua Hsu**

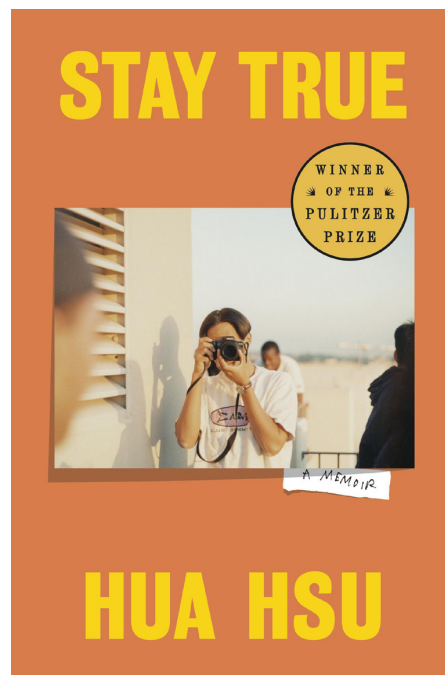
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## Question and Answer Session

**Jue Liang, PhD**

**Immediately following the lecture, please join us  
in the PNC Lobby for a book signing with Hua Hsu.**



A staff writer at *The New Yorker* since 2017, and a contributor since 2014, **Hua Hsu** has covered a range of topics from immigrant culture and student debt to hip-hop and affirmative action. In addition to *Stay True*, he is the author of *A Floating Chinaman: Fantasy and Failure Across the Pacific*.

He currently teaches at Bard College and has previously taught at Harvard University and Vassar College. Hsu serves on the executive boards of the Asian American Writers' Workshop and Critical Minded, an initiative to create opportunities for cultural critics of color. He was formerly a fellow at the New America Foundation and the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center at the New York Public Library.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

Writers Center Stage presents: S.A. Cosby

*New York Times* bestselling author of *All Sinners Bleed* and *Blacktop Wasteland*, celebrated for his bold and gripping crime fiction. Winner of the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize.

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