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N E W S R E L E A S E

Timothy Noah

“Inequality and the 2012 Election”

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Lobero Theatre
33 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara

S U M M A R Y F A C T S

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Description:

The 2012 presidential election was the first, since the income-inequality trend began three decades ago, to address this troubling divergence. But the discussion's main function was to demonize Mitt Romney rather than to produce concrete solutions to the problem. Courtesy of The Book Den, copies of *The Great Divergence: America's Growing Inequality Crisis And What We Can Do About It* will be available for purchase and signing at this event..

Speaker Profile:

Timothy Noah is a senior editor at *The New Republic*, where he writes the TRB column. He was for a dozen years a senior writer at *Slate*, where he wrote the "Chatterbox" column, among other duties. Prior to that he was a Washington-based reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*, an assistant managing editor for *U.S. News & World Report*, a congressional correspondent for *Newsweek*, and an editor of the *Washington Monthly* (where he remains a contributing editor). Noah has written for a variety of other national publications, including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Harper's*, and *Fortune*. He received the 2011 Hillman Prize for a 10-part *Slate* series on income inequality in the U.S. that he subsequently expanded into his 2012 book, *The Great Divergence: America's Growing Inequality Crisis And What We Can Do About It*.

Reviews of *The Great Divergence: America's Growing Inequality Crisis and What We Can Do About It*

"Timothy Noah has taken the most consequential domestic issue of this or any election and made us understand it in a completely new way. *The Great Divergence* is compelling, important and hugely readable. I learned something new in almost every sentence."—Jonathan Alter, author of *The Promise* and *The Defining Moment*

"Noah successfully explains complex economic trends in common parlance. In this presidential election year, his book provides an excellent introduction to the hot topic of income inequality. Recommended for the 99 percent and anyone else concerned with the future of America's middle class."—Rebekah Wallin, *Library Journal*

"This book is profoundly fascinating and important. The growth of income inequality over the past three decades has caused a contentious partisan debate based more on ideology than fact. Timothy Noah provides a clear, dispassionate look at what has (and has not) caused this trend and what we can do about it. Everyone who cares about the future of America's middle class should read it."—Walter Isaacson, author of *Steve Jobs*, *Einstein*, and *Benjamin Franklin* and President of the Aspen Institute

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