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New York Times bestselling author Jason Mott will talk about his recent novel *Hell of a Book*. Deeply honest, at times electrically funny, the fictional story of an author on a cross-country publicity tour goes to the heart of racism, police violence, and the hidden costs exacted upon Black Americans and America as a whole. The novel won the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction and the 2021 National Book Award for Fiction, and was a Carnegie Medals for Excellence Longlist nominee. Mott is the author of two poetry collections and four novels. His first novel, *The Returned*, was adapted for television and aired on ABC under the title “Resurrection.” Sponsored by the SMC Library and Library Speakers Consortium in collaboration with the SMC Associates. Part of the SMC Library’s Pearls & Insights series.

Tue, February 20 | 1 p.m. | Free, but requires pre-registration

Online; see event date at smc.edu/events for details



KIM SCOTT

Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity

Kim Scott –New York Times bestselling author of *Radical Candor: Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity* – will explain the Radical Candor feedback framework. She will offer practical, tactical tips for how to solicit criticism, give praise and criticism, gauge how what you’re saying is received, and build a culture of Radical Candor. Scott is co-founder of a company that helps leaders put her ideas into practice, and has been a CEO coach at Dropbox, Qualtrics, Twitter, and other tech companies; on the faculty at Apple University; a leader of AdSense, YouTube, and DoubleClick teams at Google; and an analyst at the Soviet Companies Fund. Sponsored by the SMC Library and Library Speakers Consortium in collaboration with the SMC Associates. Part of the SMC Library’s Pearls & Insights series.

Wed, February 28 | 11 a.m. | Free, but requires pre-registration

Online; see event date at smc.edu/events for details



LUCAS RIVERA

My AfroRican State of Soul

Join us for a book talk and interactive performance by Lucas Rivera, a multidisciplinary artist traveling the country doing spoken word and interactive discussions of his autobiographical *My AfroRican State of Soul*, a blend of narrative nonfiction and poetry that chronicles his journey. Presenting the perspective of an Afro-Latino, Rivera discusses his life, how art – from turntables to dance, spoken word, painting, and stained glass – was a means of survival, and the important influences of the intersections of the Taino, Spanish, and African cultures that make up the history of Puerto Rico. Sponsored by the SMC Associates, SMC English Department, SMC Black Collegians, and SMC Adelante Club.

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