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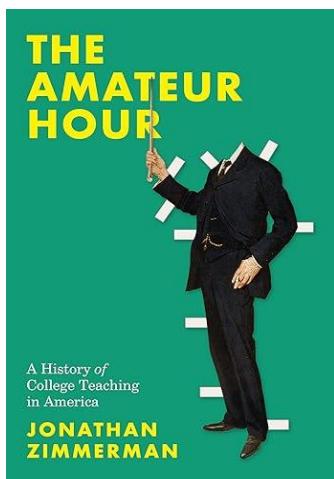
Jonathan Zimmerman

“The Missing Piece: College Teaching and the Fate of American Higher Education”

February 26, 2026, at 4:00 pm in STEW 202



Jonathan Zimmerman is an American historian of education and professor of history of education at the University of Pennsylvania. His work examines how education practices and policies have developed over time, and the myths that often cloud our understanding of teaching and learning. He is the author of nine books on education and has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *The Atlantic*.



His talk for us will draw upon his recently published book, *The Amateur Hour*, the first full-length history of college teaching in the United States from the nineteenth century to the present. This book sheds new light on the ongoing tension between the modern scholarly ideal—scientific, objective, and dispassionate—and the inevitably subjective nature of classroom instruction.

Join us for refreshments and a lively discussion about what we spend so much of our time doing: teaching.