

Get To Know Our Global Summit XII Speakers

Learn More About Avi Loeb



Professor Avi Loeb, the longtime leader of Harvard University's Astronomy Department and a bestselling author, wowed a 2019 Global Summit audience with his discussion of the universe and the likelihood of extraterrestrial life.

Now he asks, "Are we the sharpest cookies in the jar?" referring to his new book, [*Extraterrestrial*](#), as he observes, "We might be a form of life as primitive and common in the cosmos as ants are in a kitchen. If so, we can learn a lot from others out there."

Professor Loeb, nicknamed "Superstar of Astronomy" by the news media, was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2012. He is founding director of Harvard's Black Hole Initiative and serves as director of the Institute for Theory and Computation within the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. He is the author of four books and more than 700 papers.

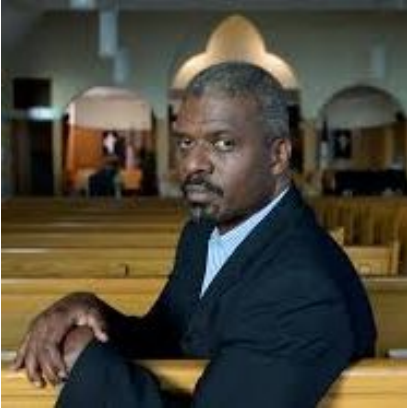
**Extraterrestrial Life: Are We the
Sharpest Cookies in the Jar?**
May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

**Register for His Event
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Read About Rev. Jeffrey Brown

Rev. Brown, a Baptist minister, has for years helped cities and police departments across the country address youth violence and develop plans to make communities safer and fairer. Today those stakes are as great as they have ever been.

That's the backdrop of Rev. Brown's discussion of race and his current project to convene a second



national conference of faith leaders and law enforcement and hold a national conversation on the importance of faith institutions in public safety.

Rev. Brown, who has presented to the Jefferson several times, including in 2020, was a central figure in the “Boston Miracle,” which succeeded in significantly lowering youth crime and gang violence in Boston’s most troubled neighborhoods. His message of working within stressed communities rather than from an authority

perspective has resonated with people of all faiths, races, and occupations. Famously, he once said he learned some of his most important life lessons, not in the “hallowed halls of a seminary,” but from drug dealers, prostitutes, and gang members.

He is co-founder of the Boston Ten Point Coalition, the group that inspired a 79 percent drop in violent crime in the 1990s.

Race in America and Today’s
Black Lives Matter Movement
May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

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Global Summit XII Lineup

Global Summit XII events in May will be live-streamed on Zoom. Go to the Jefferson’s website [here](#) for more information about each program and registration. Though programs are free, registration is required.

All programs begin at 7:30 p.m., except for Dr. Leana Wen’s program, which begins at 1 p.m.

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Rashawn Ray
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President Biden adviser
Ali Zaidi
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Karen Tumulty
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Former Assistant
Secretary of State
Christopher Hill
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CNN Political Analyst
April Ryan
May 26
James and Deborah
Fallows, Steven Ascher,
and Jeanne Jordan
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