

Yale University  
**Workshop in Urban Ethnography**

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*Bio and Abstract*

## **The Craft of Nonfiction**

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Nicholas Lemann is Dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University. Under his leadership, the Journalism School has launched significant new initiatives in investigative reporting, digital journalism, executive leadership for news organizations, and other areas. Lemann is a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and has published five books, most recently *Redemption: The Last Battle of the Civil War* (2006); *The Big Test: The Secret History of the American Meritocracy* (1999), which helped lead to a major reform of the SAT; and *The Promised Land: The Great Black Migration and How It Changed America* (1991), which won several book prizes. He has written widely for such publications as *The New York Times*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The New Republic*, and *Slate* and worked in documentary television with Blackside, Inc., *Frontline*, the Discovery Channel, and the BBC

### **Race, Races, and Racism: From Urban to Urbane**

Mr. Lemann will discuss the craft of long-form journalism, with particular attention to how practitioner-teachers can take advantage of being located in a university to enrich their own work and to teach students. He will also discuss the similarities and differences between journalism and sociology, and journalism's current state of health.