



Book Talk: **My Father's Wars**

**Migration, Memory, and the
Violence of a Century**

**Thursday, Oct. 30
4.15 pm to 5.30 pm
Moot Courtroom,
6.68, New Building**

Alisse Waterston is a cultural anthropologist who studies the human consequences of structural and systemic violence and inequality. Her areas of specialty include urban poverty and policy issues in the U.S. related to destitution, homelessness and substance abuse, health, welfare and migration, and applied policy-related research and writing. Professor Waterston is President-elect of the American Anthropological Association and is a Soros International Scholar affiliated with the Gender Studies Department, Tbilisi State University, Republic of Georgia.



“My father was born into war,” begins this remarkable saga in Alisse Waterston’s intimate ethnography, a story that is also twentieth century social history. **My Father’s Wars** is an anthropologist’s vivid account of her father’s journal across continents, countries, cultures, languages, generations—and wars. It is a daughter’s moving portrait of a charming, funny, wounded, and difficult man, his relationships with those he loved, and his most sacred of beliefs. And it is a scholar’s reflection on the dramatic forces of history, the experience of exile and immigration, the legacies of culture, and the enduring power of memory.

All are welcome. RSVP: oar@jjay.cuny.edu

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