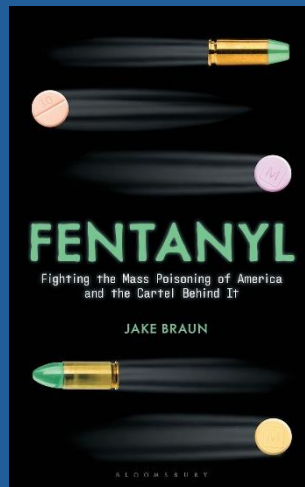


The Center for Research on International Affairs,
College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago presents:

Book talk:

“Fentanyl: Fighting the Mass Poisoning of America and the Cartel Behind it” (2025, Bloomsbury Academic)



With author (and Loyola alumnus)

Mr. Jake Braun

Monday, September 14, 11:30-12:20 McCormick Lounge

Pizza will be served.

The book examines one of the most complex security challenges facing the United States today: how transnational criminal networks—especially the Sinaloa cartel—exploited gaps in our homeland security, border, and technology systems to create the modern fentanyl crisis. It ties directly to recent events such as the Maduro capture, bombing of cartel ships off our coasts, and the designation of cartels as terrorist groups.

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