

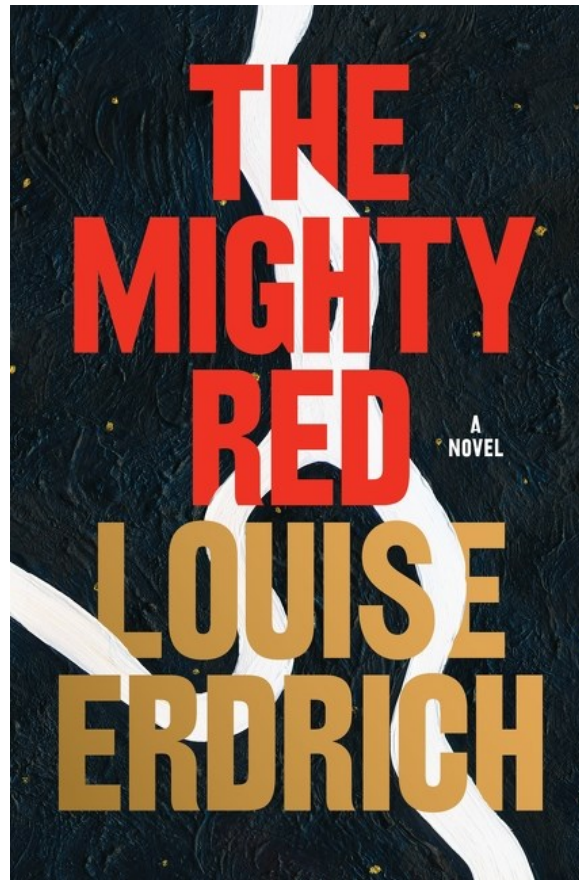
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Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education

(AROHE)

Cultivating Social Connections and Support Systems in Retirement

When: Wednesday, **May 06**, 2026 3:00 PM, EDT

Where: Virtual*

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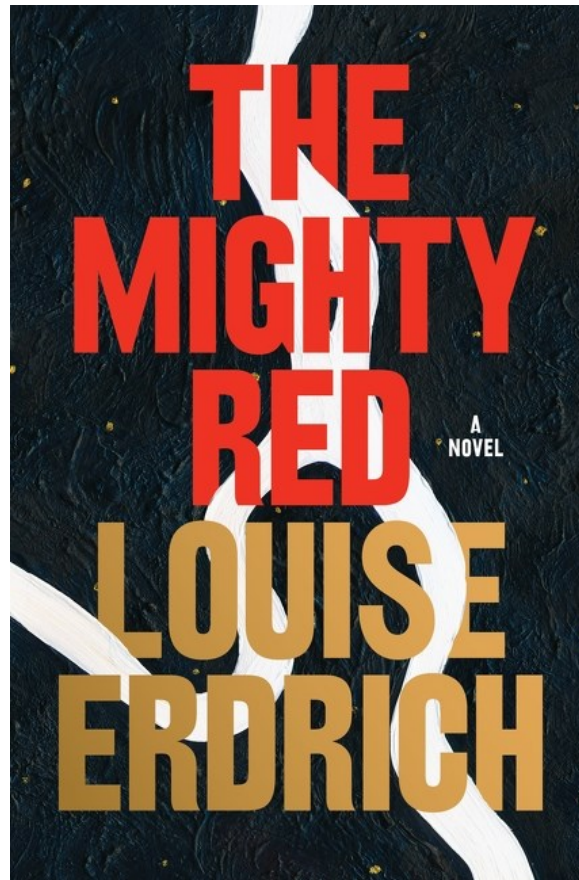
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SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendar for an ARAS social event to be held from 4 to 6 pm on **Thursday, September 17**. It is an opportunity to socialize and to welcome new members. This event will be indoors on campus and replaces the annual picnic. Details to follow in August.

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