

Going into the lecture, I did not know much about Alexandra Petri. I knew she writes satire and recently published a book, but my knowledge about her and what she does barely extended beyond that. Despite my lack of preparedness, I was excited to attend the lecture and learn more about who she is and what she does. To my benefit, Petri shared about her job, wondering specifically about whether a robot would be better than her at her job. Petri's presentation was comical, however, only mildly informative. I learn the most about her and her job through the question-and-answer period following the presentation. Petri was asked a lot about what types of things she deems "off limits" when constructing satirical pieces for her column, and if she ever worries about backlash after publishing one of her pieces. While there is a lot that Petri must consider before writing and publishing her pieces, she seems to understand that it is impossible to please everyone. Sometimes a person needs to say or do what needs to be said or done, despite the potential negative response. In a way, I feel like this is related to what educators often experience. As society progresses and time passes, content changes. That content must be taught, despite the objections of parents or guardians. Although the things that Petri writes may conjure displeasure from some of her readers, it does not discount the importance of what she is sharing. After hearing her share some of her satire in person, I am interested in reading the book she published and browsing the pieces from her column to experience more of her satire through writing.