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## Gaby Dunn Visits Scripps College to Help Gen-Zers Get Their “Financial Sh\*t Together”

CLAREMONT, CA (February 17, 2019)—Student loans, wealth inequality, sex—these are just a few of the topics that Gaby Dunn covers in her popular podcast *Bad with Money*, pitched to Millennials and Gen-Zers needing to get their “financial sh\*t together.” The former *Buzzfeed* writer and author of a new book, *Bad with Money: The Imperfect Art of Getting Your Financial Sh\*t Together*, comes to Scripps College on February 20 to discuss some of the financial issues affecting our personal—as well as global—economies.

Dunn begins by busting two popular myths about Millennials: that they are lazy and entitled, and that they are largely a white, middle-class cohort. To wit: Nearly 70 percent of 2018 college graduates have student loans, more Millennial households (the most multigenerational in American history) are in poverty than any other generation, and over 60 percent of young people have “side hustles” just to cover necessities like rent or groceries. Are these really the statistics of a group of entitled whiners, or of a generation who came of age in an economic milieu designed for failure?

Dunn identifies the systemic flaws that have contributed to this generation’s financial ills, including low minimum wage, student debt, the gig economy, the myth of the “self-made” success story, and the financial oppression and exclusion of marginalized communities (like how financial products are almost always advertised to straight, white men). As Dunn expresses it on her podcast, “So much of our identity and self-worth is caught up in how much money we have (or don’t have), how hard it is to get it, and even harder to keep it. Money makes us freak out, cry, and do wildly inappropriate things. So how come nobody ever talks about it?”

Gaby Dunn comes to Scripps ready to expose the complex interplay between finances, mental health, sexuality, and addiction—all of which she has personally grappled with—and to break the “taboo” of discussing personal finance for the generations that need to talk about it the most.

*Gaby Dunn, Bad with Money, is presented as part of Scripps College’s Scripps Presents public events series. The event is free and open to the public; reservations are required. For more information, visit <http://www.scrippscollege.edu/events/calendar/gaby-dunn-bad-with-money>.*

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