

# University of Michigan Margaret Waterman Alumnae Group

## 2017-2018 Town Hall Celebrity Lecture Series

Wednesday  
October 11  
2017

**International Journalist and Media Consultant ..... Jim Laurie**

Jim Laurie is an American journalist and broadcaster. As director of the media consulting firm, Focus Asia Productions Ltd., Mr. Laurie divides his time between Hong Kong and Washington, DC. He was a global correspondent for ABC News and NBC News and is the winner of two Emmy Awards, a Peabody, and an Overseas Press Club Award. He has interviewed many historically influential Asian leaders including the Dalai Lama. Since 2004, Mr. Laurie has specialized in the development of global television news channels. As a journalist, he has been witness to some of the defining moments in Asia's history over the past 40 years. Mr. Laurie was the only American network correspondent to cover the communist takeover of Saigon, and reported from Beijing on the events of Tiananmen Square. Mr. Laurie graduated from American University with a degree in History and a certificate in Asian Studies. His postgraduate studies were at George Washington University's Sino-Soviet Institute.



Thursday  
November 9  
2017

**Author and Literary Scholar ..... Elliot Engel**

Elliot Engel is an author, writer, and literary scholar. He has been a freelance lecturer on humanities topics for more than 30 years. Dr. Engel has written ten books published in England, Japan, and the United States, including *A Dab of Dickens & A Touch of Twain*, an edited collection of several of his well-known lectures. His mini-lecture series on Charles Dickens ran on PBS television stations across the country. He has lectured throughout the United States and on all the continents including Antarctica. His articles have appeared in numerous newspapers and national magazines including *Newsweek*. Four plays that he has written have been produced during the last ten years. Dr. Engel resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he has taught at the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, and Duke University. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at UCLA. While at UCLA he won that university's Outstanding Teacher Award. Professor Engel continues to teach outside the classroom and give entertaining and inspiring literary and historical programs throughout the world.



Wednesday  
March 28  
2018

**The Mind's Influence on our Health and Happiness, Psychologist ..... Catherine Sanderson**

Catherine Sanderson is the Manwell Family Professor of Life Sciences (Psychology) at Amherst College. Known on campus as the "Professor of Happiness," she teaches full time and is among the most popular teachers. She received a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a specialization in Health and Development from Stanford University, and received both masters and doctoral degrees in Psychology from Princeton University. Professor Sanderson's research examines how personality and social variables influence health-related behaviors, the development of persuasive messages and interventions to prevent unhealthy behavior, and the predictors of relationship satisfaction. This research has received grant funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Health. Professor Sanderson has published multiple journal articles, book chapters, and textbooks, and in 2012, she was named one of the country's top 300 professors by the Princeton Review.



Tuesday  
April 24  
2018

**Bestselling Author ..... Denise Kiernan**

Denise Kiernan has been working as a writer for nearly 20 years. Her most recent book, *The Girls of Atomic City*, is a *New York Times*, *LA Times*, and NPR bestseller. Her work has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *the Village Voice*, *Ms. Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, *Discover*, and many more publications. She has also worked in television, serving as head writer for ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" during its Emmy award-winning first season, and producing for ESPN and MSNBC. She has been featured on NPR's "Weekend Edition," "PBS NewsHour," MSNBC's "Morning Joe," and the "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart. In one of her most popular talks, Ms. Kiernan takes audiences back in time to a world where young women and men lived and worked surrounded by top secrecy as the United States faced the challenges of World War II in such situations as the Manhattan Project. Ms. Kiernan enthralled audiences with this story of adventure, intrigue, sacrifice, and controversy.



**EACH LUNCHEON LECTURE RUNS FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. IN THE MICHIGAN UNION BALLROOM (2nd floor).**

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Tickets will be mailed in early September.  
Membership is effective June 1, 2017- May 31, 2018.

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- **INCLUDE** a check payable to: **Waterman Alumnae Group**.
- **MAIL** the order forms and checks in **ONE master envelope** to reserve luncheon seating for up to **TEN** people.
- **RENEWING MEMBERS** of current year can expect reserved seating if group payment is received by **June 15, 2017**.
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- For availability of individual tickets (\$45 for Lecture and Luncheon), call Jill Fairchild after September 15.
- Reserved seating available for luncheon series.

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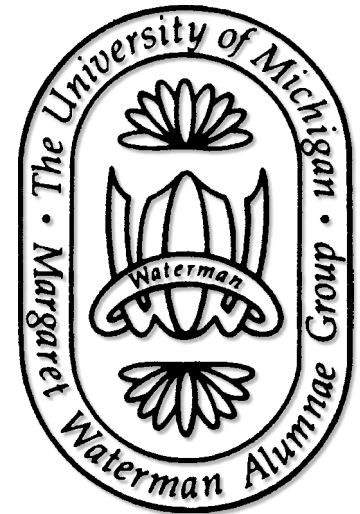
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