

University of Michigan Margaret Waterman Alumnae Group

2024-2025 Town Hall Celebrity Lecture Series

Tuesday
October 8, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Washtenaw
 Community College
 Morris Lawrence Building
 4800 E. Huron River Drive
 Ann Arbor, 48105

A Wager on Diversity, Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurship in the Arts..... Aaron Dworkin

A 2005 MacArthur Fellow and featured artist in the media, including the *PBS NewsHour*, *Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, Aaron Dworkin is a former dean of the University of Michigan School of Music, Theater and Dance, and is currently professor of Entrepreneurial Studies at the Ross School of Business. He is the author of three books, creator of two albums, and director of an Emmy-winning documentary. Dworkin will share his unconventional personal story and journey to professor and founder of the Sphinx Organization, the leading arts organization transforming minority lives through the arts, along with the renowned Sphinx competition for young Black and Latinx classical string players. Having raised over \$50 million for philanthropic causes, he will discuss the role that the arts play in society and share strategies for innovative leadership, creative careers and staying relevant in the evolving landscape of the arts.



Wednesday
November 20, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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The Five Most Powerful People in the World William Burke-White

William Burke-White holds both a bachelor's and law degree from Harvard University, and a doctorate in international relations from Cambridge University where he was a Fulbright Scholar. He is currently a Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania and Inaugural Director of Penn's International Affairs Institute's Perry World House. Burke-White was a White House advisor and policy planner during the Obama administration and has written extensively in the fields of international law and institutions. In his presentation, he calls on us to question who the real influencers are on the world. Who makes the decisions that determine war and peace, and economic growth or stagnation, etc.? How are globalization, technology, and economic interdependence changing the ways we should think about power and influence? Burke-White will discuss five individuals, some expected, others perhaps unexpected or even unknown, who are directing global affairs today.



Tuesday
April 22, 2025
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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The Remarkable Genius of Einstein Mathew Stanley

Matthew Stanley is an award-winning professor who holds degrees in history, astronomy, physics, and religion. Stanley teaches and researches the history and philosophy of science and its connections with the broader world at New York University's Gallatin School of Individualized Study. His presentation will examine how Einstein's youthful philosophical questioning led to a revolution in science and how his epochal theories of relativity emerged from seemingly simple questions about how we experience the world. Professor Stanley will reveal how Einstein's elevation to worldwide fame was closely tied to political and social developments, and how people sought his views on everything from world peace to the nature of God. Stanley's current project is a history of scientific predictions of the end of the world.



Wednesday
May 21, 2025
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Chocolate!..... Francine Segan

Francine Segan is a noted lecturer, food historian, and author who regularly appears on radio and TV, including the *Today Show*, the History, Sundance, and Discovery channels, as well as the Food Network and PBS. Returning to Waterman after her enthusiastically received Town Hall lecture in 2014, Ms. Segan has also spoken at many prestigious venues, including the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, the Smithsonian Museum, the Florida Film Festival, and the Virginia Fine Arts Museum. She has written six books on cooking and cuisine and interviewed such noted chefs as Jacques Pepin, Lidia Bastianich, and Mario Batali. Ms. Segan's presentation on chocolate will guide us through the uncommon history of a familiar and favorite indulgence, revealing the background of this palate-pleaser, from Christopher Columbus and Casanova to Napoleon and World War II, up to the present day.



Membership Registration and Payment

Membership is \$225 and effective June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025.

ONLINE	BY MAIL
Register and pay online through the Waterman website https://www.watermanalumnae.org	Mail completed form and check (payable to Waterman Alumnae Group) to: Waterman Town Hall Series, P. O. Box 8142, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8142

QUESTIONS? Membership: Emily Salvette, 734.645.5809 or esalvette@gmail.com

Membership Registration Form

- Waterman Membership**, includes Lecture Series @ \$225 \$ _____
- Sustaining Contributor**, Lecture Series not included @ \$45 \$ _____
- Tax-Deductible Donation to the Endowment Fund** \$ _____
 Make separate check payable to the University of Michigan
 (memo line: Waterman Endowment fund # 72392)

Group seating requests require payment by June 15, 2024.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State + Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Prefer Seating with Table Mates (list names):

- Check Box for Alternate Luncheon Menu Entree (fruit plate)
- Check Box to Receive Future Waterman Brochures by Postal Mail

Under the guidance of Margaret Lawler Waterman, a group of University of Michigan women graduates established the Waterman Alumnae Group in the fall of 1953. Nineteen years later the Waterman Town Hall Series came into being, as the group's main fundraiser. Then, at the beginning of this century, another milestone resulted with the formation of the Waterman Endowment, which has added additional financial assistance and has helped to secure Waterman scholarships for University of Michigan students forever.



Since its inception Waterman has awarded over three hundred eighty one scholarships to need-based, deserving students. Membership is open to the public.

Lecture/Luncheon Series Policy

- No cancellation for a refund of money after September 15.
- Seven days prior notice needed to cancel a lecture/luncheon reservation and receive a tax receipt. Less than seven days, please notify **Cliff Sheldon** at **734-665-5893** or **cliff.sheldon@gmail.com** to release your reservation for the purpose of seating guests.
- For availability of an individual lecture/luncheon (\$60), call **Cliff Sheldon** at **734-665-5893**.
- Group seating available if all payments received by June 15, 2024.

If a speaker is unable to appear for any reason, we reserve the right to substitute another speaker.

The Waterman Endowment Fund

Thank you for your past support to the Waterman Endowment Fund. Donations to enhance the Endowment Fund are welcome at any time. Future scholarship recipients will always be appreciative of your continued support. You are now able to donate as instructed in the registration section of this form.

Questions: Please contact **Sally Kennedy** at **734-994-9010** or **spynek@comcast.net**

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