

University of Michigan Margaret Waterman Alumnae Group

2025-2026 Town Hall Celebrity Lecture Series

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

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

***The Art of Aging* Brian Carpenter**

Brian Carpenter is a professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences, and Co-Director of the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging at Washington University in St. Louis. As Principal Investigator at the Clinical Geropsychology Laboratory, Dr. Carpenter focuses on improving the quality of life for older adults by developing resources that educate them about health conditions and tools that will help them talk with care partners and healthcare providers. His research is primarily concerned with the clinical psychology of aging, and the ways family members and healthcare professionals collaborate with older adults, with an emphasis on Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. Dr. Carpenter’s presentation analyses the science of thought, and shows how our mind set, or thought patterns, exert a substantial influence on our physical health. He suggests specific strategies that we all can use to make minor adjustments in our thoughts and behaviors to improve the quality and length of our lives.



Tuesday
November 18, 2025
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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***Law and Democracy in the Age of Disinformation* Barbara McQuade**

Barbara L. McQuade received her B.A. and J.D. from the University of Michigan and is a Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School. Her interests include criminal law and procedure, national security, data privacy, and civil rights. Appointed by President Barack Obama, Ms. McQuade was the first woman to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan (2010-2017). Barbara McQuade currently serves as a legal analyst for NBC News and MSNBC. Her work has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy*, *Lawfare*, *Just Security*, *Slate*, and on National Public Radio, and she has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *Time magazine*, *Newsweek*, *Politico*, and other publications. She has been recognized by *The Detroit Free Press* with the Neal Shine Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership, *The Detroit News* with the Michiganian of the Year Award, and *Crain’s Detroit Business* as a Newsmaker of the Year and one of Detroit’s Most Influential Women. Ms. McQuade is the author of *The New York Times* best seller, *Attack from Within: How Disinformation is Sabotaging America* (2024).



Wednesday
April 15, 2026
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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***Ending Infant Poverty in the United States and Beyond* H. Luke Shaefer**

Luke Shaefer, one of the nation’s leading scholars on poverty and social welfare policy, is the Kohn Professor of Social Justice and Social Policy at the University of Michigan’s Ford School of Public Policy. Shaefer also directs Poverty Solutions, which partners with communities and policymakers to find new ways to prevent and alleviate poverty. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the U.S. Census Bureau. Dr. Shaefer has presented his research at the White House, before numerous federal agencies, and testified before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee. His work has been cited in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Economist*, and *The Atlantic*, and he has been featured on *PBS NewsHour*, *Marketplace*, *1A*, *All Things Considered*, and *CNBC’s Nightly Business Report*. Professor Shaefer is the co-director of Rx Kids, the nation’s first citywide maternal and infant cash prescription program launched in Flint, Michigan in January 2024.



Tuesday
May 12, 2026
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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***George Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess: The Great American Opera* Orin Grossman**

Orin Grossman has delighted audiences worldwide with his unique combination of performance and discussion of great American and European music. Dr. Grossman studied music at Harvard College, graduating magna cum laude and earned a Ph.D. in Music at Yale University. Dr. Grossman became Assistant Professor of Fine Arts at Fairfield University in 1975 and he was named Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1991. After ten years as the Academic Vice President at Fairfield University, he returned to the faculty in the fall of 2009 as Professor of Visual and Performing Arts. Dr. Grossman now is a frequent star professor for “One Day University,” a premiere lecture organization, giving talks nationwide. He is in demand as an interpreter of George Gershwin’s music, playing his songs and classical compositions around the world. Dr. Grossman will explore the story of *Porgy and Bess*, its fascinating history, and conclude with a performance of beloved songs from *Porgy and Bess* in a special arrangement by the great American pianist, Earl Wild.



Membership Registration and Payment

Membership is \$235 and effective June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026.

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 @ \$235 \$ _____
- Sustaining Contributor**, Lecture Series not included @ \$45 \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State + Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Group seating requests require payment by June 15, 2025.

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
- Tax-Deductible Donation to the Endowment Fund** \$ _____
- Make separate check payable to the University of Michigan
 (memo line: Waterman Endowment fund # 72392)

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 five 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, email **TownHallSeating@umich.edu** to release your reservation for the purpose of seating guests.
- For availability of an individual lecture/luncheon (\$60), email **TownHallSeating@umich.edu**
- Group seating available if all payments received by June 15, 2025.

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.

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