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Widener's Philadelphia Speakers Series is first-class in terms of both the quality and relevance of each year's line up of presenters. The opportunity to learn challenges both my assumptions and thinking. The occasion to be involved is something I've shared with my peers time and time again. Aramark is proud to support and partner with Widener in this endeavor."

— D. Vandenberg, Regional Vice President, Aramark Higher Education

Once again, my husband and I were riveted by the presenter. These evenings have contributed to our intellectual capital and growth on many levels. **They continue to be part of our thinking and our conversation long after each evening has ended."**

— A. Valentine

Now it's a given—the speakers I'm least interested in hearing in the way in are **the ones I'm most happy about seeing on the way out."**

— P. Tegan

We consider the Speakers Series an important educational tool that is available for our managers. The speakers offer a different perspective on a wide variety of global and social issues, which definitely improves our own objectivity and decision making processes. **It's engaging and money well spent!"**

— Doug Sharp, President and CEO, Sartomer USA

I walked away with more knowledge than I walked in with and I laughed while I learned. Nothing could be better."

— A. Brader

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— John McNeil, President & CEO, CTCA® at Eastern Regional Medical Center

I felt like I was back in college **listening to a favorite professor!** My only regret is that I didn't take notes!"

— J. McNutt



PANEL DISCUSSION:
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& Dancer



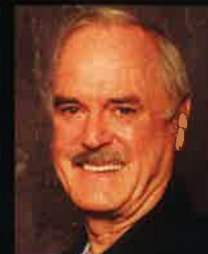
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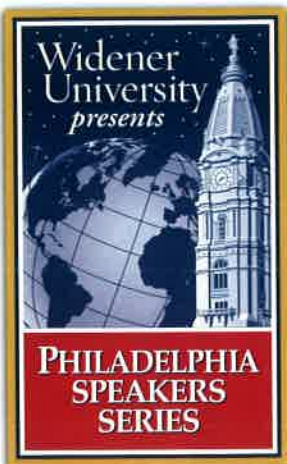


MICHELE NORRIS, JASON RILEY & MORRIS DEES
Panel Discussion: Racism in America

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JON MEACHAM

September 26, 2016
Monday, 8 pm

A Pulitzer Prize-winning presidential historian, Meacham has profiled Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson and, most recently, George H.W. Bush in a body of work that spans from the Founding Fathers to the Civil Rights Era. A former editor-in-chief of *Newsweek* and a contributing editor to *Time* magazine, he now serves as the executive editor at Random House.



EHUD BARAK

October 17, 2016
Monday, 8 pm

Ehud Barak was Prime Minister of Israel from 1999 to 2001. He entered politics following a 35-year career as a highly decorated officer in the Israel Defense Forces. He served as leader of the Labor Party until 2011, including posts as Minister of Defense and Deputy Prime Minister in Benjamin Netanyahu's government from 2009 to 2013.

Past Speakers

2015–2016

Leon E. Panetta
Sanjay Gupta
Michio Kaku
Ayaan Hirsi Ali
Diana Nyad
Mark Kelly and
Gabby Giffords
Dennis Ross

2014–2015

Alan Alda
Julia Gillard
Ken Burns
Olympia Snowe
David Gergen
David McCullough
Dan Rather

2013–2014

Bill Bryson
George Papandreou
Robert Gates
Steve Wozniak
Billy Collins
Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
Doris Kearns Goodwin

2012–2013

President Bill Clinton
Jeannette Walls
Lisa Ling
P.W. Singer
Erskine Bowles
Vicente Fox
Nando Parrado

2011–2012

Ron Chernow
Michelle Rhee
Valerie Plame Wilson
and Joe Wilson
Michael Pollan
Azar Nafisi
Stanley McChrystal
Tom Brokaw

2010–2011

Thomas Friedman
Elizabeth Gilbert
Ben Carson
Charles Krauthammer
F.W. de Klerk
Mark Shields
Karl Rove and
Howard Dean

2009–2010

Pervez Musharraf
Jean-Michel Cousteau
Laura Bush
Robert Reich
Mia Farrow
David Brooks
Greg Mortenson

2008–2009

Steve Forbes
Paul Rusesabagina
Garrison Keillor
Joseph Ellis
Anna Quindlen
Jane Goodall
Bob Woodward

2007–2008

Robert Ballard
George Will
Christiane Amanpour
Madeleine K. Albright
Salman Rushdie
Frank McCourt
The Capitol Steps

2006–2007

Amy Tan
James Lovell
Colin Powell
Paul Bremer
Michael Medved
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Beck Weathers

2005–2006

Elie Wiesel
Walter Cronkite
Bill Moyers
John Major
David McCullough
Mark Russell
Christine Todd Whitman

2004–2005

Henry Kissinger
James Carville
Mary Higgins Clark
Ehud Barak
Dave Barry
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with questions from the audience.*



Widener University

Widener University is a private, innovative, metropolitan university that connects curricula to societal issues through civic engagement. Dynamic teaching, active scholarship, experiential learning, personal attention, and applied leadership are all key components of the Widener experience for our 6,200 students on campuses in Chester, Harrisburg, and Exton, Pennsylvania; and Wilmington, Delaware.

Since its founding as a military school in 1821, leadership development has distinguished a Widener education. Through its 195-year history, the university has graduated great leaders — people who have served as generals, members of Congress, judges, CEOs, industry leaders, authors, and teachers. The university's deep commitment to programs of public service coupled with opportunities for internships, co-ops, and clinics all help to prepare students for leadership and success.

Moreover, Widener's Oskin Leadership Institute offers students structured leadership development programs that encourage students to think outside their comfort zones. A leadership minor, leadership certificate programs, scholarships, fellowship programs, competitions, and more, all aim to inspire students to be strategic leaders and responsible citizens who possess the character, courage, and competencies to affect positive change throughout the world.

Widener encourages its students to be globally engaged citizens and leaders. Through a variety of initiatives, Widener students not only learn an international perspective, but they also apply their education in service to others around the world — from engineering students who brought electricity to a rural village in Panama, to physical therapy and communication studies students who worked together to create a video series for use by physical therapists working in Chinese orphanages.

Widener's Oskin Leadership Institute also offers executive leadership development programs designed to turn managers into high impact leaders. Institute staff work closely with CEOs and top executives to customize a program that addresses their organization's specific needs.

For more information, visit www.widener.edu.

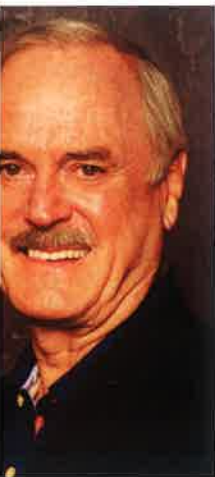


RITA MORENO

November 21, 2016

Monday, 8 pm

Moreno is one of only 12 actors who have won all four major awards... an Oscar, an Emmy, a Grammy and a Tony. She won the Academy Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for portraying Anita in the film adaptation of Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*. Recently, Moreno was presented with the Lifetime Artistic Achievement Award at the Kennedy Center Honors.



JOHN CLEESE

January 16, 2017

Monday, 8 pm

Cleese co-founded Monty Python, the comedy troupe behind the British comedy TV show *Monty Python's Flying Circus* and four Monty Python films. He created or appeared in a long list of movies but is probably best known for co-writing and starring in the British sitcom *Fawlty Towers* and co-starring in *A Fish Called Wanda*.



GEN. MARTIN DEMPSEY

February 13, 2017

Monday, 8 pm

President Barack Obama nominated Dempsey as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2011, a position he held until his retirement in 2015. He served as Chief of Staff of the United States Army before this appointment. Prior to that, Dempsey had a distinguished military career, with an assortment of commands in Europe, Iraq and the United States.



TED KOPPEL

March 27, 2017

Monday, 8 pm

Koppel is best known as the first anchor for ABC's *Nightline*, serving in that role from the program's inception in 1980 until his retirement in 2005. After leaving *Nightline* he served as Managing Editor for the *Discovery Channel*. Koppel is currently a senior news analyst for *NPR* and a contributing analyst to *BBC World News America* and *NBC News*.



PANEL DISCUSSION: RACISM IN AMERICA MICHELE NORRIS, JASON RILEY & MORRIS DEES

April 17, 2017, Monday, 8 pm

More than 50 years after the Civil Rights Act, three distinguished panelists will explore *Racism in America* from their divergent perspectives: Michele Norris, former host of *NPR's All Things Considered*; Jason Riley, *Wall Street Journal* columnist and author of *Please Stop Helping Us*; and Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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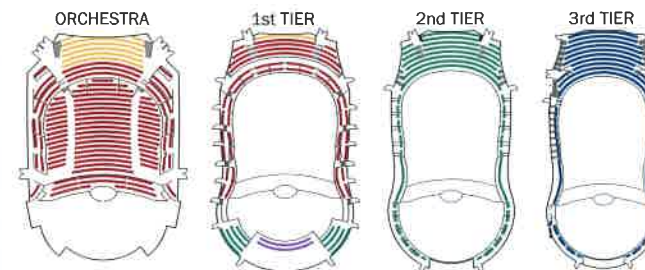
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