

Evening-and-Weekend Lecture Series 2014-2015

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Tuesday
October 21, 2014
7:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library

“Climate Reality”

Sizzling summers, freezing cold winters, hurricanes that decimate our coastal regions – are these products of a climate change that should concern us? Wellesley resident and climate change specialist Quentin Prideaux will give us his perspective on the causes and impacts of this climate change, the actions we need to take, and what it all means for Massachusetts and the Northeast. Keeping it positive and lighthearted where possible, he will lend his expertise to a very controversial and serious subject. A scientist with a degree in Physics from Bristol University and a Partner in the management consulting firm Alder Associates, Mr. Prideaux leads Sustainable Wellesley, a volunteer organization that initiates and encourages sustainability in Wellesley and in areas that will affect Wellesley by engaging the residents, businesses, and the Town of Wellesley in the actions required for sustainability. He is a trained presenter for both The Climate Reality Project, an organization founded by Nobel Laureate and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore in 2006, and also for Climate Voices, a network that brings non-political conversations about the research findings of the majority of climate scientists to citizens across the United States and Puerto Rico. Mr. Prideaux lives in Wellesley with his wife, Delissa, and his two children, Alex and Samantha.

Sunday
November 16, 2014
2:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library

“The Boston Sports Scene: Then and Now”

Dan Shaughnessy grew up in Groton, Massachusetts, went to Holy Cross and wrote his first story for the Boston Globe in 1973. He has been a full-time member of the Globe sports staff since 1981 and a sports columnist for the Globe since 1989. He was on the scene for all eight of Boston's professional championship seasons since 2001. He has written 12 books, including "The Curse of the Bambino," "Senior Year," and "Francona - The Red Sox Years." He has lived in Newton since 1982 and attended many Bay State League high school contests involving Wellesley High School. Come hear him discuss the Boston sports scene of today and yesteryear.

Thursday
January 22, 2015
7:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library

“The Dark Side of Corporate Governance and the Financial Crisis”

The Financial Crisis of 2008–09 raises questions about the assumptions that underpin corporate governance. Dr. Minnick will use the Financial Crisis as a tool to explore topical issues in corporate governance. The presentation will cover some of the purported causes of, and the suggested cures for, the financial crisis, including a lack of accountability of boards/management to shareholders, misaligned compensation structures, and insufficient risk management controls. Dr. Kristina Minnick is currently an Associate Professor at Bentley University. Her teaching focus is corporate and international finance, and her research focus is executive compensation, corporate governance and corporate finance. She lives in Wellesley with her husband, son, two daughters and dog.

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Thursday
February 12, 2015
7:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library

Topic: To Be Announced

Cuban-born José Mateo is founder and artistic director of José Mateo Ballet Theatre, one of America's leading producers of new ballets, and the area's most innovative school for quality ballet training. Mateo holds a BA in Art History from Princeton University where he began his formal training in ballet and modern techniques. After a New York-based career as a dancer, Mateo moved to Boston where he worked as an administrator at Harvard University's Fogg Art Museum and quickly gained a reputation as a teacher and choreographer. His choreographic works have been recognized alongside international touring companies in The Boston Globe's "10 Best Dance Events" in 1990, 1995, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2008. He is also a winner of the state recognized fellowship in Choreography. Based on his past and anticipated future civic contributions, in 2005 Mateo was named to the inaugural class of Barr Fellows by Barr Foundation.

Sunday
March 1, 2015
2:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library

"What is Innovation and why is it Important?"

Technology and innovation are key drivers of the Massachusetts economy, fueling job creation and economic growth across the state. Wellesley resident Pamela Goldberg is CEO of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, the first woman to lead this agency in its 30-year history. She will discuss what makes Massachusetts a global leader in technology, how the state helps drive innovation and entrepreneurship, and what cities and towns in Massachusetts can do to keep our innovation economy thriving. Ms. Goldberg has an extensive background in innovation, entrepreneurship and finance and is an experienced leader. She works closely with Governor Patrick's administration to support important economic development initiatives leading to public/private partnerships creating jobs for residents of our Commonwealth. Currently, the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative is working to advance technology-based solutions that improve the health care system, expand high-speed internet access and strengthen the growth and development of this state's technology sector.

Thursday
May 7, 2015
7:00 pm
Wakelin Room
Wellesley Main Library

"U.S.-China Relations: Possible Futures"

Wellesley resident Stacie Goddard is the Jane Bishop '51 Associate Professor of Political Science at Wellesley College. She specializes in international relations, with a focus on the causes and conduct of major war. In this lecture, Professor Goddard will present an overview of U.S.-China relations in the 21st century. She will explain possible flash points and areas of potential cooperation between the two great powers. Known to her peers as an incredibly popular professor at Wellesley College and an amazing presenter, Professor Goddard has been a recipient of the prestigious Pinanski Prize awarded annually by Wellesley College to honor excellence in teaching.

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