



**UPCOMING SPEAKER EVENTS
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THURSDAY DECEMBER 10

“How We Have Understood the Universe” with **Pierre Larroque**. Confused by the state of the world today? Wondering how it all came to this? Come and discover the Universe with those who explained it! Pierre Larroque was trained in the sciences in France and has always kept a keen interest in the history of scientific thought. Since becoming an American citizen in 1998, Pierre has been a dedicated student of early American history and the colonial struggle for independence including a keen interest in the role Le Marquis de Lafayette played in helping America achieve self-rule. From the origins, women and men have looked at the night sky and wondered about it all. They observed the moon phases and the appearance of constellations at regular places and times in the night's horizon (the Zodiac). The Greeks specifically recorded the consistent retrograde movements of five wanderers (“planets” in Greek) amongst all stars, which they strove to explain in an orderly earth-centered Universe. It is only early in the 17th century that Kepler described the solar system correctly and late in that century that Newton published the laws which underpin not only the planets' movements but all classical gravitational phenomena. It took Einstein at the beginning of the 20th century satisfactorily to synthesize and justify the laws of gravity, and numerous followers in the early-/mid-20th to establish quantum mechanics as the theory which explains what the basic constituents of the Universe are and how they behave. **Pierre Larroque** will lead you through this extraordinary journey of discoveries; culminating with an explanation of how certain we are that the Universe was created in a Big Bang, 13.79 billion years ago and why it is today as we live it.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Universe

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

“Edison, Einstein, Ellington, Ernst: The Many Faces of Genius” with **Michael Geselowitz, PhD**, Senior Director of the IEEE History Center. Through an arrangement between Stevens Institute of Technology and IEEE, **Dr. Geselowitz** is currently Industry Associate Professor of History of Engineering at Stevens. Immediately prior to joining IEEE in 1997, he was Group Manager at Eric Marder Associates, a New York market research firm, where he supervised Ph.D. scientists and social scientists undertaking market analyses for Fortune 500 high-tech companies. Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Duke Ellington and Max Ernst have all been described as creative geniuses. Yet, one was an engineer, one was a scientist, one was a musical composer, and one was a visual artist. This lecture will explore the meaning of creativity and genius by looking at the lives and work of four giants and others who have been given the title genius. Are invention, scientific discovery, and artistic production essentially the same human endeavor? What are the similarities and differences? If they are distinct activities, can the concept of genius somehow link them together, or is genius another idea that has different meanings in different contexts? Tune in to find out.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Genius

THURSDAY JANUARY 14

“Innovative Diagnostic and Treatment Options for Non-Surgical Orthopedic Conditions” with **Dr. Marc Gruner, DO, MBA, RMSK**, of Point Performance, in Bethesda Maryland. Dr Gruner has trained with the leading experts in ultrasound and regenerative medicine at Mayo Clinic, acquiring expertise in cutting edge ultrasound guided surgeries. **Dr. Gruner** will explore exciting and novel therapies in the areas of musculoskeletal, sports and regenerative medicine. The topics will include the use of ultrasound for diagnosing common orthopedic conditions in the office, tackling care from an integrative approach, and innovative treatments for common orthopedic injuries that are new to the DC area. Common conditions that will be addressed include: Knee Osteoarthritis, Carpal Tunnel, Tennis Elbow, Adhesive Capsulitis (Frozen Shoulder). Some of his procedures include minimally invasive ultrasound-guided carpal tunnel release, percutaneous tenotomy (Tenex procedures), tendon scraping, neural releases, ultrasound guided fasciotomy for compartment syndrome, and regenerative medicine injections (BMAC), Lipogems, Prolotherapy, and Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP).
Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Ortho

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27

"Protocol, The Power of Diplomacy and How to Make it Work for You" with **Ambassador Capricia Marshall** who serves as Ambassador-in-Residence at the Atlantic Council in Washington, DC. Ambassador Marshall is President of Global Engagement Strategies, which advises international public and private clients on issues relating to the nexus of business and cultural diplomacy. A discussion with author **Capricia Penavic Marshall**. In her roles as chief of protocol for President Obama and social secretary to President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton, Ambassador Capricia Marshall guided the critical work of building diplomatic bridging, using the tools of protocol to tilt the playing field in the direction of her principals. From staging a room to have an intended effect on the participants to knowing which cultural gestures earn trust, her behind-the-scenes preparations and hidden influencers set the stage for successful diplomacy between heads of state around the world. What over two decades of working at the highest levels of government taught Marshall: There's power in detail and nuance. Micro-moves affect the macro shifts. Sharing unvarnished examples from her time in office — harrowing near-misses, exhilarating triumphs, heart-warming personal stories — Marshall will bring a master class on soft power, unveiling the complexity of human interactions and making the case that etiquette, cultural IQ, and a flexible mindset matter—now more than ever.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Diplomacy

MONDAY FEBRUARY 8

“The Outlook for the Next Congress” with **Congressman Jamie Raskin**

Congressman Jamie Raskin represents Maryland's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to his time in Congress, Raskin was a three-term Senator in Maryland, where he also served as the Senate Majority Whip. He was also a professor of constitutional law at American University's Washington College of Law for more than 25 years. He authored several books, including the Washington Post best-seller *Overruling Democracy: The Supreme Court versus the American People* and the highly acclaimed *We the Students: Supreme Court Cases For and About America's Students*. **Congressman Raskin** is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. Jamie and his wife, Sarah Bloom Raskin, live in Takoma Park and have three grown children.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24

“A Lab of One’s Own: One Woman’s Personal Journey Through Sexism in Science” with Dr. Rita Colwell, one of the top scientists in America and the groundbreaking microbiologist who discovered how cholera survives between epidemics. She is the former head of the National Science Foundation. *A Lab of One’s Own* is a riveting memoir-manifest, documenting all Colwell has seen and heard over her six decades in science, from sexual harassment in the lab to obscure systems blocking women from leading professional organizations or publishing their work. Along the way, she encounters other women pushing back against the status quo, including a group at MIT who revolt when they discover their labs are a fraction of the size of their male colleagues. Resistance gave female scientists special gifts: forced to change specialties so many times, they came to see things in a more interdisciplinary way, which turned out to be key to making new discoveries in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. **Dr. Colwell** would also witness the advances that could be made when men and women worked together--often under her direction, such as when she headed a team that helped to uncover the source of the anthrax used in the 2001 letter attacks. *A Lab of One’s Own* shares the sheer joy a scientist feels when moving toward a breakthrough and the thrill of uncovering a whole new generation of female pioneers. But it is also the science book for the #MeToo era, offering an astute diagnosis of how to fix the problem of sexism in science--and a celebration of the women who fought back.

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THURSDAY MARCH 11

“The Prescription Drug Pricing Problem” with Bill Corr, former Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Bill holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of Virginia and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law. Bill has spent the bulk of his impressive career advocating for better healthcare access at almost every level of society. Bill’s major legislative and oversight responsibilities included the Brady Bill, the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act, prescription drug and state insurance regulation, the S&L industry, and several Supreme Court nominations. The average per capita spending on these drugs is \$1000 and rising, while in other developed countries it is \$600. Some argue that we are subsidizing these other countries, and the drug industry argues that the reason for the prices is their spending on research. The staggering data seem to argue against both excuses. is an issue which affects all of us, especially those of us who are of “a certain age.” Health Affairs points out: “To avoid reporting lower revenue and profits (due to the loss of patent protection on older drugs), drug manufacturers have been imposing large annual price increases, often 10 percent or more, on all drugs that remain protected by monopolies. The cumulative effect has been to double or triple the price of top-selling branded drugs such as Humira, Lyrica, Lantus, and many others. That is why US drug prices are the highest in the world.” **Bill Corr**, along with former Rep. Henry Waxman, has co-authored a major study of the problem of skyrocketing prescription drug prices and what can be done about it, which he will discuss.

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 24

“Who Shall Live and Whom Should We Let Die: COVID-19’s Ethical Landscape” with Dr. Mildred Solomon, President of the Hastings Center on Bioethics. Historically, pandemics raise a set of excruciatingly difficult ethical and moral questions. How should we allocate scarce resources like lifesaving ventilators, protective equipment or vaccines? Should the young be prioritized over

the old? As we aim at creating new therapeutics and vaccines quickly, what are acceptable trade-offs between speed and safety? What is the proper balance between civil liberties and public health e.g., requiring a quarantine? What should we do about the fact that in the COVID-19 pandemic, African Americans are dying at three times the rate of white American? To help us discuss these issues, **Dr. Mildred Solomon**, the president of the nation's founding bioethics research institute in New York, and Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, will describe COVID-19's ethical landscape. She will raise for discussion the major ethical issues we must resolve to bring the pandemic under control and will help us think about how we might rebuild our society. **Mildred Z. Solomon, EdD** is Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine, Part-time and a core faculty member of the Center for Bioethics at HMS, where she directs the school's Fellowship in Bioethics. Professor Solomon is also the president of The Hastings Center, an independent research institute in Garrison, NY that explores ethical issues in health, health care and the life sciences.

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THURSDAY APRIL 8

"Supreme Court" with **Roman Martinez** is a partner in the D.C. law firm Latham & Watkins. He's a member of the firm's Supreme Court & Appellate Practice, focusing primarily on appeals in the Supreme Court of the United States, the U. S. Courts of Appeal, and state appellate courts. Roman has handled civil and criminal matters involving a wide range of constitutional, statutory, and administrative law issues. He has argued nine cases in the Supreme Court, including cases in the fields of the First Amendment to the Constitution, criminal law, civil rights, employment, and civil procedure. He also works on pro bono cases, mainly involving veterans' affairs. Before joining Latham, Roman was a law clerk to Chief Justice John Roberts. **Mr. Martinez** has personally argued nine cases in the Supreme Court, including important cases in the fields of the First Amendment, patent law, criminal law, civil rights, employment, and civil procedure. He has filed more than 75 briefs in the Supreme Court involving a wide range of legal issues, including tax, securities, intellectual property, criminal, environmental, education, civil rights, and First Amendment law. Over the past two years, Mr. Martinez has led Latham appellate teams in cases involving the First Amendment, Administrative Procedure Act, securities, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), products liability, tort, criminal, and employment law. He persuaded the Supreme Court to grant certiorari in three cases over the past two Terms. Earlier this year, he prevailed 8-1 in *Babb v. Wilkie*, an important case establishing the rules for federal-sector employer liability under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. He also represented respondents in *Barr v. American Association of Political Consultants*, persuading the Court to invalidate a portion of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act under the First Amendment. Mr. Martinez's extensive pro bono practice focuses chiefly on administrative law challenges to unlawful agency action by the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as on criminal defense appeals. In 2018, he persuaded the Supreme Court to grant certiorari on behalf of a veteran seeking judicial review of an unlawful regulation promulgated by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Although the case became moot after certiorari was granted, Mr. Martinez persuaded the Court to vacate the adverse lower-court precedent and is now litigating the core jurisdictional issue before the en banc Federal Circuit. Before joining Latham, Mr. Martinez served as a law clerk to Chief Justice John G. Roberts of the Supreme Court of the United States and to then-Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh of the D.C. Circuit.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 28

"Hillwood: A Garden for All Seasons" with **Kate Markert**, Executive Director of Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens and author of *A Garden for All Seasons: Marjorie Merriweather Post's Hillwood*, the first publication devoted to these special gardens in the heart of Washington. **Kate Markert** has delved into the archives to describe Post's approach to creating this enchanting environment of mansion and gardens fitting perfectly together. Erik Kvalsvik worked with Markert for over two years to photograph the estate in every season, in many different weather conditions and at different times of the day, to illustrate, in gorgeous color, the result of modern horticulturists' labors and Post's original vision. As the result of strategic planning, exciting special exhibition programs, stimulating and relevant public programs and revitalized gardens, Kate has guided the organization to a more than fifty-percent increase in attendance and tripling of membership. Renovations to the campus have provided more public areas. There will soon also be better spaces for the library and collection storage. **Kate Markert** has been director of the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, associate director of the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, and deputy director and acting director of the Cleveland Museum of Art. She holds a MA in art history and an MBA. Kate chairs the visiting committee of Longwood Gardens in PA and is a member of the Association of Art Museum Directors and Directors of Large Gardens.

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THURSDAY MAY 13

"The Golden Age of Music, Part II" with **Michael Lavine**, Music Director, Performance Coach, Archivist and producer of *The Lost Broadway And More CD Series*. Michael is back with more songs that you know and love as he continues his tour of Tin Pan Alley, from its humble beginnings in the Lower East Side and moving on to Broadway and Movie Musicals. Michael will be joined by Broadway and cabaret performers, as he presents many of the world's most beloved songs of the 1920's and 1930's.

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