



Maria Echaveste

10/29/20 @ 7:30 pm

OPPORTUNITY AND DEMOCRACY

Maria Echaveste, president of the Opportunity Institute in Berkeley and Deputy Chief of Staff in the Clinton administration, will participate in a Rae Dorrough Speakers Series moderated discussion on “Opportunity and Democracy: A Latina’s Perspective.” Her talk livestreams in conjunction with the Bankhead Theater.

Echaveste will show how inequities in social and economic mobility, educational opportunity, health care and immigration policy affect the Latino and Black communities. She will reflect on her improbable journey from a Texas migrant farm workers’ camp to Stanford University, UC Berkeley Law School and the Clinton White House. Speaking three days before the November 3 election, Echaveste will share her view of what is at stake.



Paul Giroux

12/10/2021 @ 7:30 pm

**INCREDIBLE JOURNEY:
BUILDING THE
TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD**

Experience the monumental challenges of constructing the Transcontinental Railroad with unique insight, stunning historical photos, and modern animations. As an accomplished engineer, builder, and award-winning historian Raymond Paul Giroux will leverage over four decades of mega-project construction experience combined with meticulous research to bring the story of the Transcontinental Railroad to life à la Ken Burns.

The author of a number of bridge design and civil engineering papers, Giroux is also an active lecturer having provided over 250 lectures at over 70 engineering schools globally. In 2016 he was elected a Distinguished Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and in 2017 was the recipient of the ASCE Roebling Award for Construction Engineering. Giroux was inducted into the Iowa State University Construction Engineering Hall of Fame in 2018.



Dr. Richard Reimer

04/08/21 @ 7:30 pm

**ALS, ALZHEIMER’S AND
PARKINSON’S: WHO IS AT RISK?**

Dr. Reimer will provide an overview of common neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also called Lou Gehrig’s disease. Using ALS as an example, he will present the evidence for the role aging, genetics, and the environment play in disease onset and progression. Dr. Reimer will conclude with a discussion of efforts to develop treatments for ALS, the targeting of established risk factors and the use of unanticipated factors discovered through machine learning.

Dr. Reimer is an Associate Professor in the Department of Neurology and Neurological Sciences at Stanford University School of Medicine and a staff Neurologist for the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Health Care System. After obtaining his undergraduate degree at Yale University and receiving his MD from Emory University, he completed his Neurology training at UCSF.



National Geographic Live is the live events division of National Geographic. Its broad roster of talent, including renowned photographers, scientists, authors, filmmakers and adventurers, share their behind-the-scenes stories from the front lines of exploration alongside stunning imagery and gripping footage to audiences throughout the United States and abroad. These events combine premium storytelling and visually-stunning imagery offering first-hand accounts of science and adventure, as told by world-class explorers who seek to inspire change in the world.

APR 14 “Women and Migration”

Photographers Danielle Villasana, Miora Rajaonary, and Saiyna Bashir join photo editor Jennifer Samuel in conversation on their latest project documenting the impact of migration on women around the globe. For women who are forced to leave home because of famine or violence, migration is a gamble for their very survival.

FEB 10 “Scientific Exposure”

Molecular biologist-turned-photographer Prasenjeet Yadav combines his experience in research with his photography skills to highlight natural history and science stories in Asia. And Anand Varma has developed innovative techniques to create stunning images of creatures whose details are otherwise invisible to the naked eye. Join them for stories and conversation on the intersection of science and photography.

MAR 17 “Feats of Filmmaking”

Based out of British Columbia, Bryan Smith brings stories of adventure to the screen from the South Pacific’s deepest canyons to the frozen waters of Niagara Falls. Keith Ladzinski takes on the seemingly impossible—including chasing tornadoes, hanging from massive natural arches, and swimming with alligators—to document the endeavors of the world’s elite adventurers.