



CRICHTON CLUB

Our 106th Season 2025-2026

EDUCATE ENLIGHTEN ENGAGE

Our 2025-2026 Speakers - 106th Season



Tuesday, September 23, 2025 7:30 p.m. p.m.

Shelly C. Lowe, Ph.D

"The Endearing and Enduring Beauty of the Humanities".

Dr. Lowe has served in a variety of leadership roles nationally and most recently as Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities under the Biden-Harris Administration. She is a citizen of the Navajo Nation and grew up on the Navajo Reservation in Ganado, Arizona. Her career in higher education has included important Native American administrative roles at Harvard and Yale Universities..

Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:30 p.m.

Eric Weiner

Award-winning journalist , author, world traveler.

"Lessons from the World's Most Creative Places (And a Few of the Happiest Ones Too)"

Eric views the world historically and as a laboratory of good ideas. He has spent the past several years investigating golden ages, from ancient Athens to today's Silicon Valley. These places produced a mother lode of good ideas and bright minds — and they have much to teach us.



Thursday. April 9, 2026 7:30 p.m.

Jamie Bowman Attorney, author.

"Bike Riding in Kabul"

Ms. Bowman is a born storyteller. For the past twenty years, she has worked as a legal consultant in some of the world's most challenging environments. Getting roughed up by Islamic fundamentalists, the weekly "feline sex-fest" in Kyiv, and bribing Russian police to avoid jail in Moscow, are just a few of her exploits. "It was a great job! "

She is a graduate of UC Berkeley, and a member of the State Bar of California. She lives in Washington, D.C.

A Season To Remember

There is no organization quite like the Crichton Club. Founded in 1920 for *town and gown*, we host three nationally prominent speakers each season who present programs of ideas, information, and perspectives that are critical to understanding the world around us.

Our speakers represent the arts, sciences, and public affairs, presenting a diverse array of evening programs in an open and unbiased forum. Your membership is a commitment to an organization dedicated to knowledge and dialogue.

As we look ahead to the coming season, it is more important than ever to question, learn and understand events as they happen. The Crichton Club gives us that opportunity.

We welcome your membership.



Share Ideas

Our members value the intimate evening programs at the Columbus Museum of Art and the chance to engage with the speakers. Our programs are followed by a reception, with cash bar, where members can interact with the speakers, friends, and new acquaintances.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Programs begin at 7:30. in the Pavilion Room. Reserve seats at www.CrichtonClub.org.

Programs are videotaped and available on the website for 30 days. Guests are welcome for an additional \$35 charge.

Be a Part of Living History

When you join the Crichton Club, you become a member of one of Columbus' oldest clubs for men and women from all walks of life dating back to 1920.

The club is named after James Crichton, a Scottish scholar and adventurer celebrated for his extraordinary accomplishments in languages, arts, and sciences.

Scan the QR code to learn more about our fascinating history, and the more than 300 speakers we have hosted.



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Please Consider a Gift

Along with your membership dues, please consider a gift to the Speakers Fund. Your donations assure our ability to recruit high-quality speakers as dues alone do not fully cover speaker fees and expenses.

Give with the attached form or at:

WWW.CrichtonClub.Org

Easy Ways to Membership

Online

Visit CrichtonClub.org

Under the MEMBERSHIP TAB, click JOIN. If renewing your membership, or click RENEW.

By Mail

Complete and return the attached membership form and mail it to:

Ann Gabriel, 2006 Mildan Rd.,
Upper Arlington, OH 43221

Questions?

Stephanie Sanders, Membership Chair, at CrichtonClub@gmail.com or call her at 614-787-8699.

Be Part Of The Team! Your skills and experiences count. The Club offers a wide range of opportunities to help out. Visit CrichtonClub.org and click CONNECT for more information.

CRICHTON CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM (Membership deadline is September 23, 2025)

Please complete all fields and mail to: Crichton Club c/o Ann Gabriel, 2006 Mildan Rd., Upper Arlington, OH 43221

NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ RENEWAL ☐

Check the boxes to authorize the corresponding information for listing in the Membership Directory.

NAME(S) _____ ☐
ADDRESS _____ ☐
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New member(s)? How did you hear about us? _____

Renewing members, year joined? _____ Below, please share a bit about yourself and your co-member (career, skills, etc.)

CRICHTON CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES

- ☐ \$175 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
☐ \$350 CO-MEMBERSHIP
☐ \$150 P/P (Prorated for new members after first lecture)

MAKE A GIFT TO THE 2025-2026 SPEAKERS FUND

☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 _____ OTHER

TOTAL PAYMENT _____

Please make checks payable to Crichton Club

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