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Our 107th Season 2026-2027

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Our Speakers



Leslie Greene Bowman

Thursday, October 8, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

President Emerita of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

Leslie Greene Bowman is President Emerita of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, which owns and operates Monticello, the home of founding father and third president, Thomas Jefferson. She is currently authoring a book on the White House fine arts collection for publication by the White House Historical Association in 2026. She served by presidential appointment on the Committee for the Preservation of the White House under Presidents Biden, Trump, Obama, Bush, and Clinton. Photo Credit: Bruce M. Wite



David W. Blight Ph.D.

Thursday, November 19, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Sterling Professor of History and Director of the Yale University Gilder Lehrman Center,

Dr. Blight is the author or editor of a dozen books, including the Pulitzer Prize in History for *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*. Other works include *American Oracle: The Civil War in the Civil Rights Era*; and *Race and Reunion*. He has been awarded the Bancroft Prize, the Abraham Lincoln Prize, and the Frederick Douglass Prize, among others. He is the immediate past president of the Organization of American Historians (2024-2025).



Frank Lavin

Thursday, April 15, 2027, 7:30 p.m.

Diplomat, international business advisor, author, and journalist.

Frank Lavin is a policy expert on U.S.-Asia policy, U.S. domestic politics, and trade policy matters. He previously served as a Fellow at the USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future, and as a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution. Lavin served as Under Secretary for International Trade in the Bush (43) Administration, and served as lead trade negotiator for both China and India. He has served as U.S. Ambassador to Singapore.

The author of *Inside the Reagan White House*, he is a columnist for *Forbes.com* and has been widely published.

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



ENGAGE

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 dessert reception with a 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 p.m. in the Pavilion Room. Make reservations at <https://crichtonclub.org>. Unused member subscriptions are transferable.

Programs are videotaped and available on the website for 30 days. Non-members are welcome for \$85 per person..

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