



JUNE

Saturday, June 3 at 2 pm

College of the Atlantic's Commencement Ceremony
North Lawn, COA Campus

COA celebrates the class of 2017 with speaker Hanif Willis-Abdurreaqqib. A reception will follow in the Newlin Gardens.

JULY

Thursday, July 6 at 5 pm

Dissent Collars

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Washington, DC artist Roxana Alger Geffen will speak about her body of work, *Dissent Collars*, inspired by the collars Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wears with her black judicial robe when in the dissenting minority.

Monday, July 10 at 5 pm

The Creation of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Lucas St. Clair, president of Elliotsville Plantation Inc., the private nonprofit organization that donated 87,563 acres for the creation of Maine's newest protected area, will speak about the long journey to make the monument a reality. *Co-hosted by Acadia Senior College.*

Tuesday, July 11 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Civic Engagement in Maine*

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Ann Luther, board member and former president of the Maine League of Women Voters, and Jamie McKown, COA's James Russell Wiggins Chair in Government and Polity, will discuss civic engagement in this political landscape.

Thursday, July 13 at 5 pm

Opening Reception: *The Wonders of Tribal Ethiopia*

Ethel H. Blum Gallery

Photographer Clare Stone's new work depicts life in the Omo Valley, one of the world's last great tribal regions.

Tuesday, July 18 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *On Writing*

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Bestselling writer Monica Wood will speak with COA's Lynn Boulger, dean of institutional advancement, about her books, *When We Were the Kennedys*, *Any Bitter Thing*, and her newest, *The One-in-a-Million Boy*.

Thursday, July 20 at 5 pm

Wicked Problems: The Importance of the Humanities in the Time of STEM

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

William (Bro) Adams, former president of Bucknell University and Colby College, and current chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, will talk about the relevance of the humanities in the 21st century.

***Thursday, July 20 at 7 pm**

President's Circle Dinner

Amory Hill, Bar Harbor

Members of the President's Circle are invited to a very special evening at *Amory Hill*, the summer home of Will and Genie Thorndike. Formal invitations will be sent.

Tuesday, July 25 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Maine's Immigrants and Religious Diversity*

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Reza Jalali, writer, educator, Muslim scholar, and current coordinator of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at the University of Southern Maine, will join COA's Sarah Luke, dean of student life, for a discussion on the religions that immigrants have brought with them to Maine.

***Saturday, July 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

The Champlain Society Reception

August Moon, Bar Harbor

Our annual reception recognizing and thanking our Champlain Society members will be hosted by Allison and Stephen Sullens at their home overlooking Western Bay. Formal invitations will be sent.

Events are subject to change. Go to www.coa.edu/calendar for up-to-date information, or call Jen Hughes, manager of donor engagement, at 207-801-5622. *These events are for members only. For more information on becoming a member of the President's Circle or The Champlain Society, please call Lynn Boulger, dean of institutional advancement, at 207-801-5620.



THE CHAMPLAIN SOCIETY

Summer 2017 at College of the Atlantic

The Importance of the Humanities

AUGUST

Monday, August 7 from 11 am to 1 pm

Sherry Geyelin Luncheon: *Writing The Dude Diet*

Leslie C. Brewer Great Hall & Turrets Porch

Chef and writer of the popular *Domesticate Me!* food blog, Serena Wolf returns to COA to discuss her new book, *The Dude Diet*. Space is limited; reservations are required.

Tuesday, August 8 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Poetry Reading and Discussion*

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Poet and author Dan Burt joins Karen Waldron, COA's Lisa Stewart Chair in Literature and Women's Studies, for a discussion and reading of his work.

Tuesday, August 15 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Art in Literature*

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Christina Baker Kline, author of *Orphan Train*, joins COA faculty member Dru Colbert to discuss her newest book, *A Piece of the World*, a fictional account of the woman in Andrew Wyeth's famous painting, *Christina's World*.

Wednesday, August 16 at 5 pm

A Conversation with Clare Stone

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Photographer and collector Clare Stone joins Rebecca Hope Woods, COA's director of creative services and Blum summer curator, to discuss her experience photographing the Omo Valley tribes.

Monday, August 21 at 5 pm

Preparing Leaders in American Life: What's the Role of Religion?

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Michael Gilligan, current president and former program director for theology of the Henry Luce Foundation, speaks on America's religious diversity, how religion is integrated into the humanities and social sciences, and its role in international affairs.

Tuesday, August 22 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Slavery, Freedom, and Creativity in America*

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Professor, historian, COA trustee emeritus, and Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Hackett Fischer joins COA's faculty member Todd Little-Siebold to discuss his upcoming book on slavery, freedom, and the creativity of African cultures in America.

Friday, August 25 at 5 pm

(THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED)

An Evening with President John Dramani Mahama

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, the 4th President of the Republic of Ghana, will speak about his life and read excerpts from his book, *My First Coup d'Etat: And Other True Stories from the Lost Decades of Africa*.

Tuesday, August 29 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Living with History: The Role of Historic Landscapes in our Lives*

Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center

Award-winning landscape architect Patrick Chassé, who specializes in historical landscapes, joins Isabel Mancinelli, COA's Charles Eliot Professor of Ecological Planning, Policy, and Design to talk about Mount Desert Island's iconic historic landscapes and how we can preserve and integrate them with our modern lives.

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 7 at 5 pm

Share the Harvest Farm Dinner

Beech Hill Farm

COA's beautiful Beech Hill Farm is the setting for a four-course dinner catered by Havana Restaurant. All proceeds benefit Share the Harvest, a COA student-led program supplying organic produce to local food pantries. Cocktails and farm tour will be at 5 pm, with dinner promptly at 6 pm. Tickets are available at

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