



SUMMER 2018 AT COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC

Sponsored by The Champlain Society

All events will be held in Thomas S. Gates, Jr. Community Center unless otherwise specified.

JUNE

Saturday, June 9 at 2 pm

College of the Atlantic's Commencement Ceremony

NORTH LAWN, COA CAMPUS

COA celebrates the class of 2018 with speaker President Aote Tong, former leader of Kirabati. A reception will follow in the Newlin Gardens.

JULY

Tuesday, July 10 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Outdoor Sculpture in the Changing Art Landscape*

John Ravenal, executive director of the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, will speak about how art can enhance the landscape and how outdoor sculpture can define a place.

Tuesday, July 17 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Double Take: The Art of Elizabeth King*

Filmmaker Olympia Stone joins Catherine Clinger, COA's Allan Stone Chair in the Visual Arts, to discuss and show clips from her latest film about the award-winning American sculptor Elizabeth King.

Thursday, July 19 at 5 pm

Humanity's Oldest Stories Illuminated: Frustrated or First-Rated, Rhythm or Riddle
ETHEL H. BLUM GALLERY

Join artist Stefan Elliott for the opening reception of his latest paintings. The exhibit will run from July 19 until August 24.

Tuesday, July 24 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Moral Combat*
Dr. Marie Griffith, director of the John C.

Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at the Washington University in St. Louis, will join Jamie McKown, COA's James Russell Wiggins Chair in Government and Polity, to discuss her new book, *Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians and Fractured American Politics* and how a one-time Christian consensus unraveled and made our political battles over sex (from birth control to abortion and LGBTQ rights) so ferocious and intractable.

***Saturday, July 28 from 6:30-8:30 pm**

The Champlain Society Reception

AMORY HILL, BAR HARBOR

The Champlain Society Reception will be hosted by Will and Genie Thorndike at their historic Bar Harbor home overlooking Frenchman Bay. This is the kickoff event for the 2018 Champlain Institute. Formal invitations will be sent to current members for this special gathering.

THE CHAMPLAIN INSTITUTE: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS JULY 28–AUGUST 3, 2018

The Champlain Institute is a week-long ideas forum and exchange. This year's conversations will focus on national security, trade disputes, cyber warfare, terrorism, where democracy is working, civil wars, Russia, North Korea, and other hotspots around the globe. To register, go to www.coa.edu/ciregister

Saturday, July 28 at 5pm

A Conversation with Ambassador Susan E. Rice
Former National Security Advisor for President Obama and U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Susan Rice is the opening keynote of this year's Institute. She has deep knowledge of all aspects of National

Security decision-making, the role of the President and the NSC, as well as military, defense and intelligence policy.

Monday, July 30 at 9 am

Hacking, Informationsnaya, and the Grey Zone: How Technology is Shaping a New Global Competition among Great Powers

Nick Dowling was Director for European Affairs at the National Security Council (NSC) where he coordinated Bosnia and Kosovo policy. Mr. Dowling has also worked as a defense fellow in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, as a senior fellow at the National Defense University and as a policy advisor for two presidential campaigns and a U.S. Senate campaign.

Monday, July 30 at 5 pm

Guantanamo and the United States' Handling of Detainees

Neal Katyal, the former Acting Solicitor General of the United States, focuses on appellate and complex litigation. At the age of 47, he has argued more Supreme Court cases in U.S. history than has any minority attorney, recently breaking the record held by Thurgood Marshall.

Tuesday, July 31 at 9 am

US-EU Relations

Ambassadors Bill Eacho, C. Boyden Gray, and Jim Lowenstein will discuss the current state of US-European Union relations. Ambassador C. Boyden Gray is a founding partner of the D.C.-based law firm, Boyden Gray & Associates LLP, and formerly served as legal counsel for Vice President George Bush. Former US Ambassador to Austria, Bill Eacho became a Visiting Professor of the Practice at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University in 2014. Amb. Lowenstein is vice chairman and co-founder of the

French-American Foundation in New York and Paris, the chairman of the Advisory Council of the American Library in Paris, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a French Legion of Honour Officer.

Tuesday, July 31 at 5 pm

Walls or Bridges: What will Shape American Greatness in the 21st Century?

Tony Blinken, currently the co-founder and managing director of WestExec Advisors, a strategic consultancy, has held senior foreign policy positions in two administrations— including as Deputy Secretary of State in the Obama Administration, the nation's number two diplomat. Mr. Blinken helped to lead diplomacy in the fight against ISIL, the rebalance to Asia, and the global refugee crisis, while building bridges to the innovation community.

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 1 at 9 am

Security in the Indo-Asian Region

Former United States Navy Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert's expertise is in the Asia-Pacific, "where maritime, nuclear, and other critical issues challenge America and its partners." Admiral Greenert served as the 30th Chief of Naval Operations from 2011 to 2015. He is the recipient of various awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

Wednesday, August 1 at 1 pm

On the Ground: Listening to Afghan Women's Voices

Eliza Griswold is the author of *The Tenth Parallel*, which explores the fraught space where Christianity and Islam meet in Africa and Asia. She is an award-winning journalist whose work on Boko Haram, Pakistan's Waziristan Agency, and Syrian Refugees has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *Harper's Magazine*, among others.

Thursday, August 2 at 9 am

Is Democracy Failing?

Ted Widmer is a senior fellow at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. Dr. Widmer served as a speechwriter and senior advisor to former President Bill Clinton from 1997

to 2001 and as a senior advisor to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton from 2012 to 2013. The author of many books, Dr. Widmer is a frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, *The New York Observer*, *Politico*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The American Scholar*.

Thursday, August 2 at 5 pm

Violence and Elections After Civil Wars

Sarah Z. Daly is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Faculty Fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Her research focuses on civil wars and peace-building, international security, and ethnic politics with a primary regional focus on Latin America. Her book, *Organized Violence after Civil War: The Geography of Recruitment in Latin America*, explores why armed organizations remilitarize or demilitarize in the aftermath of peace accords

Friday, August 3 at 9 am

Liberty and Security Today

Karen Greenberg, an expert on national security, terrorism, and civil liberties, is Director of the Center on National Security at Fordham University School of Law. She is the author of *The Least Worst Place: Guantanamo's First 100 Days*, which was selected as one of the best books of 2009 by *The Washington Post* and *Slate.com*. Her newest book, *Rogue Justice: The Making of the Security State*, explores the war on terror's impact on justice and law in America.

Friday, August 3 at 5 pm

US-Middle Eastern Relations Past and Future

The Honorable George Mitchell served as the U.S. Special Envoy for Middle East Peace from January 2009 to May 2011. He was a US Senator for fifteen years and served on the Finance, Veterans Affairs, and Environment and Public Works Committees as well as serving as Senate Majority Leader.

Tuesday, August 7 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Current Climate in the US House of Representatives*

COA alumna and Maine's 1st District US Congresswoman Chellie Pingree '79 and COA alumna Elspeth Flemings '06, current director of Healthy Acadia and former representative for Bar Harbor in the Maine House, will discuss

what it is like to be in the US House of Representatives in this current political climate.

Tuesday, August 14 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Pantsuit Nation*

Libby Chamberlain, founder of Pantsuit Nation (and nearby Maine resident), will discuss the intersection of online community and offline activism and how her popular Facebook Group ignited a wave of civic engagement after the 2016 presidential election. She'll talk with Lynn Boulger, COA's Dean of Institutional Advancement, about the importance of storytelling within grassroots movements. Copies of *Pantsuit Nation*, edited by Chamberlain and published in 2017, will be available for purchase and signing.

Tuesday, August 21 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Masterpiece:*

WGBH's National Programs

John Bredar joined WGBH in 2013 as Vice President of National Programming, where he has oversight of WGBH's highly acclaimed prime-time series including *American Experience*, *Nova*, *Frontline*, *Masterpiece*, and *Antiques Roadshow*. He will join COA trustee Will Thorndike for a discussion of the process behind the selection of the Boston station's popular programs.

Tuesday, August 28 at 9 am

Coffee & Conversation: *Saving our Oceans*

David Shaw, founder of several successful science-based companies, trustee of the National Park Foundation, chair-emeritus of The Jackson Laboratory, and co-chair of the Aspen Institute High Seas Initiative, will join Sean Todd, COA's Steven K. Katona Chair in Marine Sciences to discuss ocean conservation.

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 13 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. Tickets at coa.edu/sharetheharvest