



New Offerings from Older Wiser Lifelong Scholars

"Wisdom Wednesdays"

An Online Series of Five Speakers

January 18

1:00pm - 2:30pm (EST)
with Julia Keller

Quitting: A Life Strategy / The Myth of Perseverance - And How the New Science of Giving Up Can Set you Free

That's the title of a new nonfiction book by Julia Keller, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, which is bound to spark a great deal of lively conversation when it is published in April. She argues that quitting isn't bad. It's good. In fact, it can initiate a whole new life. She maintains that the attributes we're often told are positive ones -- grit and perseverance -- are, in reality, not good for us at all. Quitting is the portal to success and happiness. Her book reveals the new neuroscience of what happens inside the brain when we quit one task for another -- and how rejuvenating that can be.

February 15

1:00pm - 2:30pm (EST)
with Ann Hagedorn

Beyond the River: The Untold Story of Heroes of the Underground Railroad

After living in New York City for two decades, Ann Hagedorn now writes her books in a small town on the Ohio River, which she discovered while researching her third book, *Beyond the River: The Untold Story of Heroes of the Underground Railroad*. In her talk she'll tell us about the timeless relevance of the saga depicted in *Beyond the River*, and pay tribute to some of the memorable individuals portrayed in the narrative. She'll offer us a glimpse into the challenges and adventure of the researching and writing of the book, which the American Library Association chose as one of its 25 most notable books for 2004.

March 15

1:00pm - 2:30pm (EST)
with Dr. Katherine Jeter

Two Wheels Have Taught Me This...

Everyone is looking for a good life. Podcasts, self-helpbooks, TEDTalks, vitamins and supplements all promise good things. Dr. Katherine Jeter, who learned to ride a bicycle at the age of 69, shares three important life lessons she has gleaned from the past 15 years on the seat of her bike. Tune in for an hour of entertaining stories and precepts that will encourage you to make the best of every day you live.

April 19

1:00pm - 2:30pm (EST)
with Dr. Carol Salus

Who Was Andy Warhol: A Look Beyond His Enchanted Image

Warhol, whose ascent to fame started in the 1960s, maintained an enchanted status. He sought beautiful images of beautiful people. We will look at the early life of the young artist and learn about his personal struggles and his achievements. His use of repetition was considered by many to be one of his most subversive moves. His art was created by a machine-like approach in his Factory, because he said this was today's means of production. The hand-painted canvas belonged to the past. But who really was this fascinating Pop artist?

May 17

1:00pm - 2:30pm (EST)
with Joe Blundo

Columbus, You Amuse Me: Fun Facts and Wry Observations

Joe Blundo will share what he's learned about his audience in 25 years of writing columns (above all, we, the audience want to laugh), why Columbus is such a great source of humor material (because we fear the weather and worship the Buckeyes) and why people who are passionate about something make the best column subjects (even the official swine photographer at the state fair). He will also test the audience's knowledge with a trivia quiz on Columbus history (such as the name of the two-time winner of a prestigious national title who is NOT Archie Griffin).

Full Series (All Five Classes) - \$75.00
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Meet the Speakers

Julia Keller

Quitting: A Life Strategy / The Myth of Perseverance - And How the New Science of Giving Up Can Set you Free

Julia earned a doctoral degree in English Literature at The Ohio State University. She has taught at Princeton University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Notre Dame. She was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. After many years at the Columbus Dispatch, Julia left in 1999 to join the staff of the Chicago Tribune as chief book critic. While there, she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for a three-part series on a deadly tornado that tore through a small Illinois town. She has lived in central Ohio since 2012. Her previous books include a series of eight mystery novels set in her home state of West Virginia, which begins with *A Killing in the Hills*; a three-novel science fiction series known collectively as *The Dark Intercept*; and a biography of Richard Jordan Gatling, inventor of the Gatling Gun, and a history of America's emergence as a powerhouse of innovation, titled *Mr. Gatling's Terrible Marvel: The Gun That Changed Everything and the Misunderstood Genius Who Invented It*

Ann Hagedorn

Beyond the River: The Untold Story of Heroes of the Underground Railroad

Ann Hagedorn is a former staff writer for The Wall Street Journal and an award-winning author of six narrative nonfiction books that embrace a broad range of topics and have received excellent reviews nationwide. Ann is a graduate of Denison University and holds master's degrees from the University of Michigan and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, plus an honorary doctorate from Denison. She has taught writing, as an adjunct professor, at Columbia University, Northwestern University, Xavier University, and Miami University. Ann's most recent book is *Sleeper Agent: The Atomic Spy in America Who Got Away*, which The Wall Street Journal described as "A historical page-turner of the highest order."

Dr. Katherine Jeter

Two Wheels Have Taught Me This...

Katherine is dubbed as "the silver tornado" by her husband of 64 years and most often identified as "faithful" and "resilient" by friends. Prior to her retirement in 1995, she was an invited lecturer around the world. Whether speaking on subjects within her field of expertise in medical care, pitching a plea for living life intentionally, or encouraging folks on matters of faith, she is earnest and energetic, exuberant, and pragmatic. No topic is too serious for her trademark splashes of humor. Katherine's treatment for breast cancer in the winter of 2005, a life-threatening staphylococcal pneumonia in 2013, rehabilitation after a horrific ski collision in 2017, and the very recent sudden death of her youngest son, at the age of 60, have added new perspectives to her life and her presentations. Dr. Jeter has a Masters Degree in Counseling from Ball State University, and a Doctorate in Education and Human Development from The George Washington University. In recent years, Katherine has marked birthdays with physical achievements. On her 70th birthday she cycled 70 miles to raise \$70,000 for her two favorite charities. Two years later, in the spring of 2011, she cycled 3100 miles across country from San Diego, CA to St. Augustine, FL with WomanTours. She raised \$219,000 and says that the memories of that journey continue to add dazzle and direction to each day.

Dr. Carol Salus

Who Was Andy Warhol: A Look Beyond His Enchanted Image

Carol Salus, Ph.D., has been a Professor of Art History at The Ohio State University, where she earned her degree, since 2017. She had previously taught at Kent State University, John Carroll University, and the University of Cincinnati. She has written a book entitled *Picasso's Vision of Celestina*. She deepened her familiarity with Andy Warhol when she wrote "*Behind the Celestial Enchantment: the Private Self and Early Movie Star Portraits of Andy Warhol*," a chapter in a larger work. Dr. Salus is an experienced lecturer and engaging conference speaker.

Joe Blundo

Columbus, You Amuse Me: Fun Facts and Wry Observations

Joe Blundo began his writing career at The Columbus Dispatch in 1978 and has been writing about Columbus ever since. In 1997, Joe was given his own column titled "*So to Speak*," which quickly became one of the most popular sections of the paper. Raccoon dinners, Abe Lincoln impersonators, and things in nature that aren't fair are just a few of the topics Blundo explores in this collection of the best of his newspaper columns. The columns range from hilarious to poignant to indignant - but all contain his unique voice and somewhat tilted way of looking at life. He's especially drawn to the quirks that make Columbus what it is, people with a passion they can't stop talking about, and recording the milestones in his family's life. Sometimes he spouts off on the big issues of the day, but more often he looks for the little things that others might not notice.



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