

Recent Programs:

2018 – 2019

October 11 Al Magid “The Reading is fun Program: Strategizing About its Growth and Development”

November 8 Dr. Valery Rapson, MiSci “Inspiring the Public to Explore the Universe”

December 13 Kevin Millington “The Spectacular Empire State Aerosciences Museum”

January 10 Howie Eskin “Election districts: Goals, Results, & Avoiding Politics”

February 14 Ricki Lewis “A Geneticist’s View of White Supremacy”

March 14 Police Sgt Mathew Dearing “How to Avoid Scams”

April 11 Greg Floyd, WRGB News “You Paid for It: Tracking Government Waste and Public Corruption”

May 9 Brien Bouyea “Bare Knuckles and Saratoga Racing. The Remarkable life of John Morrissey “

2017-2018

October 12 Larry Lewis Sadie's Boys: "When Charles and Ben Lewis go missing in WW II, their mother Sadie seeks to find them."

November 9 Harry Ringermocker - The 2017 Solar Eclipse

December 7 Bob and Pat Liliquist The Edison Cylinder Record Hop Songs played on their own 1909 Edison Phonograph

January 11 Dick and Heide Westergard: Slides of their travels through Cuba and Costa Rica

February 8 Sylvie Briber describes the scratched inscription in a window of her home in the Stockade and how it got there.

March 8 Frank Strauss palys recordings of opera star Maria Callas

April 12 Joan Ham : General Devers and the Second Invasion of France

May 10 Chris Cioffi : "Estate Planning" How the new tax laws will affect your estate

2016-2017

October 13 Dr. Bill Levering - Senior Pastor, First Reformed Church "Why God Loves Liberals"

November 10 Professor George Shaw "The Earth's Early Atmosphere and the Origin of Life"

December 8 Michael Barrett "The Life of Russell Sage, the Money King "

January 12 Kenneth Klapp "The NYS Power Grid"

February 9 Professor Anastasia Pease - Union College "The Many Words for Love: a Literary Journey"

March 9 Cal Welch "Maps of the Adirondacks from 1550"

April 13 Benjamin Powerance "Justice Delayed is Justice Denied"

May 11 Fred Goodman "Schenectady County's Complex Juvenile Justice System"

2015-2016

October 8 Andrew McKenna "Sheer Madness, from Federal Prosecutor to Federal Prisoner"

November 12 Attorney Joseph Glazer "When Mental Health and Criminal Justice Collide"

December 10 Ralph Enokian "Armenian Genocide"

January 14 Ed Reilly, Torch Archivist / County Historian "85 years of the Schenectady Torch Club"

February 11 Juan Barbosa "Fitness and Nutrition for the Middle Age and Senior Years"

March 10 John Polimeni, Sch'dy Councilman "Economics"

April 14 Jason Lecuyer, Sch'dy Cty Director of Special Events "Special Events that Promote Tourism"

May 12 Fred Goodman, Karen Crandall, Tim Ferrara " Schenectady County Juvenile Justice System"

2014-2015

October 9 William. "Mac" Sudduth, MiSci Current & Future Programs at MiSci (Museum of Science and Innovation)

November 13 D r. James Lloyd, SUNY Nanotech The Black Hole Universe, an Alternative to Dark Energy. Was there really a Big Bang? The Black Hole Universe, an Alternative to Dark Energy

December 11 Mary Liz & Paul Stewart The Underground Railroad Revisited: A New Interpretation of a Very Old Story

January 8 Bryan Clenahan Medical Marijuana in New York State

February 12 Dick Messmer Financial Stability vs. Economics

March 12 Geoffrey Kirkpatrick - NYLA President The Future of Public Libraries: challenges and opportunities

April 9	Blair Horner, NYPIRG	Fixing Albany, a Roadmap for Reform
May 14	Chuck Becker - Habitat for Humanity	The State of Affordable Housing in Schenectady

2013-2014

October 10	Carl Strock	"From Duanesburg to Jerusalem: The Unlikely Rise and Awful Fall of a Small-Town Newsmen"
November 14	Peter Tobiessen	"Some Lake Items in the News: Their Causes and Possible Solutions "
December 12	Robert Altman	"The Future of Public Television"
January 9	Tim Johnson	"Being in Control: Understanding Feedback Systems, and How a Control Engineer Perceives the World"
February 13	Sheelagh Baily	"New York State Small Town Organization"
March 13	Fred Eddy	"The Digital Age."
April 10	Paul Sorum	"The Affordable Care Act"
May 8	Jude McQueen	"Childhood Education"

2012-2013

October 11	Prof. Francis Wilkin - Union College	"The Dark Side of the Universe: Dark Matter-Dark Energy"
November 8	B.K. Keramati	"Iran - A Personal Perspective"
December 13	Robert Ward - NYS Deputy Comptroller	"New York State Government"
January 10	Doug Kabat	"How Amazon Works"
February 14	Britt Westergard	"Hydrology / Hurricane Irene"
March 14	Don Gavin	"The War of 1812"
April 11	Walter Grattidge	"Who Wrote the Shakespearean Plays?"
May 9	Jenny Overynder	"New Netherland"

2011-2012

October 13 Susan Stewart " Women and the Bible"

December 8 Ricki Lewis "The Forever Fix: Genetics and Curing Illness"

January 12 Marica White "SPAC Today and Tomorrow"

February 9 Eric Ruijssensars "Abraham Staats: Surgeon, Magistrate, Soldier in New Netherland, 1642"

March 8 Ryan Torn "An Update on Global Climate Change"

April 12 Al Magid "Democratic Transitions in Formerly Autocratic Countries"

May 10 Philip Morris "Proctor's and Schenectady"

2010-2011

October 14 Taury Smith "The Straight Story on the Marcellus Shale."

November 11 Cliff Brown "Politics - 2010 Elections."

December 9 Mike Saccocio "City Mission"

January 13 Alan Gebel "Stories of a Chief Prosecutor."

February 10 Ray Gillen "Resurrecting Schenectady."

March 10 Scott Blaha "Hudson River Dredging"

April 14 Doug Kabat "Sex and Romance from Age 50 On."

May12 George Wise "History of Schenectady GE."

2009-2010

October8 Paul Sorum "Health Reform, Health Costs and How Physicians Practice"

November12 Margaret Shadler "Muslim Women of Morocco"

December10 John Gowdy "The Nature of Value and the Value of Nature"

January14 Don Stauffer "Robert Frost and his Anti-New Deal Politics"

February11 Quinton Bullock "Leading a Communtiy College in the 21st Century"

March 11	Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill	"How do you choose a play?"
April 8 Architecture"	Phil Adams	"Mankind's Aspirations Expressed in
May 13 2008-2009	Dick Westergard	"You Too Can Be a Weather Guy"
October 9	Don Rittner, County Historian	"The First Ship"
November 13 Senate"	BK Keramati	"Retrospective on Running for the NY State
December 11	Doug Kabat	"The Traithlon as a Sport"
January 8 Age"	Rex Smith, Times Union	"Ethical Journalism in the Internet
February 12 through Agriculture"	Leslie Herd	"Roots and Wisdom: Creating Community
March 12	Hugh Johnson	"The Investment Picture Today"
April 9 from Physical Data"	Angel Garcia	"Understanding Basic Biological Processes
May 7	David Golibersuch	"They Won't Send You Farther than Siberia"
2007-2008		
October 11	Prof. Stephen M. Berk, Union College	"The Middle East at a Crossroads"
November 8 Twenty-First Century."	Stephen Aninlay, President, Union College	"Challenges for Private Colleges in the
December 13	Frank Wicks	"Robert Fulton and Robert Livingston and the
January 10 State"	Helga Schroeder	"Reforms Needed in the Courts of New York
February 14 One?"	Warren Redlich	"Search Engine Optimization: Who's Number
March 13	Rich Alben	"Globalization: Is the World Flat or Round?"
April 10	Prof. Cliff Brown, Union College	"The U.S. Political Process" (tentative title)
May 8	Ricki Lewis	"Self-Publishing: What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been"

2006-2007

October 12	Carl Strock, Schenectady Gazette	"Don't Believe Anything You Read"
November 9	Len Meiselman	"Evolution and Intelligent Design"
December 14	Carl George	"The Saga of the Canada Geese in Collins Park"
January 11	Rabbi Matthew Cutler, Temple Gates of Heaven	"Israel : A Part of My Soul and Apart From My Soul"
February 8	James Johnson	"The Future of Solar Energy"
March 8	Glen McGee, Alden March Bioethics Institute	"Challenges of Universal Health Insurance"
April 12	Larry Lewis	"A World War II Story"
May 10	Dr. David Liebers, Ellis Hospital Chief of Medicine	"Influenza"

2005-2006

October 13	Deborah Onslow ,WMHT	"The Future of Public Broadcasting"
November 10	Dr. Timothy Tear	"Conservation in an Urbanizing World: What Eastern New York Has to Offer the Rest of the World"
December 8	Warren Redlich	"Running for Congress - What was I Thinking? "
January 12	Thomas Constantine	"Overseeing Police Reform in Northern Ireland"
February 9	James Kuntsler	"Challenges of the Post-Peak Oil World" (tentative title)
March 9	Ed Reilly	"75 Years of the Schenectady Torch Club "
April 13	Gene Rowland	"The Automobile of the Future"
May 11	Chris Walcek / Braddock Linsley	"Global Climate Change - A Debate" [Guest Night]

2004-2005

October 14	Melanie Trimble	"The Patriot Act"
November 11	Ray Gillen	"Schenectady Metroplex: Present and Future"
December 9	John Brown	"Unfinished Science"
January 13	Manuel Aven	"Increasing Healthy Life Span"
February 10	Walter Auclair	"Where Were the Women? -American female writers in semantics and sociology and their lack of public recognition.
March 10	Mark Baskin	"Prospects for Democratic Stability in Iraq"
April 14	Walt Cicha	"Rebel With a Cause: Celebrating a Century of Albret Einstein's Nonconformist Humanism"
May 12	Mark Grimm	"Media Bias: How to Spot It and What to do About It."

2003-2004

October	Bill Edelstein	"MRI: The Best Thing Since the X-Ray"
November	Dag Reppen	"The Northeast Electrical Grid"
December	Steven Schmidt	"Risks of public Debt"
January	Dick Westergard	"Weather Forecasting: Then & Now"
February	Bill Batt	"Moral Reasoning & Social Structures: A Cross-cultural perspective"
March	Paul Swartz	"Abundant & Cheap Energy Today, But What About Tomorrow?"
April	Clifford Brown	"Presidential Politics"
May	Russ Savage	"Psychoanalysis and Communism"

2002-2003

October	Thomas H. King	"The 2nd Amendment: The individual right to keep and bear arms"
November	Larry Lewis	"Arsenic in the Environment"
December	John Knutson	"Primary Causes of Cancer - Counterintuitive Results"
January	John Delano	"Exobiology - NASA's search for the origin and distribution of life in our galaxy"
February	LeRoy Fogle	"Saving Our Youth From Gangs"
March	David Kaczynski	"Abolish the Death Penalty"
April	Gerry Hahn	"It's A Small World After All"
May	Ricki Lewis	"Issues in Embryo Research and Cloning"

2001-2002

October	Bill Edelstein	"The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence"
November	Maxine Borom	"Charter Schools"
December	Phil Kosky	"Conformational Protein (Mad Cow) Disease - It Ain't All Bull"
January	Harry Ringermacher	"Prospects for Interstellar Propulsion"
February	Dick Mehan	"Why Republicans Have a Southern Accent and Democrats are Liberal"
March	Scott Ritter	"Endgame: Solving the Iraq Problem Once and For All"
April	Mokhtar Maghraoui	"Islam in America after 9/11"
May	Warren Redlich	"Victims of the Drug War"

2000-2001

October	Gerald DeMauro	"Provoking the Innocent: Controversies in Testing Student Performance"
November	Paul Swartz	"Children Raised by Wolves"
December	Ed Reilly	"Politics & Computing: Have We Been Gored or Bushwhacked?"
January	Chris Walcek	"Global Warming, Global Warning"
February	Roger Kambour	"GE's Response to the Arab Oil Embargo of the 1970's: Light-weight Auto-Frame Composites"
March	Charles Szuberla	"Who pays for public education?"
April	John Calcagni	"Energy Deregulation: What's in store for New York State"
May	George Wise	"Slouching Toward Armageddon: Why WW I and II happened, why WW III didn't, and when WW IV might."

1999-2000

October	Jay Schleifer	"After Prison - The Straight Life Feels a Bit Like Heaven"
November	Warren Redlich	"Trials and Error: A Proposal for Reducing Lawsuits"
December	John Brown	"What should we do about PCBs?"
January	Dr. Paul Lemanski	"Lifestyle affects your health and longevity. You can take control."
February	Paul Swartz	"The Increasing Concentration of Wealth in America"
March	Ricki Lewis	"The Promise and Uncertainty of Gene Therapy"
April	David Golibersuch	"A Long Walk North: A Personal Journey to the Geographic North Pole"
May	Manfred Jonas	"Why the End of the Cold War did not Inaugurate the Millennium"

1998-99

October	Judge Michael Eidens	"Plea Bargaining of Serious Crimes - Advantages and Disadvantages"
November	Donald White	"Hormone Therapies - A Basis for Choice"
December	Paul Swartz	"The Economic Crisis In SE Asia - Why the Media Doesn't Get It"
January	Sabine O'Hara	"Urban Development - Production Costs vs Quality of Life"
February	Ed Reilly	"Cryptography and Privacy"

March	Gary Wilson	"HMOs - Has Managed Care Killed Marcus Welby?"
April	Michael Marcelle	"The Changing Role of the School Superintendent"
May	Paul Drisgula	"So-called Partial Birth Abortion"

1997-1998

October	Seymour Horwitz:	"Medical Decisions Revisited"
November	Margaret Schadler:	"Who Will Feed China?"
December	Paul Swartz:	"The Party's Over."
January	Jack Hickey:	"Whither Public Education?"
February	Bob Rohr:	"Radiation Homesis - Is it Real?"
March	Carl George:	"Symbols, Symbols, Everywhere. All Along My Journey they Flashed Forth."
April	Peter Stewart:	"Invaders from Outer Space"
May	Charlotte Eyerman:	"Controversy and Contemporary Art"

1931 to 1996-1997: See Past Programs