



The Susan Resneck Pierce Lectures in Public Affairs and the Arts series was named in honor of Susan Resneck Pierce, University of Puget Sound president from 1992 to 2003, in recognition of her years of outstanding service to the university. The lecture series annually brings to the University of Puget Sound campus and the wider community public intellectuals, writers, and artists of significant prominence.

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Our Divided Political Heart: The Battle for the American Idea in an Age of Discontent

2013—Junot Díaz

An Evening with Pulitzer Prize and *New York Times* Bestselling Author

2013—Wole Soyinka

Writing for Freedom

2012—Robert Reich

The Global Economy and the Future of Everything National

2012—Carlos Fuentes

From Law to Literature: A Personal Journey

2011—Kay Redfield Jamison

Minds on Fire: Mood Disorders and Creativity

2011—Spike Lee

America Through My Lens

2009—Sherman Alexie

Without Reservations: An Urban Indian's Comic, Poetic, and Highly Irreverent Look at the World

2009—Suzan-Lori Parks

An Evening with Suzan-Lori Parks

2008—Twylla Tharp

The Creative Habit

2008—Cory Booker

An Evening with Cory Booker

2007—David Brooks

How Does Being American Shape Us?

2007—Philip Glass

An Evening with Philip Glass

2006—Cornel West

Democracy Matters

2006—Edward Albee

Improvisation and the Creative Mind

2005—Fareed Zakaria

The Future of Freedom

2005—Nina Totenberg

The Supreme Court and Its Impact on You

2004—Robert Pinsky

Poetry in the World

2004—Terry Tempest Williams

The Open Space of Democracy

2003—David Halberstam

The Children: The Unique Courage and Faith of Ordinary Citizens to Change America

2003—Anna Deavere Smith

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Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Professor and director of The Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University, Henry Louis Gates Jr. is a literary scholar, filmmaker, journalist, cultural critic, and institution builder.

Professor Gates has created some 30 documentary films and books, as well as scores of articles for popular and academic audiences. Currently he serves as editor-in-chief of *TheRoot.com*, a daily online magazine, while overseeing the Oxford African American Studies Center, the most comprehensive collection of scholarship available online to focus on the lives and events which have shaped African American and African history and culture. Gates' six-part PBS documentary series, *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* earned the 2013 Peabody Award and NAACP Image Award, and the second season of his series *Finding Your Roots* has commenced this week.

The recipient of 53 honorary degrees and numerous prizes, Dr. Gates was a member of the first class awarded "genius grants" by the MacArthur Foundation in 1981, and in 1998 he became the first African-American scholar to be awarded the National Humanities Medal. He was named to *TIME*'s 25 Most Influential Americans list in 1997, to *EBONY*'s Power 150 list in 2009, and to *EBONY*'s Power 100 list in 2010 and 2012.

Gates earned his B.A. degree in English language and literature, summa cum laude, from Yale University in 1973, and his M.A. degree and Ph.D. in English literature from Clare College at University of Cambridge in 1979. He has directed The W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African American Research—now The Hutchins Center—since arriving at Harvard in 1991. During his first 15 years on campus, he chaired the Department of Afro-American Studies as it expanded into the Department of African and African American Studies with a full-fledged doctoral program. He is a member of American Academy of Arts and Letters and serves on a wide array of boards, including those of the New York Public Library, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Aspen Institute, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Whitney Museum of American Art, Library of America, and the Brookings Institute.

Program

Friday, Sept. 26, 4 p.m.

University of Puget Sound Memorial Fieldhouse

Introduction

Ronald R. Thomas
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Questions and Answers

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