

Tuesday Club Speakers

1986-87 (Dr. Steve Weinberg)

April—T.R. Fehrenbach
September—Admiral Bob Inman
October—unknown
November—Barbara Jordan
December—unknown
January—Joseph Carter
February—Dr. Hans Mark
March—Roger Louis
April—Wilhelmina Delco

1987-88 (Ruth Rosenfeld)

September—Frank Vandiver
October—Jerre Williams
November—Kenneth Pye
December—unknown
January—Elspeth Rostow
February—Louis Smoluchowski
March—George Christian
April—Dr. Steve Weinberg

1988-89 (Hon. Max Sherman)

September—"Mark Twain"
October—Doug Lenat
November—Bob Krueger
December—unknown
January— unknown
February—Howard Miller
March—Betty Sue Flowers
April—Dr. Thomas Staley

1989-90 (Jo Anne Christian)

September—Ray Daum
October—Mark Yudof
November—Joseph Lee
December—unknown
January— Walter Korter
February—Harry Swinney
March—John Whitmore
April—Camille Barnett

1990-91 (unknown)

September—William Stott
October—Pope Atkins
November—Pat Hayes
December—UT Pianists
January—Paula Marks
February—Creekmore Fath
March—Ilya Prigogine
April—Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison

1991-92 (Mark Yudof)

September—Dennis Huston
October—Harry M. Reasoner
November—Marianna S. Smith
December—UT Pianists: Wei Liu and Lei Lang
January—Diana Natalicio
February—Burl Osborne
March—Mort Meyerson
April—Sir David Williams

1991-92 (unknown)

September—Theresa Sullivan
October—Tom Luce
November—Martin Golubitsky
December—unknown
January—Stuart Yudofsky
February—Denise Schmandt-Besserat
March—Michael Tigar
April—Lionel “Skip”

1992-93 (Annanella Chan)**1999-2000 (President: Larry Wright)**

September—Mayor Kirk Watson on the future of Austin
October—Jan Jarboe Russell on her new book, *Lady Bird: A Biography of Mrs. Johnson*
November—Daniel Okrent (book publisher) on the end of print in the digital age
December—Marcia Ball performed and spoke about her musical education
January—Jack Blanton on philanthropy
February—Steven Weinberg on cosmology
March—Bill Broyles on screenwriting
April—Harry Middleton discusses the recorded tapes of LBJ during his presidency

2000-01 (President: Paul Woodruff)

September—Paul Burka, Dave McNeely, and friends on the state of presidential campaigns

October—Lee Walker on transportation in Austin in 2100

November—Jonathan Sessler on inventing a new molecule that fights cancer

December—Craig Hella Johnson performed with the Conspirare Choir and Cynthia Clawson

January—Tom Palaima (Greece) and David Crew (Germany) on the collapse of democratic institutions in ancient Athens and the Weimar Republic

February—Louise Weinberg on the U.S. Supreme Court

March—Stephen Harrigan on his new book, *The Gates of the Alamo*

April—Governor Rick Perry

2001-02 (President: Nancy Scanlan)

September—Frank Bash on the world post-9/11 (this was four days after 9/11)

October—Molly Ivins on the views of others (specifically France) with regard to the attack of 9/11 and our response

November—John Burnett on Ground Zero and Afghanistan

December—Karen Kuykendall performed with friends

January—Panel discussion on “the Liveable City” with Former Mayor Gus Garcia, Robin Rather and Mike Levy

February—James Loehlin, Robert Solomon, and Paul Woodruff on love and platonic love

March—Arthur Miller on the comparison between Einstein and Picasso

April—John Robertson (professor at UT law school) on potential uses of embryonic stem cell to treat disease and organ replacement and also human cloning

2002-03 (President: Roy Schwitters)

September—William H. Press on nuclear weapons (to test or not to test)

October—Dean William Powers on the collapse of Enron

November—Louise and Steven Weinberg and Jamie Galbraith read from *Copenhagen*

December—Cheryl Parrish transforms Headliners into Cafe Momus

January—Peter Bay on classical music

February—Rocky Kolb on the origin and fate of the universe

March—Dean Burnham on the Republican control of all three branches of the federal government and its Implications

April—Peter Galbraith on nation building in Iraq and other places

2003-04 (President: Rebecca Cohen)

September—Evan Smith and Lt. Governor David Dewhurst on redistricting

October—Tom Eccles (NY Public Art Fund) on his art projects in NY

November—Juan Miro on the conservative nature of American architecture and why we don't think outside of the box

December—Holiday party at the Bauer House

January—Larry Wright on his experiences living in Saudi Arabia before and during the American invasion of Iraq

February—Dr. Norman Chenven moderated panel of Dr. Frank Mazza and Dr. Betty Edmond on minimizing medical errors

March—Jack Martin on managing campaigns for corporations

April—Carolyn Pfeiffer (Burnt Orange Productions) and Tom Schatz on producing independent films

2004-05 (President: Sandy Levinson)

September—Michael Lind on presidents during war

October—Jeffrey Rosen on defending privacy and security in the digital age

November—Doug Laycock on church and state

December—Mady Kaye performed at the Harry Ransom Center

January—F. Scott McCown on school finance

February—Jack Cloonan on the war on terror and the moral dilemmas in any war

March—Elsbeth Rostow on her life

April—Salameh Nematt on the Middle East

2005-06 (President: Elizabeth Crook)

September—Bill Brands about Andrew Jackson and the Birth of American Democracy

October—Richard Moore, State Treasurer of North Carolina on “What Investors need to know in a Post-Enron World”

November—Fernando Schutte on crime and kidnappings in Mexico

December—Steve Weinberg about History of Tuesday Club, then Floyd Domino on the piano and afterwards in lounge the main choral ensembles of UT

January—Evan Smith on balance between objectivity and advocacy in the media

February—Tom Phillips on the U.S. Voting System

March—Bob Berney, President of Picturehouse, on the movie industry

April—David Buss, professor of psychology UT, on “The Evolution of Desire: Strategies of Human Mating”

2006-07 (President: James Magnuson)

September—Larry Wright on his book, *The Looming Tower*

October—David Oshinsky, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *Polio: An American Story*

November—Colm Toibin, on his novel, *The Master*

December—Wild Basin Winds music group

January—Evan Smith moderating panel of Susan Combs, Kirk Watson and Bill Miller re: state of our politics

February—Greg Curtis on his book, *The Cave Painters: Probing the Mysteries of the World's First Artists*

March—Playwright Steven Dietz

April—Mayor Will Wynn on Austin and global warming

2007-08 (President: Evan Smith)

September—Mark Halperin on the 2008 elections and beyond

October—Donald Evans, Henry Cisneros and Wayne Slater

November—Congressman Silvestre Reyes on immigration

December—James Dick, pianist and founder of Festival Hill

January—James A. Baker, III

February—Elsa Murano, Bill Powers and Paul Burka on higher education

March—Mark McKinnon and Matthew Dowd on the election

April—Dr. Bernard “Bud” Weinstein, Ray Perryman, Jamie Galbraith and Fred Zipp on the economy and how it will affect the election

2008-09 (President: Bill Brands)

September—Lucas A. “Scot” Powe on the Supreme Court

October—James M. Lindsay on world affairs

November—Robert Bryce

December—Billy Wolfe, pianist and music director of Ballet Austin

January—James W. Pennebaker on how the words we choose affect our worlds

February—Sam Gosling

March—Philip Bobbitt on terrorism

April—Sada Cumber on relations between America and the Islamic world

2009-10 (President: Bea Ann Smith)

September—Francisco G. Cigarroa, M.D. on his vision for the UT system

October—Kristine Huskey on Guantanamo and human rights

November—Mechele Dickerson on vanishing financial freedom

December—Marcia Ball on piano with holiday sing-along

January—Tom Staley on maintaining and growing the Ransom Center’s collection

February—Holland Taylor on her one-woman play about Ann Richards

March—Dr. Gretchen Ritter on problems and promises for public research universities

April—Dr. Ned Rifkin on the Blanton

2010-11 (President: Mark Morrison)

September—Evan Smith, Matthew Dowd, Patricia Kilday Hart and Wayne Slater on November elections

October—Mark Updegrove on post-presidents and legacy making

November—Susan Combs on Texas’ financial future

December—Pianist Anton Nel and holiday party

January—Arthur Andersson on architecture

February—Burton Richter on “Climate, Energy, Security and Action”

March—Dean Larry Sager on *The U.S. Constitution* and the Politics of 2011

April—Frank Gavin

2011-12 (President: Tom Phillips)

September—Dr. Michael White on “Whose Bible Is It Anyway? Reflections on the 400th Anniversary of the King James Version”

October—Karl Rove

November—Dr. David M. Hillis on “DNA Detectives: From Attempted Murder to Global Pandemics”

December—Dr. James Morrow and the main choral ensemble of the University of Texas

January—Dr. Gregory Fennes

February—Mark McKinnon on “American Politics: Broken? Is there a better way?”

March—Jim Bruseth on the archeological excavation of La Salle’s Fort St. Louis colony

April—Kenneth Starr on higher education in the 21st Century

2012-13 (President: Steve Harrigan)

September—Dr. Steven Weinberg and Dr. Roy Schwitters on Higgs Boson

October—Dr. O. H. Frazier of the Texas Heart Institute in Houston

November—Sam Tanenhaus, then-editor of the *New York Times Book Review*

December—Dr. James Morrow and the main choral ensemble of the University of Texas

January—Selina Hastings on the real-friendship between two of her biographical subjects, Evelyn Waugh and Nancy Mitford

February—Julian Castro (then-mayor of San Antonio)

March—Robert Draper

April—Tanya Streeter, World Record free diver

2013-14 (President: Roberta Wright)

September—Senator Wendy Davis

October—Ben Wear on the booming metropolis of Austin and its traffic

November—Bill Minutaglio and Steven L. Davis on their book *Dallas, 1963*

December—Musicians Christine Albert and Chris Gage

January—Skip Hollandsworth on “Bernie”

February—Jeffrey S. Kerr on his book, *Seat of Empire: The Embattled Birth of Austin*

March—Louis Grachos, new director of The Contemporary Austin

April—Larry Wright on *Camp David —How Peace is Made*

2014-15 (President: Tom Staley)

September—Steve Patterson, then-director of men’s athletics at the University of Texas at Austin

October—Dr. Clay Johnston inaugural Dean of the Dell Medical School

November—Cristina Garcia on her book, *King of Cuba*

December—Musicians “WhoDo” (members Larry Wright and Rico Ainslie’s band)

January—Dr. Kevin Anderson on Texas history and Texas’ rivers

February—Rick Hertzberg on current politics

March—Geoff Dyer on “Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?”

April—Philip Bobbitt on political ethics

2015-16 (President: Marc Winkelman)

September—Austin Mayor Steve Adler

October—Adrian Farrell, Consulate General of Ireland and Carlos Gonzalez Gutierrez, consul General of Mexico

November—Dr. H.W. (Bill) Brands on *Ronald Reagan—Then and Now*

December—Musicians Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis

January—Evan Smith and Matthew Dowd on the 2016 presidential election

February—Steve Harrigan on his book, *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln*

March—Mike Farrell on the death penalty

April—Evan Young and Sanford Levinson on the legacy of the late Justice Scalia

2016-17 (President: Sue Heinzelman)

September—Panel discussion with Senator Bill Bradley and Betty Sue Flowers, moderated by Ambassador Bob Hutchings on the 2016 presidential race

October—Jamie Galbraith on his book, *Welcome to the Poisoned Chalice: The Destruction of Greece and the Future of Europe*

November—John Henneberger on affordable housing

December—Musician Susanna Sharpe (of the Samba Police)

January—Dr. Amy Young (inaugural Chair of the Department of Women's Health at Dell Medical School) on equality of women's health care

February—Dr. Stephennie Mulder on civil war in Syria and the loss of its cultural and religious antiquities

March—Professor Caitlin Casey (Department of Astronomy at UT Austin) on “the Obscured Universe: From the First Galaxies to Today”

April—Panel discussion with Ambassador Bob Hutchings and Dr. Thomas Garza on US-Russia relations

2017-18 (President: Tim Staley)

September—Don Carleton and Daina Berry about UT housing the Confederate general statues

October—David Lake, lead architect for the new Austin central library

November—Jeremi Suri on his book, *The Impossible Presidency*

December—Band, The Rent Party

January—Syrian writer Osama Alomar about refugees and the impact of oppressive regimes, with Larry Wright moderating the Q&A

February—Chancellor Bill McRaven on the state of higher education

March—SXSW Chief Programming Officer Hugh Forrest

April—High school student Conor Heffernan who was a lead organizer of March for our Lives Austin

2018-19 (President: Dan Welcher)

September—Bill Wren, Special Assistant to the Superintendent of the McDonald Observatory, on “Dark Skies”

October—Larry Wright and Steve Harrigan (with Bill Brands moderating) on their books and observations about Texas

November—Barbara Chisholm and Robert Faires performances

December—Holiday party with musicians Dianne Donovan and Mitch Watkins

January—Maestro Peter Bay, Music Director of the Austin Symphony Orchestra, on Leonard Bernstein

February—Michael Starbird and Kurt Heinzelman on poetry

March—Andrew Sansom of Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University on the conservation movement

April—Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath interviewed by Evan Smith on the state of public education

2019-20 (President: Ying Tang)

September—Dr. Michael Collins, Chairman of The Gault School of Archaeological Research, on when and how the first humans arrived in the Americas

October—Sidney Blumenthal, former assistant and senior adviser to President Bill Clinton and senior adviser to Hillary Clinton, on "A House Divided: The Rise of Lincoln and the Making of the President in 1860"

November—Simone Wicha, Director of Blanton Museum of Art, on the redesign of its outdoor spaces

December—Holiday party with band WhoDo!

January—Jamie Pennebaker on the healing power of writing after any form of trauma

February—Dr. Teresa Sullivan on "Coming to Our Census and Counting on Democracy"

March—Canceled due to COVID-19

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2020-21 (President: Jamie Pennebaker)

All meetings were via Zoom.

September—Dr. Lauren Ancell Meyers, a world expert on disease outbreak, discussed COVID-19.

October—Panel with Stacey-Marie Ishmael, Emily Ramshaw, and Dan Rather on the election and the essence of journalism

November—Evan Smith with Matthew Dowd and Victoria DeFrancesco Soto about the election aftermath, transition of power, and the future of the world

December—Entertainment by Austin singer-songwriters Wendy Colonna and Barbara Nesbitt

January—Professor Laura King, Curators Distinguished Professor of Psychology, University of Missouri, on the meaning of life in perilous times

February—Ross Harding, Melbourne-based engineer and sustainability expert, discussed consulting with forward-looking cities around the world to demonstrate that we no longer need to make a negative impact on the environment to make a profit.

March—Daina Berry, Radkey Regents Professor and chair of the History Department at University of Texas at Austin, discussed the history of slavery in Texas.

April—Eric Horvitz, chief scientific officer of Microsoft, discussed ways to use AI to augment human intelligence.

2021-22 (President: Alex Wilson Albright)

September—Jason McLellan, Ph.D., one of the inventors of the COVID-19 vaccine

October—Dr. Andrew Torget on his new book, *Seeds of Empire: Cotton, Slavery, and the Transformation of the Texas Borderlands, 1800-1850*

November—Allison Orr, founder and artistic director of Forklift Danceworks, whose work is the subject of a documentary film called *Trash Dance*

December—Marcia Ball on piano for a holiday sing-along, with a cocktail party featuring an Austin Classical Guitar Society guitarist

January—A zoom-only meeting where members of the Club shared their favorite Tuesday Club stories in honor of Tuesday Club's 35th anniversary

February—Former Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson and Karen Kennard on issues related to incarcerating the innocent

March—Former Speaker of the Texas House, Joe Straus

May—Dr. Paige Harden of the Psychology Department of the University of Texas on how genetics affects human behavior

2022-23 (President: Carol Flake Chapman)

September—Sewell Chan, new *The Texas Tribune* editor-in-chief, shared his perspective on the top issues for Texas journalists at the time

October—Fellow member Dr. Peniel Joseph with colleague and University of Texas Associate Dean Richard Reddick on racial justice

November—Doug Lewin, founder of Stoic Energy, and KUT's Mose Buchele, host of the Podcast series called *The Disconnect: Power, Politics and the Texas Blackout*, discussed power and how it has failed us

December—Holiday concert with WhoDo (members Larry Wright and Rico Ainslie's band), with a cocktail party featuring an Austin Classical Guitar Society guitarist

January—Composer Graham Reynolds and Allison Orr of Forklift Danceworks showcasing their recent collaboration

February—Fellow member Ruth Pennebaker and humorist Wendi Aarons on our "golden years"

March—Fellow member Cynthia Levinson with writers Jennifer Ziegler, Chris Barton, and Gloria Amescua, as well as Round Rock ISD librarian Amelia Lewis regarding the recent banning of certain books

April—Professor Ray Mooney of the University of Texas at Austin Artificial Intelligence Laboratory and "The Deep Learning Revolution in Artificial Intelligence: Progress, Promise and Profligate Promotion"

2023-24 (President: Steve Enniss)

September—Dr. Cherise Smith on her book, *Michael Ray Charles: Studies in Blackness*

October—David Ferriero, United States Archivist from 2009 to 2022

November—Larry Wright on his new book, *Mr. Texas*

December—Holiday concert with "Grouchy Like Riley," with a cocktail party featuring an Austin Classical Guitar Society guitarist

January—Michael Webber, the Josey Centennial Professor of Energy and Engineering at UT Austin, on the climate crisis

February—Gina M. Masullo, Associate Director of the Center for Media Engagement at UT and Associate Professor in the School of Journalism, on "Bridging Divides in an Era of News Distrust"

March—Jessica McDonald, the Nancy Inman and Marlene Nathan Meyerson Curator of Photography at the Harry Ransom Center, on "Collecting after Collectors: The Photography Collection at the Harry Ransom Center"

April—Beto O'Rourke

2024-25 (President: Barbara Chisholm)

September—Playwrights and directors Steven Dietz and Kirk Lynn discussed taking work from the stage to the screen

October—Dr. Mark Lawrence on LBJ's legacy and relevance during the 2024 presidential election

November—Dr. Lisa B. Thompson and Dr. Richard J. Reddick, hosts and producer of the KUT podcast *Black Austin Matters*

December—Marcia Ball on piano for a holiday sing-along, with a cocktail party featuring an Austin Classical Guitar Society guitarist

January—KVUE senior reporter Tony Plohetski discussed the importance of local journalism.

February—KUT Transportation Reporter Nathan Bernier discussed the I-35 overhaul plan, the airport's expansion and growth, and Project Connect.

March—Ransom Center's Robert De Niro Curator of Film Jenny Romero discussed the acquisition of the Lorne Michaels Collection.

April—Sarah Bird talked about her latest book, *Juneteenth Rodeo*

2025-26 (President: Kevin Haynes)

September—The University of Texas School of Law Professor David M. Rabban discussed recent government threats to academic freedom.

October—Foundation Communities Executive Director Walter Moreau discussed how the Foundation is working to create affordable housing

November—Shakespeare at Winedale Director Katie Brokaw discussed the impact Shakespeare has on communities today.

December—Musical guests The Reverent Few with cocktail party entertainment featuring an Austin Classical Guitar Society guitarist

January—Texas Senator Sarah Eckhardt on Texas politics

February—Fellow member Robert Matney discussed the advancement of AI.

March—TEXAS MONTHLY Senior Editor Aaron Parsley and Deputy Editor Ross McCammon talked about Aaron's tragic experience with the Guadalupe River flood.

April—Robert J. Moossy, Jr. discussed "Civil Rights and Criminal Justice Reform at the US Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, Past and Present; or, Why Nobody Today Can Have the Career I Had There."