VIRTUAL EVENTS

With the exception of Art & Landscape Tours, all events are virtual. For additional information and to register, visit aspeninstitute.org/community. All times are Mountain Time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Hurst Lecture Series
The Future of Higher Education: How Research Universities Are Responding to COVID-19
Featuring University of California President Janet Napolitano, State University of New York Chancellor Kristina Johnson, and University of Miami President Julio Frenk, in conversation with Dan Porterfield, president and CEO of the Aspen Institute. The conversation will delve into what research universities are doing to find solutions to COVID, the role university medical centers play in treating patients and developing vaccines, and the impact of this crisis on the future of higher education.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM
McCloskey Speaker Series
Has Decadence Rendered Us Happy and Comfortable or Stagnant and Disappointed?
Featuring Ross Douthat, conservative political analyst, author, and New York Times columnist. His newest book, The Decadent Society: How We Became the Victims of Our Own Success, explores what happens when a rich and powerful society ceases advancing—how the combination of wealth and technological proficiency with economic stagnation, political stalemates, cultural exhaustion, and demographic decline creates a strange kind of “sustainable decadence.” Douthat dissects how we got here, how long this age of frustration might last and how our decadence might ultimately end. Order the book.

THURSDAY, JULY 9 | 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Murdock Mind, Body, Spirit Series
Customized Care: A Path to Better Health
Featuring David B. Agus, MD, professor of medicine and engineering at the University of Southern California and author of the bestselling book The End of Illness. In his most recent book, The Lucky Years: How to Thrive in the Brave New World of Health, Agus posits that we are entering the golden age of health and doctors will soon be able to harness the power of technology to customize our care. Are we there yet? How has technology changed the way we approach health and wellness?

TUESDAY, JULY 14 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM
McCloskey Speaker Series
Looking Ahead to the 2020 Presidential Election
Featuring Rachel Bitecofer, senior fellow of elections at the Niskanen Center, and Tamara Keith, NPR White House correspondent, in conversation with Dan Glickman, executive director of the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. Bitecofer accurately predicted the 2018 midterm elections with a revolutionary new theory: swing voters matter far less than most experts think. Instead, turning out new voters drives election results. With Keith’s vast knowledge of each candidate’s campaign and policies and Bitecofer’s predictive model, the panel will attempt to answer whether this theory will hold true in the 2020 presidential election.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Hurst Lecture Series
The Science of Well-Being
Featuring Laurie Santos, professor of psychology and head of Silliman Residential College at Yale University and host of “The Happiness Lab” podcast. Santos will explore what new results in psychological science teach us about how to be happier, how to feel less stressed, how to flourish more, and how to put these scientific findings into practice by building the sorts of habits that will allow us to live a happier and more fulfilling life.

IN-PERSON ASPEN EVENTS:
ART & LANDSCAPE TOURS
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
All tours meet at the Doerr-Hosier Center at 845 Meadows Road, Aspen, CO
For more information and to register, visit aspeninstitute.org/series/art-tours

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
Earthworks and Land Art of Herbert Bayer Tour
Ann Mullins, landscape architect

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
The Legacy of Herbert Bayer Art Tour
Lissa Ballinger, Aspen Institute art curator
equality in the last 100 years and what hurdles still remain.

will examine the strides women have made towards gender centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the panel Global Innovators Group at the Aspen Institute. In light of the president of Policy Programs and executive director of Aspen Federation of America, in conversation with of Supermajority and former president of Planned Parenthood Domestic Workers Alliance, and co-founder and executive director of the National Public Affairs Group, Graduate School of Public Service at NYU and partner at Civitas McCloskey Speaker Series
American Conservatism: Preserving the Idea of Perpetual Change
Featuring George Will, Pulitzer Prize winning columnist at The Washington Post, and commentator for NBC News and MSNBC, in conversation with Susan Page, Washington Bureau chief for USA TODAY. He is the author of numerous books on the Western political tradition including most recently, The Conservative Sensibility. Will, whom The Wall Street Journal once called “perhaps the most powerful journalist in America,” will discuss the current state of conservatism in the United States and whether or not it aligns with the Founders’ vision of natural rights, limited government, religious freedom and the belief in human dignity.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Hurst Lecture Series
Taking Stock: America at An Inflection Point
In collaboration with the Forum for Community Solutions
Featuring Melody Barnes, chair of the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions and Opportunity Youth Forum and former director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, and John Bridgeland, former director of the United States Domestic Policy Council and USA Freedom Corps, in conversation with Dan Porterfield, president and CEO of the Aspen Institute. The panel will discuss the nation’s COVID-19 response and how it has exposed deep systemic inequities in our nation. Can COVID-19 serve as a catalyst for social change? As we think about domestic policy and recovery in the years ahead, how do we build a more equitable future for all Americans?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM
McCloskey Speaker Series
The Tyranny of Merit: What’s Become of the Common Good?
Featuring Michael Sandel, professor of political philosophy at Harvard University and author of The Tyranny of Merit: What’s Become of the Common Good, in conversation with Elliot Gerson, executive vice president at the Aspen Institute. Sandel has been described as “the most popular professor in the world.” In his forthcoming book to be released in September 2020, he examines how we define success and how our meritocracy is hurting the common good. Can we be hopeful for a future that prioritizes the common good over individual success? Pre-order the book.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
McCloskey Speaker Series
Criminal Justice Transformation in the Age of COVID and Beyond
In collaboration with the Aspen Criminal Justice Reform Initiative
Featuring Anna Deavere Smith, actress, playwright, and founding director of the Institute on the Arts and Civic Dialogue at New York University, and Darren Walker, president of the Ford Foundation, in conversation with Reverend Vivian Nixon, executive director of College & Community Fellowship and an Aspen Institute Ascend Fellow. The arrival of the coronavirus pandemic saw jails, prisons, and detention centers become hotbeds for the virus, and criminal justice reform advocates are working tirelessly for the release of young people, older and vulnerable adults, and undocumented migrants. But what happens when many of the formerly incarcerated are returning to communities that are also disproportionately affected by the virus? Perhaps this unique time gives us the opportunity to truly re-imagine and transform the criminal justice system in the context of larger, associative complexities happening in communities of concentrated inequality and racial segregation.
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SOCIETY OF FELLOWS

The Society of Fellows is also hosting programs throughout the summer. For more information, call 970-544-7980 or visit aspeninstitute.org/sof.

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