



History of the Delta Gamma Foundation Lectureships in Values and Ethics

INSPIRATION

In celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, Dr. Paul Martin honored his wife Dorothy “Dotty” Garrett Martin, Eta-Akron, by establishing the Delta Gamma Lectureships in Values and Ethics. The University of Akron, Paul and Dotty’s alma mater and the home of Delta Gamma’s oldest active collegiate chapter, was the site of the inaugural Lectureship. Today, there are 21 campuses with a Lectureship and a Convention Lectureship.

ESTABLISHMENT

The Dorothy Garrett Martin Challenge was started in 1992 with three \$50,000 grants. Former Fraternity Vice President of Fraternity Programming Dr. Karla Treckel Mugler, Gamma Epsilon-Kent State, executive director Maggie Hess Watkins, Alpha Xi-West Virginia, former Fraternity President Maureen Sweeney Syring, Nu-Idaho and the Martins worked together to develop their vision “to establish a venue on college campuses where values and ethics could be discussed in an open format.” This work led to the creation of the Dorothy Garrett Martin Lectureship in Values and Ethics.

LEADERSHIP

Patricia Proctor Bradley, Beta Theta-Duke, chaired an endowment campaign establishing the second Lectureship at Duke University. This set a precedent for instituting all succeeding endowments and created a blueprint for partnerships between universities and local Delta Gamma chapters.

Maureen Syring and Maggie Watkins continued to promote the new Foundation program, helping establish three more Lectureships in 1994: Gamma Upsilon-Wichita State, Alpha Upsilon-Southern Methodist and Alpha Nu-USC. In 1996, Mu-Missouri established their Lectureship in partnership with the University of Missouri. Upon Maggie’s retirement in 1999, Foundation Executive Director Betsy Inch Fouss, Alpha Xi-West Virginia, became the program director. She served in that role until February 2001 when the Council/Board of Trustees created the volunteer position of Foundation Director: Lectureships in Values and Ethics.

GROWTH

After hearing the late Tim Russert speak to 1,200 Delta Gamma members at the 2004 Convention in Washington, D.C., the Foundation Board of Trustees resolved that a Convention Lectureship in Values and Ethics be established with a goal of being fully



funded by Convention 2006. An anonymous Delta Gamma member and 13 collegiate chapters (Zeta Gamma-Richmond, Gamma-UC Berkeley, Theta-Indiana, Alpha Lambda-Drake, Alpha Psi-Mississippi, Beta Eta-Texas, Beta Theta-Duke, Gamma Beta-Tulsa, Gamma Xi-Texas Tech, Zeta Alpha-Villanova, Delta Lambda-Mississippi State, Eta Kappa-North Carolina State and Theta Beta-Case) contributed to this effort. At Convention 2006, Joan Brock was invited as the inaugural speaker. She was followed by Steve Ford in 2008, John Sileo in 2010, Michael Hingson in 2012, Laurie Rubin in 2014, Leslie Stiner in 2016, Molly Burke in 2018, Derreck Kayungu in 2022, and Tracy Walder in 2024.

The Richard D. Shirk family established a Lectureship at the University of Houston, expanding previous goals with a mission “to illuminate and define what is good and bad in the lives, characters and practices of all professionals and to educate students to the value of ethical conduct.”

Individuals, as well as groups of alumnae and collegians, have continued to make \$50,000 challenge grants. Jacque Geving Everson, Alpha Theta-North Dakota, provided a challenge grant which was fully endowed at that campus in the spring of 2011. During that same period, Seattle alumnae provided a challenge grant which was fully endowed at Beta-Washington. Later that year, a grant from Amy Carlson Wilson, Theta-Indiana, was fully endowed. Most recently, a Lectureship at Beta Epsilon-American was established with a grant from the Deese-Knight family.

LEGACY

Although Dorothy Martin passed away in 1994, Dr. Martin continued to support this program, establishing 14 Lectureships and challenging like-minded individuals and groups to do the same. He passed away in 2010, but the Martin legacy remains.

This unique program is a source of great pride to the Delta Gamma Foundation in reinforcing its mission: The Delta Gamma Foundation fosters lifetime enrichment for members, promotes Service for Sight, and partners with the Fraternity to ensure the future of our sisterhood.

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Lectureships in Values and Ethics Speakers

Please note, we are working to add missing Lectureship dates.

AKRON

Madeleine Albright (2004)
Barbara Bush (1996)
Linda Chavez (2000)
Glenn & Jessie Close (2013)
Geena Davis (2012)
F.W. DeClerk (1999)
Steve Forbes (2001)
Michael J. Fox (2011)
Gerald Ford (2003)
Scott Hamilton (2024)
Charlton Heston (1997)
Gabby Giffords and
Mark Kelly (2015)
Queen Noor (2005)
Jane Pauley (2014)
Colin Powell (2010)
Cokie Roberts (1995)
Al Roker (2023)
Spencer Stone (2017)
John Walsh (2013)

AMERICAN

coming soon

DELTA GAMMA CONVENTION

Joan Brock (2006)
Molly Burke (2018)
Steve Ford (2008)
Michael Hingson (2012)
Derreck Kayongo (2022)
Laurie Rubin (2014)
John Sileo (2010)
Leslie Stiner (2016)
Tracy Walder (2024)

DEPAUW

Tarana Burke (2018)
Deborah Riley Draper (2023)
Dorothy Edwards (2014)
Julia Ioffe (2022)
Pashon Murray (2016)
Kyle Smitley (2024)
Tabitha St. Bernard (2017)

Maysoon Zayid (2015)

DUKE (hosted by Beta Theta- Durham)

Maya Angelou (1994-2013)
Wendy Davis (2018)
Grant Hill (2017)
Jon Scheyer and
Kara Lawson (2022)
Reggie Love (2016)
Chanel Miller (2020)
Ibtihaj Muhammad (2019)
Melissa Harris Perry
Aly Raisman (2023)
Margot Lee Shetterly (2021)

HOUSTON

Rebecca Alexander (2019)
Richard Fish, MD (2013)
Brien Holden (2009)
Joe Lovett
Reba Riley (2017)
Tom Sullivan (2010)
JP Williams (2020)
William Winslade (2015)

INDIANA

Molly Barker (2013)
Mallory Brown (2024)
Victoria Garrick Browne
(2023)
Tan Kheng Hua (2019)
Piper Kerman (2015)
Ibtihaj Muhammad (2017)
Jack Nicklaus (2012)
Jenna Palek (2022)
Aly Raisman (2021)
Catt Sadler (2018)
Elizabeth Smart (2016)
Collins Tuohy (2014)

LOUISIANA STATE

Steve Ford (2008)
Daisy Kent (2024)

Tyrann Mathieu (2022)
Aron Ralston (2011)
Giuliana Rancic (2013)
Aly Raisman (2018)
Gabrielle Union (2016)

MICHIGAN

John U. Bacon (2020)
Judy and Geoffrey Davis
(2016)
Michael Hingson (2013)
Carol Hutchins (2024)
Derreck Kayongo (2018)
Kerry Kennedy (2011)

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Jeff Corwin (2005)
Steve Ford (2009)
Christopher Gardner (2007)
Bob Goff (2021)
Bethany Hamilton (2014)
Patricia Heaton (2012)
Sean and Catherine Lowe
(2015)
Blake Mycoskie (2011)
Madison Prewett (2023)
Korie & Sadie Robertson
(2018)

MISSOURI

Frank Abagnale (2012)
Mitch Albom (2000)
Herman Boone (2001)
Joan Brock (2009)
Jeff Corwin (2008)
Antwone Fisher (2003)
Marilyn Fordham and
Maureen Syring (1999)
Christopher Gardner (2007)
Dr. Jane Goodall (2014)
Jerry Greenfield (2002)
Tim Gunn (2015)
Homer Hickam (1999)
Daymond John (2017)
Lisa Ling (2009)



Patricia Russell McCloud (2000)
 Aimee Mullins (2013)
 Sylvia Nasar (2004)
 Dr. Bennet Omalu (2016)
 John Quiñones (2019)
 Aly Raisman (2022)
 Aron Ralston (2011)
 Sally Ride (2005)
 Anthony Robles (2024)
 Kendra Scott (2023)
 Elizabeth Smart (2014)
 Sean & Collins Tuohy (2010)
 Dr. Ronan Tynan (2006)
 Jeannette Walls (2018)

NORTH DAKOTA

Michael Hingson (2013)
 Hunter Pinke (2023)
 John Quiñones (2017)
 Elizabeth Smart (2015)

OKLAHOMA

Linda Cohn (2008)
 Gabby Douglas (2018)
 Vee Kativhu (2024)
 Jeff Probst (2004)
 Giuliana Rancic (2012)
 Shiza Shahid (2017)
 Misty May Treanor (2014)
 Leigh Anne Tuohy (2010)
 Lizzie Velasquez (2021)

PURDUE

Eric Alexander (2010)
 Herman Boone (2009)
 Joan Brock (2007)
 Gabby Douglas (2018)
 Steve Ford (2008)
 Joseph Kahn (2012)
 Lauren Bush Lauren (2015)
 Bill Rancic (2011)
 Robin Roberts (2005)
 Veronika Scott (2017)
 Amy Tan (2006)
 Mary Ellen Weber (2020, 2024)

ROANOKE COLLEGE

Kristen Armstrong (2023)
 Lieutenant General James R. Clapper Jr. (2018)
 Tom Jones (2024)

SOUTHERN METHODIST

Kelly Addington and Rebecca Tieder (2009, 2011, 2018)
 Madeleine Albright (2002)
 Julie Andrews (2001)
 Larry Brown (2014)
 Barbara Bush (1998)
 Ann Compton (2000)
 Mike Domitz (2005)
 Jerry Greenfield (2015)
 Christine Ha (2021)
 Rosabeth Moss Kanter
 Piper Kerman (2016)
 Lauren Bush Lauren (2019)
 Nastia Liukin (2017)
 William Bennett, Michelle Malkin and Jack Valenti
 Mary Matlin
 Cynt Marshall (2023)
 Travis Tygart (2013)

TEXAS

Charlotte Benson (2010)
 Carl Bernstein
 Princess Sarah Culberson (2023)
 Jerry Greenfield (2013)
 Mia Hamm (2015)
 Lois Jensen (2006)
 Shawn Johnson (2017)
 Sarafina Nance (2021)
 Paul Rusesabagina
 Collins Tuohy (2011)
 Jeanette Walls (2019)

TEXAS A&M

Chris Bashinelli (2012)
 Laurie Hernandez (2023)
 Taya Kyle (2016)
 Colleen McGuire (2013)
 Madison Prewett (2021)

Sadie Robertson (2019)
 Lizzie Velásquez (2017)

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Dr. David Boren
 Ethics in business forum (2003)
 Ethics in sports forum (2004)
 Fraternity & Sorority Life uncensored (2005)
 Jerry Greenfield (2014)
 Jim Jacobus (2007)
 Shawn Johnson (2017)
 Liz Murray (2009)
 Panel discussion
 Sarah Thomas (2019)
 Camille Vasquez (2023)
 Tracy Walder (2021)

USC

Kelly Addington and Becca Tieder (2018)
 Joan Brock (2007)
 Steve Ford (2008)
 Paige Adams-Geller (2012)
 Erin Gruwell (2019)
 Dr. Lauren Hazzouri (2020)
 Aaron Karo (2003)
 Larry King (2005)
 Karen Moyer and Jake Olson (2016)
 Steve Sarkasian and Jeremy Poincenot (2014)
 Sarah Dubbeldam, Stephanie Kaplan Lewis and Michelle Taylor (2015)
 Andrew Shue (2002)
 Lee Trevino (2009)

WASHINGTON

Phyllis Campbell (2015)
 James Stewart (2012)
 Rebecca Walker (2017)

WICHITA STATE

Kelly Addington and Rebecca Tieder (2005)
 Victoria Arlen (2020)



Chad Crittenden (2007)
Drum Cafe
Sam Davidson (2013)
Jared Estes (2014)
Juliet Funt (2012)
T.J. Leyden (2004)
Sara Lowery (2019)
Mike May (2018)
Scott Mikulecky (2006)
Charlie Plumb (2001)
Jeremy Poincenot (2015)
Jason Romero (2017)
John Spence (2003)
Katie Stam (2009)
Jeff Yalden (2009)

