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Deborah and James Fallows: Our 100,000 Mile Journey into the Heart of America



James Fallows

Senior Editor, National Review; Fellow, American Enterprise Institute; Contributor, Fox News; Author, *Suicide of the West: How the Rebirth of Tribalism, Populism, Nationalism, and Identity Politics is Destroying American Democracy*

Deborah Fallows

Author, *Dreaming in Chinese and A Mother's Work*; Co-author, *Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America*

In conversation with Lenny Mendonca

Director Emeritus, McKinsey and Company; Member, Commonwealth Club Board of Governors

For the last five years, James and Deborah Fallows have been traveling across the country, meeting with civic leaders, factory workers, entrepreneurs and recent immigrants to learn about the challenges and opportunities facing small- and medium-sized cities in the United States. The Fallows offer a unique portrait of America and the people and organizations that are helping reshape our country and present a vision of hope. Learn more about their amazing 100,000-mile journey and the optimistic view they have for America's future.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2018-05-15/deborah-and-james-fallows-our-100000-mile-journey-heart-america>

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Michael Eric Dyson: America's Unfinished Race Conversation



Michael Eric Dyson

Op-Ed Columnist, The New York Times, Professor of Sociology, Georgetown University; Author, What Truth Sounds Like: Robert F. Kennedy, James Baldwin, and Our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America

In Conversation with Ros Gold-Onwude

Basketball Analyst, TNT and NBA TV; Former Reporter, Golden State Warriors Sideline

According to celebrated author and sociologist Michael Eric Dyson, 1963 was a defining year for the civil rights movement in the United States – universities in the South were integrated, four young girls were killed in a church bombing, and a quarter of a million Americans marched on Washington to hear Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. That same year, Attorney General Robert Kennedy sought out cultural leaders like James Baldwin, playwright Lorraine Hansberry, psychologist Kenneth Clark and activist Jerome Smith to explain the rage that threatened to engulf America. According to Dyson, every fundamental argument about race in America was heard in that room.

Fifty-five years after this historic year, the tense intersection of conflict between conscience and politics – between morality and power – in addressing race continues on with Black Lives Matter. In his new book What Truth Sounds Like, Michael Eric Dyson confronts a difficult situation directly: whether we embrace political resolution or moral redemption to fix our fractured racial landscape in this country. Dyson believes the future of race – and of democracy itself – hangs in the balance.

Michael Eric Dyson is an Op-Ed Columnist for The New York Times and professor of Sociology at Georgetown University. He has authored numerous books on black culture and both the history and future of race relations in the United States.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/index.php/events/2018-06-18/michael-eric-dyson-americas-unfinished-race-conversation>

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Stacey Abrams: Leading from the Minority



Stacey Abrams

Candidate for Governor of Georgia; Former Minority Leader, Georgia House; Author, *Minority Leader: How to Lead from the Outside and Make Real Change*

In Conversation with Holly Kernan

Vice President of News, KQED

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It's almost a cliché: it's good to be different. However, it's hard to believe this when there are a plethora of experiences and challenges that hinder anyone who exists beyond the structure of traditional power. But today, there are women, people of color, members of the LGBTQ community and millennials in the world who are ready to make a difference.

Stacey Abrams, Former Georgia House minority leader and candidate for governor of Georgia, wants to show everyone that there is truth in the cliché and value in the struggle against traditional power structures. In her new book, *Minority Leader: How to Lead from the Outside and Make Real Change*, she emphasizes the importance of knowing your own passion, regardless of the scale or target. She discusses personal stories about launching a company, starting a daycare center for homeless teen moms and running a successful political campaign to show how ambition, fear, money, and failure function in leadership.

Join this special conversation about how being in the minority can provide unique and vital strength!

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/index.php/events/2018-06-27/stacey-abrams-leading-minority>

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Malcolm Nance: How Russia is Destroying Democracy



Malcolm Nance

Retired Intelligence Officer; Author, *The Plot to Destroy Democracy: How Putin's Spies Are Winning Control of America and Dismantling the West*

Retired intelligence officer Malcolm Nance knows about Vladimir Putin and the threat he poses to American sovereignty. From the ongoing investigation into Russian interference in our elections to Putin's persistent presidency, Russia has a looming presence. Nance suggests this presence isn't benign but part of a greater plan to break down western democracy.

His new book, *The Plot to Destroy Democracy: How Putin's Spies Are Winning Control of America and Dismantling the West*, exposes how Russia has supported the campaigns of right-wing extremists throughout the United States and Europe. By seeking to create antidemocratic sentiment around the world, Nance argues Putin can leverage his strength to build a Russian-led alliance of nondemocratic autocracies. With the future of democracy hanging in the balance, Nance digs into the plans and goals of its enemies.

Join Nance for an important conversation about Russia's plan to unseat democracy and learn what we can do about it.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/index.php/events/2018-07-09/malcolm-nance-how-russia-destroying-democracy>

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Ben Rhodes: National Security Under Obama



Ben Rhodes

Former Deputy National Security Advisor to President Obama, Author, *The World as It Is: A Memoir of the Obama White House*; Twitter @brhodes

In Conversation with Audrey Cooper

Editor in Chief, San Francisco Chronicle

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The Obama years were a historic moment in American history. For nearly ten years, Ben Rhodes was at the center of everything that happened—first as a speechwriter, then as deputy national security advisor and a close presidential aide and confidant.

From the early days on the campaign trail to the final hours in the Oval Office, Rhodes captures Obama's historic presidency in his book *The World as It Is*. Rhodes witnessed the the Arab Spring and later the Osama bin Laden raid in the Situation Room. He was there when the administration reached a nuclear agreement with Iran and also when they led secret negotiations with the Cuban government to normalize relations.

Join us for the full story of Rhodes' partnership—and, ultimately, friendship—with a man who also happened to be a historic president of the United States.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2018-06-25/ben-rhodes-national-security-under-obama>

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CNN's David Gergen: Where Is America Headed?



David Gergen

Senior Political Analyst, CNN; Professor and Director of the Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School

In Conversation with Roy Eisenhardt

Lecturer, UC Berkeley Law School

David Gergen is one of America's most respected political observers, noted for his calm demeanor and perspective, having served as a White House adviser to four U.S. presidents of both parties: Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. Professor Gergen has been a regular commentator on public affairs for some 30 years and is an honors graduate of Yale and Harvard Law School. Come for a rare, insightful conversation about the impact of the Trump presidency and the future of America.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/index.php/events/2018-07-24/cnns-david-gergen-where-america-headed>

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Sean Spicer: The Briefing



Sean Spicer

Former White House Press Secretary; Author, *The Briefing*; Twitter @seanspicer

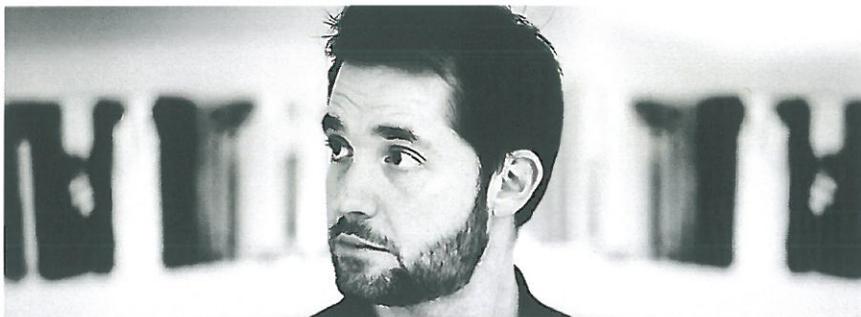
Before he made his mark as one of the most recognized staffers in the Trump administration, former White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer built a decades-long career in Republican politics. Spicer witnessed and shaped the inner workings of Washington, D.C., from every vantage point—as a House of Representatives communicator, assistant at the Office of the United States Trade Representative, Republican National Committee chief strategist, top advisor to presidential campaigns, and, of course, as White House spokesperson for President Donald Trump.

Few in Washington are as well equipped as Spicer to pull back the curtain and dissect what's really happening in the nation's capital. Join Spicer for a rare conversation as he takes us behind the scenes of his turbulent tenure as President Trump's press secretary, shedding new light on the headline-grabbing controversies of the Trump administration's first year.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2018-08-02/sean-spicer-briefing>

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Founding, Funding and Fatherhood with Alexis Ohanian



Alexis Ohanian

Co-Founder and Board Member, Reddit; Co-Founder, Initialized Capital

Katie Bethell

Founder and Executive Director, PL+US; 2018 World's Greatest Leaders, Fortune—Moderator

Entrepreneur Alexis Ohanian has had a wild ride, and he's just getting started. He founded Reddit, commonly known as "the front page of the Internet" and one of the most public displays of the huge potential and pitfalls of open dialogue today. Earlier this year, he left Reddit for new challenges, including becoming a father and returning full-time to the venture capital firm he founded, Initialized Capital. He spent time as a microfinance fellow for Kiva. He helped launch travel website Hipmunk and served as a partner for Y Combinator. His relationship with the world's most famous tennis player, Serena Williams, was a match for the digital ages (There was a Reddit announcement of the engagement.), and now he's arguably one of the highest profile dads in the tech world (to baby daughter Olympia).

His perspectives on tech, culture and parenting uniquely intersect at a key time in today's landscape, and we have questions about many subjects: life for working parents in tech and beyond; his lens on the world as a husband and father; the role of open dialogue online, the most interesting emerging tech coming out of Silicon Valley; and advice for founders or those looking to start their own ventures.

Join us for a wide-ranging conversation with Ohanian, moderated by Katie Bethell, founder of PL+US, an organization which advocates for paid family leave for everyone in the United States.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/index.php/events/2018-07-25/founding-funding-and-fatherhood-alexis-ohanian>

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Medicare and Medicaid Administrator Seema Verma



Seema Verma

Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Mark Zitter

Chair, The Zetema Project; Member, Commonwealth Club Board of Governors—Moderator

Here's a rare chance to hear from the Trump administration official who oversees Medicare and Medicaid. Seema Verma is only the 15th person ever confirmed to the post. She was nominated by President Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 13, 2017. As administrator, Verma oversees a \$1 trillion budget, 26 percent of the total federal budget, which administers health care programs for more than 130 million Americans.

A nationally recognized leader in health policy and operational design, Verma has guided health care policy in the public and private sector, working with states to build flexibility into their Medicaid programs to help them meet the diverse needs of their unique populations. As the architect of the historic Healthy Indiana Plan, she helped create and implement the nation's first consumer directed Medicaid program. Administrator Verma is a graduate of the University of Maryland and holds a master's degree in public health with a concentration in health policy and management from Johns Hopkins University.

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/index.php/events/2018-07-25/medicare-and-medic-aid-administrator-seema-verma>

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Greg Gutfeld



Greg Gutfeld

Host, Fox News' "The Greg Gutfeld Show"; Co-Host, Fox News' "The Five"; Author, *The Gutfeld Monologues: Classic Rants from the Five*

Greg Gutfeld is a New York Times best-selling author, satirist, humorist, magazine editor and blogger known for his provocative opinions. He is the host of "The Greg Gutfeld Show" and co-host of "The Five" on Fox News. Prior to joining Fox, Gutfeld was editor of Men's Health magazine. He later became editor of Stuff, helmed Maxim magazine in the United Kingdom and was a contributor to The Huffington Post. Gutfeld also grew up in the Bay Area and attended UC Berkeley. Come for a lively, no-holds-barred conversation where Gutfeld will reference his new book, *The Gutfeld Monologues*, and discuss what he terms "the insanity of politics over the last several years."

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2018-08-14/greg-gutfeld>

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Leon Panetta & David Titley: Climate and National Security



Secretary Leon Panetta

Chairman of The Panetta Institute for Public Policy, White House Chief of Staff for the Bill Clinton administration, and CIA director and Secretary of Defense under President Obama.

Rear Admiral David Titley

A nationally recognized expert in the fields of climate and national security, and Founding Director of the Center for Solutions to Weather and Climate Risk. Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce for Operations, the Chief Operating Officer position at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

What's the connection between climate change and national security? "Military commanders don't operate on the basis of fiction," says Leon Panetta, who served as Secretary of Defense and Director of the CIA under President Obama. "Understanding climate change and what was happening had to be part and parcel of our effort to protect our security. The military has long seen climate as critical to readiness, as Rear Admiral David Titley (Ret) explains. "If you're directly connecting renewable energy to increasing our combat effectiveness," explains Titley, "the military is all in."

See more at: <https://climateone.org/audio/national-security-and-climate-change>

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John Hope Bryant: The Path to Financial Liberation



John Hope Bryant

Founder and CEO, Operation Hope; Chairman
Author, *The Memo: Five Rules for Your Economic Liberation*

Nandita Bakhshi

President and CEO, Bank of the West—Moderator

John Hope Bryant is an entrepreneur, author, advisor and one of the nation's most recognized empowerment leaders. He is the founder, chairman and CEO of Operation Hope and the Bryant Group Companies and The Promise Homes Company, the largest for-profit minority-controlled owners of institutional-quality, single-family residential rental homes in the U.S. He is also one of the top-selling African-American business authors in America. Along with Crown Prince Haakon of Norway and Professor Pekka Himanen of Finland, Bryant is also a co-founder of Global Dignity. Global Dignity is affiliated with the Forum of Young Global Leaders and the World Economic Forum.

In his new book, *The Memo*, Bryant argues that true power in this world comes from economic independence, but too many people don't have enough money left at the end of the month. His message is simple: The supermajority of people who live in poverty, whom Bryant calls the invisible class, as well as millions in the struggling middle class, haven't gotten "the memo"—until now. Come for an engaging discussion on achieving financial literacy and approaching wealth with a completely new attitude ... and about how the path to liberation is hiding in plain sight.

Notes

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See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2018-02-27/john-hope-bryant-path-financial-liberation>

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A Guide to Innovation with Beth Comstock



Beth Comstock

Former Vice Chair, General Electric; Author, *Imagine It Forward: Courage, Creativity, and the Power of Change*

In Conversation with Gina Bianchini

Founder and CEO, Mighty Networks

You may think the world is racing ahead too fast, but it will never be slower than it is right now, says Beth Comstock, the former vice chair and head of marketing and innovation at General Electric (GE). Comstock spent 30 years at GE and wants to share lessons from her career as a “changemaker in chief.”

But confronting the relentless pace of progress is difficult. To thrive in today’s world, every one of us has to become ready for change. For Comstock, the concept of being “change ready” calls for the courage to defy convention, the resilience to overcome doubts and the savvy to know when to go around corporate gatekeepers to reinvent what is possible.

Join us for an inspiring evening with one of today’s foremost innovation leaders. This program is generously supported by Wells Fargo

See more at: <https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2018-09-20/guide-innovation-beth-comstock>

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