

WDWN Quarterly Issues – Programs Lists 1stQ 2024 Program Content

WDWN Issues & Programs Content

The Best of Our Knowledge

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
1/6/2024	30:00	1736	The Israel-Hamas war has intensified debate over free speech on college campuses. And we'll speak with an internationally-known advocate for human rights in the West Bank.
1/13/2024	30:00	1737	We'll have a conversation with Dr. Carl Safina, an ecologist and author of <i>Alfie & Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe</i> . The book tells the story of an orphaned owl who was cared for by Carl and his wife Patricia during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the large impact a little owl had on their lives.
1/20/2024	30:00	1738	National Geographic writer Jen Szymanski will speak with our Jody Cowan about her latest book for young readers, "Deadliest Animals on the Planet." And we'll learn about ice yachts – the fastest craft on the planet at the turn of the 20th Century.
1/27/2024	30:00	1739	Universities across New York state studying AI are banding together to unlock the potential of the technology to benefit public good. We'll speak with a researcher who has been working to develop classroom curricula surrounding the rapidly advancing technology.
2/3/2024	30:00	1740	On this episode of The Best of Our Knowledge we'll learn about a science degree program offering a unique look at the future of fermentation.
2/10/2024	30:00	1741	Following the resignation of former president Claudine Gay, Harvard University is at the center of the debate over free speech on college campuses. We'll speak with a member of a faculty organization defending the rights of students to protest violence against Palestinians. And we'll speak with the supervisor of the Onondaga Nation Farm.
2/17/2024	30:00	1742	We'll speak with music theorist and author Miriam Piilonen about her book: <i>Theorizing Music Evolution</i> , which lends a fresh eye to old ideas from Charles Darwin and Herbert Spencer.
2/24/2024	30:00	1743	Hamilton College has named its next president. We'll speak with Steven Tepper, who is currently serving as a dean at Arizona State University.
3/2/2024	30:00	1744	A mild winter allows for an early prescribed fire. We'll speak with acclaimed jazz trumpeter and music educator Sean Jones. And a push by public colleges and universities in New York aims to get more students involved in producing local news
3/9/2024	30:00	1745	Beyond teaching a life-saving skill, competitive swimming can forge life-long bonds. We'll visit a club swim team in the Hudson Valley.

3/16/2024	30:00	1746	In a changing climate, researchers around the world are asking citizen scientists to use their smartphones to help monitor beach erosion and storm damage.
3/23/2024	30:00	1747	We'll take a trip to the largest collection of popular music in the world – and meet the man who has dedicated most of his life to cataloguing recordings and historic materials.
3/30/2024	30:00	1748	What's your favorite board game? We'll explore the history of board games in America. And we'll visit an upstate New York woodworking shop that is opening its doors to the community.

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
1/6/2024	30:00	2401	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with William Aiken, President of RID, Remove Intoxicated Drivers, about their support of a bill to lower the blood alcohol content (BAC) for drunk driving from .08 to .05.
1/13/2024	30:00	2402	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with John Kaehny, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Reinvent Albany about New York Governor Kathy Hochul's state of the state address this week.
1/20/2024	30:00	2403	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli about the Governor Hochul's budget proposal, the rainy day fund, migrants, and much more.
1/27/2024	30:00	2404	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with New York Republican Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay about his recent trip to China, the governor's budget proposal, use of the rainy-day fund for migrants, education, climate change, public safety, and much more.
2/3/2024	30:00	2405	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with Democratic Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes about the governor approving temporary employment for migrants, education and hold harmless, cannabis, climate change, and much more.
2/10/2024	30:00	2406	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with Kathy Sheehan, President of the New York state Conference of Mayors and Mayor of Albany about what cities, towns, and villages are asking for from state government and how much that will cost.
2/17/2024	30:00	2407	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with Blair Horner, Executive Director of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) about the environment, voting rights, how New York is failing when it comes to cancer, and much more.
2/24/2024	30:00	2408	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with Pollster Steve Greenberg from the Siena College Research Institute about their latest poll out this week.
3/2/2024	30:00	2409	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with Susan Lerner, the Executive Director of Common Cause New York, about the newly approved congressional redistricting maps, voting and elections, public campaign financing, money in politics and the importance of media in a democracy.
3/9/2024	30:00	2410	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha, a Democratic Socialist, about the need for more affordable housing, the problem with education funding, climate change, migrants, and much more.
3/16/2024	30:00	2411	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with Corinne Carey, Senior Campaign Director of Compassion & Choices - a group calling for the passage of the Medical Aid in Dying Act in New York.

3/23/2024	30:00	2412	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with New York state Assembly Republican Minority Leader William Barclay about the budget, the plight of small farms, migrants, child care, and much more.
3/30/2024	30:00	2413	WAMC's David Guistina in conversation with Krista Hesdorfer, Director of Public Affairs for Hunger Solutions New York about legislation to provide free meals to all public school students in need.

51%

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPICS
1/6/2024	30:00	1798	On this week's 51%, we look back on some of our favorite conversations and stories from 2023. Hollywood speech coach Samara Bay teaches us how to embrace the power in our voices, Dr. Heather Hirsch discusses how women can unlock their "menopause type," and our associate producer Jody Cowan stops by the practice of a roller derby league rebuilding its ranks in New York's Capital Region.
1/13/2024	30:00	1799	On this week's 51%, we speak with trainer Tracy Norton-Fisher about how you can build (and maintain) a workout routine that fits your goals.
1/20/2024	30:00	1800	On the latest 51%, we mark the would-be anniversary of Roe v. Wade by speaking with Dr. Felicia Kornbluh, historian and author of <i>A Woman's Life is a Human Life</i> .
1/27/2024	30:00	1801	On the latest 51%, we sit down with author and speaker Emily Lynn Paulson to discuss her experience as a "girlboss" for a multilevel marketing company — and why she left. We also learn how artificial intelligence is impacting the modeling industry.
2/3/2024	30:00	1802	On this week's 51%, we speak with author Michelle Horton about the concept of "criminalized survivors," and her new memoir recounting her family's side of the high-profile murder case in which her sister was sentenced to prison in 2020.
2/10/2024	30:00	1803	On the latest 51%, we hear from Syracuse University professor and columnist Dr. Jenn M. Jackson about their new book, <i>What Black Women Taught Us: An Intimate History of Black Feminism</i> .
2/17/2024	30:00	1804	On this week's 51%, we hear from NPR Weekend Edition Host Ayesha Rascoe about how her experience at Howard University shaped her into the reporter she is today.
2/24/2024	30:00	1805	On this week's 51%, we speak with former Tennessee state legislator and judge Carol Chumney about the lessons she's learned from her long-running political career, and the barriers that often keep women from the political arena.
3/2/2024	30:00	1806	On this week's 51%, we kick off Women's History Month speaking with the directors and flight attendants behind PBS' new American Experience film <i>Fly With Me</i> .
3/9/2024	30:00	1807	On the latest 51%, we speak with the editors of <i>Fighting Mad</i> , a new book of essays reimagining the abortion rights — or rather, reproductive justice — movement.
3/16/2024	30:00	1808	On this week's 51%, our associate producer Jody Cowan catches up with NASA astronaut, engineer, and chemist Tracy Caldwell Dyson ahead of her third mission to the International Space Station this month.

3/23/2024	30:00	1809	Public speaker and mentor Chelsey Goodan provides insight on the wisdom and power of teenage girls. In her new book Underestimated, Goodan explores why we, as a society, so often restrict and belittle girls at an age when they're supposed to be gaining independence.
3/30/2024	30:00	1810	On the latest 51%, Dr. Elizabeth Comen gives us a lesson on gender bias in early medicine, and how it continues to prevent women from getting adequate care.

The Legislative Gazette

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
1/6/2024	30:00	2401	There's some lingering disappointment over the Governor's vetoes of a number of bills in the waning days of 2023, two state lawmakers want to create of a commission to finding out why people leave New York, and the city of Poughkeepsie makes history swearing in a new mayor.
1/13/2024	30:00	2402	Governor Kathy Hochul delivers her third state of the state address, we'll have mixed reaction from state lawmakers, we'll speak with the state labor commissioner about the impact of the rise in the minimum wage, and the American Lung Association in New York is urging everyone to test their homes for radon gas.
1/20/2024	30:00	2403	NY Governor Hochul releases her budget proposal, we'll have reaction from lawmakers in the Hudson Valley and North Country, and we'll talk to the state comptroller Tom DiNapoli about the governor's use of the rainy-day fund to deal with the migrant issue.
1/27/2024	30:00	2404	Members of both parties are in almost universal opposition to Governor Hochul's proposal to direct less money to New York schools and change how that aid is distributed, we'll bring you the verdict in the driveway shooting trial that received national attention, and New York gets a failing grade for Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Funding.
2/3/2024	30:00	2405	Governor Hochul want to increase the temporary disability leave benefit for injured workers for the first time in 35 years, NY US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer was in Albany to launch an effort to keep ghost guns illegal, and nearly \$230 million dollars in federal money will connect tens of thousands of Hudson Valley homes still without access to wired, broadband internet.
2/10/2024	30:00	2406	We'll take a look at how the migrant crisis is playing out in state budget negotiations, the issue of whether to legalize wine sales in grocery stores is back again this year, and A bipartisan delegation of lawmakers joins a federal lawsuit to block the MTA's congestion pricing plan.
2/17/2024	30:00	2407	Minority Republicans are proposing legislation meant to curb what they call an unsustainable influx of migrants in the country illegally, Blair Horne of NYPIRG shares his thoughts on why New York has failed when it comes to cancer, and we'll look at the race for the 109th Assembly District seat.
2/24/2024	30:00	2408	Senator Gillibrand wants the EPA to readdress the cleanup of PCBS from the Hudson River, we'll talk with Steve Greenberg from the Siena Poll about what issues New Yorkers are concerned about, and top state and federal officials gather in Malta to celebrate \$1.5 billion in federal funding for computer chip manufacturer Global Foundries.
3/2/2024	30:00	2409	After a long, drawn-out fight, Governor Hochul approves a new congressional map, we'll take you to the food justice summit in the Adirondacks, and friends, gay marriage advocates, and the former mayor of New Paltz gather together to remember their act of civil disobedience.

3/9/2024	30:00	2410	The state senate and assembly will restore school aid reductions in their one house budget plans expected next week, we'll speak with Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha about the problem with education funding, and Senator Gillibrand appears in Dutchess County to call for a bill to crack down on illegal fentanyl dealers.
3/16/2024	30:00	2411	Democrats in the New York state Legislature release counter proposals to the governor's budget, we'll talk about the Medical Aid in Dying Act with the Senior Campaign Director for Compassion & Choices, and north country representative meet for an update on activities and expectations at the state capitol.
3/23/2024	30:00	2412	Governor Hochul signs a measure that will allow all pharmacies in New York to dispense birth control medications, voters in villages across New York state went to the polls this week and we'll speak with the Assembly Republican minority leader about the plight of small farmers in the state.
3/30/2024	30:00	2413	The governor and legislative leaders concede there will not be an on-time budget, we'll talk with Hunger Solutions New York about funding for children who need free meals in school, and the State University of New York is expanding a free program aimed at growing the state's workforce.

The Media Project

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
1/6/2024	30:00	1701	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association. Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fوسفeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ira talk about how to fight burnout in the newsroom, how the media should cover the Jeffrey Epstein list, and much more.
1/13/2024	30:00	1702	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Barbara, and Ian talk about the New York Public News Network, the media's obsession with inflation, what journalists should do when politicians say misleading things, and much more.
1/20/2024	30:00	1703	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fوسفeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ira talk about whether the media has overplayed coverage of the Iowa caucuses, a listener letter on whether a journalist needs to be experts, and much more.
1/27/2024	30:00	1704	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ian talk about the decline of Sports Illustrated, the hypocrisy of Sean Hannity, and much more.
2/3/2024	30:00	1705	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fوسفeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ira talk about a terrible first month of 2024 for newspapers, how the decline of local news impacts local communities, a journalism ethical dilemma, and much more.

2/10/2024	30:00	1706	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ian talk about a new program at the State University of New York designed to put student journalists to work in news deserts, police coverage, Tucker Carlson's interview with Vladimir Putin, and much more.
2/17/2024	30:00	1707	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Barbara, and Ian talk about the White House being upset over coverage of the special counsel's report, what happens when journalists move to the "dark side," and much more.
2/24/2024	30:00	1708	With Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Media Project producer David Guistina. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Barbara, Mike and David talk about the role the media has played in changing attitudes towards Russia and Vladimir Putin, Sinclair broadcasting asking listeners what they're afraid of, teaching students to be skeptical, and much more.
3/2/2024	30:00	1709	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Barbara and Ian talk about Pink Slime journalism, who should make the decision of what news gets covered on line, and much more.
3/9/2024	30:00	1710	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Media Project producer David Guistina. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara and David talk about how a lack of local reporting effects the Supreme Court, polling and what to believe, how media can fight American's "collective amnesia" over the past behavior of the Presidential candidates, and much more.
3/16/2024	30:00	1711	With Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld, and Media Project producer David Guistina. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Barbara, Ira and David talk about verifying photos and videos, AI and its impact on modern journalism, a reminder that the media does not act as a unified group, and much more.

3/23/2024	30:00	1712	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Barbara Lombardo, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ian talk media organizations dropping the Associated Press wire service, the economic challenges facing journalism as well as the dangers facing journalists, and much more.
3/30/2024	30:00	1713	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Barbara Lombardo, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Barbara, Ira and Ian talk about the uproar over NBC hiring former RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel, a call to withdraw the video of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, and much more.

The Book Show

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
1/6/2024	30:00	1838	Ann Patchett is the author of nine novels, including “Bel Canto,” “State of Wonder,” “Commonwealth” and “The Dutch House,” a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Her latest, “Tom Lake,” is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born.
1/13/2024	30:00	1839	As a prolific novelist of books for adults and kids, Carl Hiaasen has a subject: Florida. It is his beat. In “Wrecker,” Hiaasen’s new novel for Young Readers, Valdez Jones VIII needs to deal with smugglers, grave robbers, and pooping iguanas -- just as soon as he finishes Zoom school.
1/20/2024	30:00	1840	Best-selling author of “The Things They Carried,” Tim O’Brien, is on The Book Show this week to discuss his first new novel in two decades. “America Fantastica” is a propulsive caper chock full of O’Brien’s commentary on the state of American politics and culture.
1/27/2024	30:00	1841	The winner of the Booker Prize 2023, “Prophet Song” by Paul Lynch, presents a terrifying and shocking vision of a country sliding into authoritarianism and a deeply human portrait of a mother’s fight to hold her family together.
2/3/2024	30:00	1842	“The Bee Sting,” a novel by Paul Murray, is about family, fortune, and the struggle to be a good person at the end of the world.
2/10/2024	30:00	1843	“Alphabetical Diaries” by Sheila Heti contains a decade’s worth of thoughts, arranged in alphabetical order. The book is a chronicle of the self, of the fundamentals and idiosyncrasies of human experience, that plays out thrillingly in the space that Heti has staked out between life and art, reality and fiction.
2/17/2024	30:00	1844	In his new novel, “Cold Victory,” New York Times bestselling author Karl Marlantes delivers a sweeping tale of Cold War intrigue set in post-war Finland in which loyalty, friendship, and love are put to the ultimate test. The book is layered with action, historical detail, and a keen eye for the way totalitarianism and loss of truth and privacy threatens love and friendship.
2/24/2024	30:00	1845	Ann Napolitano took the literary world by storm with her tear-jerker of a novel “Dear Edward.” Her latest, “Hello Beautiful,” is an homage to Louisa May Alcott’s classic, “Little Women.” “Hello Beautiful” is a portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it.

3/2/2024	30:00	1846	"The Women," a new novel by Kristin Hannah, is set at a pivotal time in American history: the Vietnam era. It is an intimate portrait of a woman coming of age in a dangerous situation and an epic tale of a nation divided by war and broken by politics.
3/9/2024	30:00	1847	Novelist Danielle Trussoni is the author of the bestsellers "Angelology" and "Angelopolis." She gives readers a thrilling ride with her latest, "The Puzzle Master." Reality and the supernatural collide when an expert puzzle maker is thrust into an ancient mystery - one with explosive consequences for the fate of humanity.
3/16/2024	30:00	1848	Poet Kaveh Akbar joins us to discuss his first novel "Martyr!" which follows Cyrus Shams on a journey of introspection and discovery. Cyrus is a drunk, an addict, and a poet. His obsession with martyrs and dealing with the death of his mother drives him to examine the mysteries of his past.
3/23/2024	30:00	1849	"My Beloved Life" by Amitava Kumar is a father-daughter story that widens into an Indian family saga. It tells the story of an ordinary life made exceptional by the fact that father has loved and has been loved in return. His daughter's story recasts the past in a new light.
3/30/2024	30:00	1850	Anna Quindlen puts her trademark wisdom on family, friendship, and the ties that bind us at the center her new novel, "After Annie." When Annie Brown dies suddenly, her husband, her children, and her closest friend are left to find a way forward without the woman who has been the lynchpin of all of their lives.