



CELEBRATING OUR 24<sup>TH</sup> SEASON

# LUNCH AT THE FORUM

Join us for a series of five lectures presented by some of Chapman University's outstanding faculty members.  
11:30 a.m. • George H.W. Bush Conference Center, Beckman Hall, Room 404

**Thursday, October 5, 2017**

## Generation Space: A Love Story



**Anna Leahy, Ph.D.**

Professor, Director, Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (OURCA)  
Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences



**Douglas R. Dechow, Ph.D.**

Librarian, Digital Humanities and Sciences  
Leatherby Libraries

Anna Leahy and Douglas Dechow were youngsters when men walked on the moon, and they were in college when *Challenger* became a national tragedy. Growing up as children of the Space Age, Anna and Doug met and fell in love at Knox College in Illinois. It was there that they realized their shared passion for everything that flies.

They worked together at the National Air and Space Museum before coming to Chapman University. A trip to the California desert gave them the opportunity to watch the space shuttle *Endeavor* land in 2008. Leahy, a poet, and Dechow, a scientist, followed the final journey of the Space Shuttle program until it ended in 2011. From that experience came their book, *Generation Space: A Love Story*. Listen to excerpts from their book, see artifacts from the Chapman University Boisjoly Challenger Disaster collection and discover where the future of space exploration may lead us.

**Thursday, November 2, 2017**

## Contents of the Heart: Psychological Well-Being and Cardiovascular Health



**Julia Boehm, Ph.D.**

Professor of psychology  
Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences

It is well known that psychological and physical health are closely connected. Research indicates that mental stress - including depression and anxiety - is related to worsening physical health. Being happy, optimistic and fulfilled certainly feels good, but do such positive psychological characteristics actually lead to better physical health?

Boehm's research suggests that those of us who are more optimistic and satisfied actually do have a reduced risk of serious heart disease compared to those people who report feeling less optimistic and satisfied. In this presentation, you'll discover the connections between mental well-being and improved cardiovascular health, and find out how a broad view of positive health promotion can lead people to thrive both mentally and physically.

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**

## Thomas Jefferson, Euclid, and the Design of a New Nation



**Daniele Struppa, Ph.D.**

President, Chapman University

We know that Thomas Jefferson was one of America's founding fathers, the principle author of the Declaration of Independence and the third president of the United States. But not many people know that Jefferson was also a passionate student of geometry and of the ancient mathematician Euclid, the "father of geometry." Geometry students today still use Euclid's text, *Elements*, that was originally written nearly 3,000 years ago.

President Struppa will show how Jefferson's passion for Euclid is directly reflected in the phrasing of the Declaration of Independence. The parallels between the two go much deeper than merely some similarity in the language. He will also discuss how Euclidian geometry became the model for this great American experiment that resulted in the formation of a new nation, dedicated to the principle that all men are created equal.

**Thursday, February 1, 2018**

## Humanomics: Merging Moral Humanity and the Science of Economics



**Bart J. Wilson, Ph.D.**

Economic Science Institute  
Dale E. Fowler School of Law  
George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics



**Jan Osborn, Ph.D.**

Associate professor of English  
Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Is it really possible to combine the disciplines of economics and humanities? They are certainly perceived to be fundamentally dissimilar. Economics finds that homo sapiens are the most prosperous species in the history of planet Earth. But studies of economics and markets do not take into consideration the broad range of human emotions and motives that make us human. Does prosperity really have anything to do with the human virtues that we truly value: justice, courage, faith, hope and love?

Humanities does ponder these virtues. They give voice to feeling and artistic shape to our experiences. As homo sapiens, we have the singular ability to specialize, to exchange and to create markets. Today, Humanomics offers a welcome understanding of the unique relationship between economics and humanities.

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

## From Page to Stage: The Art of Dramaturgy



**Jocelyn Buckner, Ph.D.**

Assistant professor of theatre studies  
College of Performing Arts

Well established in European theaters, dramaturgy has only recently become established as a vital component of theatre in the United States. Dramaturgs work with playwrights to develop new plays, support production activities ranging from casting to design, and participate in program season selection for professional theatres.

As the mentor for dramaturgical activities in the Chapman University Department of Theatre, Buckner will be joined by undergraduate student dramaturgs. They will demonstrate their behind the scenes work on productions and audience engagement initiatives. Find out what really happens before the outstanding Chapman University productions reach the stage.

Lunch at the Forum series of five (5) tickets for Town & Gown members is \$160 (\$210 for non-members) and includes a visitor parking permit and one ticket to Chapman University's Annual Sholund Scholarship Concert. Individual luncheon tickets may be purchased at \$40 each; no parking permit or concert ticket is included. Advance ticket purchases and reservations are strongly encouraged. For more information, please contact Andi Doddridge at (714) 744-7679 or visit [chapman.edu/tg](http://chapman.edu/tg).