



Rice University
2024 Friends of Fondren Library Gala
Honoring Karen and Larry George



Auction Program and Guidelines

Your participation in our live auction, special occasion dinners and Paddles Up all provide important support to Fondren Library. Thank you for your support.

Please use the stickers provided for your bids. By placing a sticker on a special occasion dinner display sign, you reserve one seat for that dinner at the price listed. A very limited number of seats are available for each event. Paddles Up cards are on your table. Each sticker on a Paddles Up card is a \$100 donation for our Rice Athletics memorabilia digitization project. If you have questions, our on-site team is ready to assist you.

Payment in full by cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover is required at the end of the evening. You will be issued a receipt via text message for your tax records.

All portable items must be removed at the conclusion of the evening. Arrangements must be made for the removal of any large items.

Neither the committee nor the Friends of Fondren Library assumes responsibility for the condition of the items. No guarantee, except that of the manufacturer, if applicable, is either expressed or implied. All items in this auction have been donated for the Friends of Fondren Library Gala and cannot be returned or exchanged.

The advertised minimum bid is the lowest price at which a bidder can purchase the item. If the minimum bid or reserve price of an item is not met, the Friends of Fondren Library is under no obligation to sell the item.

Please note that many of the items are for specific dates or have expiration dates. These dates are firm.

Special Occasions



Drawing From Architecture

Igor Marjanović

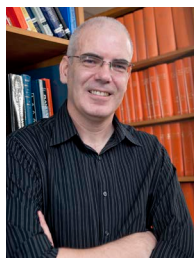
William Ward Watkin Dean and Professor, Rice Architecture

What is the relationship between building and drawing? How do architects develop ideas on paper versus those on the construction site? Join Igor Marjanović at the home of Virginia Clark '14, designed by a noted Houston architect and Rice Architecture faculty member, Anderson Todd, as he discusses the importance of drawing in architecture — with a selection of beautiful slides and actual works on paper — advocating for the importance of imagination for both architects and citizens alike. Dinner will follow at Janet Clark's home nearby. Marjanović is a scholar of architectural pedagogy and practice, examining the role of drawings, exhibitions and publications in the emergence of international architectural culture.

Hosted by Virginia Clark '14 and Janet Clark at their homes

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300



Space to Breathe: How Space Technology is Helping Tackle Climate Change

David Alexander OBE

Professor, Physics and Astronomy; Director, Rice Space Institute; and Department Ombudsperson

The famous “Earth Rise” picture taken by Apollo 8 astronaut Bill Anders Dec. 24, 1968, provided a glimpse of our entire planet from space allowing us to consider, for the first time, the idea that the Earth was an integrated ecological system. Since that first iconic photograph, space observations have played a pivotal role in understanding our planet, the effects of climate change over multiple spatial and temporal scales and, through space exploration more generally, in developing technologies that may help mitigate these effects. Alexander will briefly discuss several ways in which space exploration can have a significant influence on how we tackle the climate change issue and, in particular, he will focus on four distinct categories: information, innovation, imagination and inspiration.

Hosted by Mary McIntire '75 and Jim Pomerantz at Doris Metropolitan

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300

Special Occasions



Nanomaterials and Light for Sustainability and Societal Impact

Naomi Halas

University Professor and Stanley C. Moore Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Director, Laboratory for Nanophotonics

Metallic nanoparticles, used since antiquity to impart intense, vibrant color into stained glass windows, have more recently become a central tool in the nanoscale manipulation of light. You already know them as the thin red lines on a COVID test, but they have a great deal many more applications that can serve society. I will talk about two applications of light-addressable metal nanoparticles that have emerged from my laboratory — photothermal cancer therapy and light-induced green chemistry.

Hosted by Julie '72 and David Itz '72 at their home

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Number of guests 14 • Price per ticket: \$300



1933: The End of Germany's Democracy

Peter "Carl" Caldwell

Samuel G. McCann Professor of History

Germany's first democracy, the Weimar Republic, was carefully founded to avoid civil war and to guarantee basic rights to all citizens. In the context of economic depression, nationalist and communist agitation in the streets and parliamentary paralysis, the German people voted to paralyze the democratic state, which opened the way for

Hitler's coming to power. Was the republic destroyed by the people? Was it undermined by elites? Was it overwhelmed by events? How we understand its end might tell us something more general about how democracies die. Caldwell has been teaching German history at Rice for more than 30 years and has published five books dealing with the problem of democracy in Germany.

Hosted by Julie Gianelloni Connor '73 at her home

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024

Number of guests 9 • Price per ticket: \$300

Special Occasions



Dinner With Docs

Alexander Byrd '90

Associate Professor of History and Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Caleb McDaniel

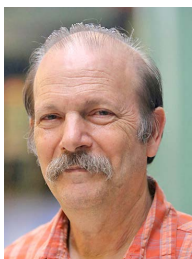
Mary Gibbs Jones Professor of Humanities and Professor of History

Join history professors Alexander X. Byrd and Caleb McDaniel for a special discussion of historical documents uncovered by their research as co-chairs of Rice's Task Force on Slavery, Segregation and Racial Injustice. Modeled on the series of "Doc Talks" webinars and podcasts they hosted between 2020 and 2022, the evening will include a visit to Woodson Research Center for a behind-the-scenes look at the university's archives, followed by dinner and discussion at the on-campus home of Hanszen College magister and professor of art history, Fabiola López-Durán.

**Hosted by Fabiola Lopez Duran and Travis Johnson '03
at the Hanszen Magister's House**

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300



Technology and Democracy

Moshe Y. Vardi

Karen Ostrum George Distinguished Service Professor in Computational Engineering and University Professor

U.S. society is in the throes of deep societal polarization that not only leads to political paralysis, but also threatens the very foundations of democracy. The phrase "The Disunited States of America" is often mentioned. Other countries are displaying similar polarization. How did we get here? What went wrong? I will offer a possible explanation.

Hosted by Shelley and Art Gottschalk at Doris Metropolitan

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300

Special Occasions



NIL, Transfer Portal and Collectives: Navigating the Modern World of College Athletics

Tommy McClelland

Vice President and Director of Athletics

We are living in the most accelerated time of change in college athletics history. Amid the change, the pressure to win and the uncertainty of what lies ahead is at an all-time high. Drawing on nearly two decades of leadership experience within the athletics industry (including the FCS level, group of five, and the SEC), he will share his thoughts on how we got here, where we are going and how he believes Rice Athletics is uniquely positioned for success during this time of great change.

Hosted by Tracy and John Dennis III '93 at the River Oaks Country Club

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300



Behind the Scenes in the Recital Hall

Ken Cowan

Professor of Organ and Head of the Organ Program

Join Ken Cowan for a rare tour of the Edythe Bates Old Organ Recital Hall at Rice University. This concert organ was built in 1996 in collaboration between organ builders C.B. Fisk Inc. (Meyerson Center, Dallas; Benaroya Hall, Seattle) and Manuel Rosales (Disney Hall, Los Angeles). It contains 75 stops and 4,500 pipes made from a variety of materials from tin to wood. After showing the intricate inner workings of the organ, explaining how they all come together for a musical outcome and sharing some of Clyde Holloway's exclusive construction photos, Cowan will delight guests with a private mini-concert on the organ.

Hosted by Deborah and Bryan Domning '75 at their home for dinner and at the Edythe Bates Old Organ Recital Hall at Rice University

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300

Special Occasions



A Long Way From Home: A Memoire on Learning to Love Texas

Ruth P. Simmons

President's Distinguished Fellow

Ruth Simmons' life is often described as “improbable.” She was born in Texas to sharecropper parents in an environment of segregation and discrimination, and she leveraged the power of education to build her success in academia. She served as the president of Smith College (1995 to 2001) and of Brown University (2001 to 2012), the first Black president of an Ivy League university. After a short retirement, she headed Prairie View A&M from 2017 to 2023. Simmons will tell her story and share her experiences.

Hosted by Catherine and Brian James '78 at their home

Date: Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300



Mindfulness and the Art of Living Well

Elizabeth Slator

Director, Recreation Programs

Join well-being expert Elizabeth Slator and explore what it means to live a happy and meaningful life. With practical advice, grounded in her combined expertise in the ancient tradition of mindfulness and her doctorate in health and human performance, you'll learn how cultivating compassionate and purposeful awareness allows us to be more present for the important people and events in our lives.

Hosted by Barbara and David Gibbs at their home

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300

Special Occasions



Key Factors in the Upcoming Elections

Mark P. Jones

Joseph D. Jamail Chair in Latin American Studies

Six weeks prior to the November 5 federal and state elections, Mark P. Jones will provide an overview of the state of play in the efforts by Democrats to retain control of the White House and U.S. Senate and to flip the U.S. House and by Republicans to retain control of the U.S. House, flip the U.S. Senate and take back control of the White House. Jones also will provide an overview of key elections in Texas, from the U.S. Senate race between Ted Cruz and Colin Allred to the most competitive Texas Senate and Texas House contests.

Hosted by Sofia Adrogué '88 and Caroline Baker Hurley at the Bayou Club

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300



Engineering a New Heart

K. Jane Grande-Allen

Isabel C. Cameron Professor of Bioengineering and Professor, Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering

The city of Houston looms large in the history of cardiovascular medical device design. This is a rich history that features big personalities, legendary drama and advances based on audacious risk. The last six decades have witnessed the development of innumerable medical devices that can be implanted into the human cardiovascular system. The boldest of these endeavors, however, has been the attempt to replace the failing human heart with a mechanical device. In this presentation, we will share how clinicians, scientists and engineers in Houston have been developing new designs for artificial hearts for decades and how Rice University has been involved since the beginning.

Hosted by Y. Ping Sun and David Leebron at their home

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024

Number of guests 8 • Price per ticket: \$300

Special Occasions



A Reprise of 'An Evening With Edgar Odell Lovett'

John Boles '65

William P. Hobby Professor Emeritus

Reginald DesRoches

Rice University President

Reminisce with us about Edgar Odell Lovett's tenure as Rice University's first president with John Boles '65, in the leading role, interviewed by Rice University's eighth president Reginald DesRoches. The evening will begin with a champagne toast to Lovett's vision, then Boles and DesRoches will take guests back in time to examine how Lovett's plans influenced Rice University's current-day successes. Following the program, guests will enjoy dinner, drinks and fellowship at Cohen House.

Hosted by Amy and Robert Taylor '74 at Cohen House, Rice University

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024

Number of guests 20 • Price per ticket: \$500



Three Lessons Learned Inside a Baseball Front Office

Scott Powers

Assistant Professor of Sport Analytics; Assistant Professor of Statistics, School of Social Sciences

Before joining Rice's faculty in 2023, Scott Powers worked in research and development for the Los Angeles Dodgers for five years and spent one season as an assistant general manager with the Houston Astros.

He will discuss how the front office perspective differs from what is reported in the media, as well as the strengths and weaknesses of data-driven decision making in baseball.

Hosted by Cathryn '78 and Doug Selman at their home

Date: Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024

Number of guests 8 • Price per ticket: \$300

Special Occasions



Challenges Confronting US Foreign Policy With a Focus on the Middle East, Russia and China

David Satterfield

Director, Baker Institute for Public Policy and Janice and Robert McNair Chair in Public Policy

A presentation on the critical challenges to U.S. national interests: the war in Gaza, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and a more assertive China, along with secondary challenges. Ambassador David M. Satterfield has over four decades of diplomatic service and policy and management leadership experience in the United States and overseas in the Near East and Europe. He has served as assistant secretary of state, National Security Council staff director, ambassador to Lebanon and Turkey, and charge' d'affaires in Iraq and Egypt. He was appointed White House Special Envoy for Middle East Humanitarian Issues by President Biden in October 2023.

Hosted by Paula and Reginald DesRoches at the Wiess President's House

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024

Number of guests 12 • Price per ticket: \$300



PADDLES UP!

Honor Karen and Larry George's dedication to Rice students and Rice Athletics by helping us digitize football programs and sports media guides over the years. These primary source materials are often needed as research material for athletics awards. For example, the R Association uses the media guides every year when working on their awards program. The Woodson Research Center receives many requests for football game programs and for game footage, so this project would benefit many researchers and Rice alumni. Moving these pa-

per and video records online would make them more accessible for research and review. Your gift of \$100 will help us save this precious sports memorabilia, covering approximately one hour of digitizing. Please help us reach our goal of \$8,000 to capture key items in the collection that are most at risk. All donation amounts are welcome.

