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11 AM**

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SPEAKERS AND ORDER OF PROGRAM



Tania Karas '11

Independent Journalist; 2015–16 US Fulbright Fellow

There is No “They,” There’s Only “Us:” Covering Europe’s Refugee Crisis

An unprecedented 65 million people worldwide have been forced from their homes. In 2015, over a million showed up on Europe’s doorstep asking for help. What are our obligations as ordinary humans who happen to be citizens of powerful Western nations? And what is the role of the media in the face of rising right-wing sentiment?

Tania Karas is an independent journalist based in Athens, Greece, focusing on global migration and human rights. For the 2015–16 academic year, she was a US Fulbright Fellow researching and reporting on Europe’s refugee crisis in the context of Greece’s financial crisis. She has reported from Greece, Turkey, Germany, Macedonia, and Cyprus. Tania is a contributing columnist for Reuters on migration issues and frequent writer for UNHCR.org. Her work has also appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, Al Jazeera America, The Huffington Post, Women in the World/The New York Times, IRIN, and Mashable.com. Prior to moving abroad, Tania covered US immigration, legal education, and New York courts for the *New York Law Journal*, a daily newspaper in Manhattan. She is a 2011 graduate of Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications, where she double majored in journalism and political science.



Ariel Levinson-Waldman '96

Advisor, White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable, US Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor

Let’s Repair the World One Client at a Time

Tracing his family’s unlikely survival of the Holocaust during a pivotal moment in World War II, Ariel shares how his father immigrated to the United States and how Ariel’s growing up in the US with opportunities at Northwestern and beyond led him to look for ways to fulfill the promise of the rule of law that this country at its best offers all of its citizens. He talks about the efforts of the Obama administration to expand access to justice and about a nonprofit he cofounded, Tzedek DC.

Ariel Levinson-Waldman is the founder and president of Tzedek DC, a nonprofit group that works to safeguard the legal rights of low-income households facing often unjust, life-altering debt collection lawsuits and other consumer protection crises. Ariel has served in the Obama administration as an advisor to the White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable, which focuses on ways to attack poverty by getting legal help to vulnerable American households. Ariel previously served under Speaker Nancy Pelosi as a lawyer for the US House of Representatives and in the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, where he spearheaded efforts to protect consumers. He has taught courses at the Georgetown University Law Center and the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law. In 2014, Ariel received the Daniel Curtin Award, given to one lawyer in the country under the age of 40 for outstanding service and integrity in the practice of public law.



Sudip Bose '95, '99 MD

Founder and CEO, The Battle Continues

The Irony of Freedom

After September 11, 2001, the world changed. Sudip Bose discusses the ironies of freedom based on his experience as one of the longest-serving combat physicians since World War II and the US physician selected to examine Saddam Hussein shortly after his capture from the spider hole by US forces. He elaborates on how all Wildcats essentially can increase world freedom.

Sudip Bose is one of America’s most experienced doctors in the medical arenas of emergency medicine, mass casualty, disaster care, and PTSD. A former major in the US Army and an Iraq war veteran, he was selected as the US physician who treated Saddam Hussein after his capture, for which he was honored as a “CNN Hero.” Sudip enlisted in the military and served for 12 years. He has been awarded numerous medals such as the Combat Medical Badge for participating in combat operations under enemy hostile fire. He was awarded the Bronze Star for serving one of the longest combat tours by a physician since World War II and as one of the sole frontline physicians in the Second Battle of Fallujah.



Dévora Grynspan '76, '83 PhD

Vice President for International Relations, Northwestern University

Shifting Identities: Growing up “Polaca” in Costa Rica

Dévora Grynspan was born in Israel, grew up in Costa Rica, and first came to the United States as an undergraduate student at Northwestern. Dévora will discuss how her parents’ migration during World War II and her subsequent, perpetual immigrant status have shaped her identity and worldview.

Dévora Grynspan is the vice president for international relations at Northwestern and works closely with the president and other Northwestern leaders to advance the University’s strategic goals in a global context and create greater integration between international programs and the University’s strategic plan. Dévora is also the director of the Office of International Program Development (IPD), which develops and administers student exchanges and specially designed study abroad programs for Northwestern students. Over the past decade, she has established a number of programs abroad, including in China, Cuba, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, South Africa, and Tanzania. Dévora also cofounded Northwestern’s popular Program in Global Health Studies in 2004 and was its codirector until 2016.



REUNION WEEKEND EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

NORRIS CENTER | EVANSTON

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

LAST UPDATED: AUGUST 31, 2016

- 10:30 AM **NU Live!** Witness to History speakers to arrive for sound check and photo
- 11:00 AM Welcome remarks by **Mei-Ling Hopgood**, Associate Professor, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications
- Shares personal connection to Northwestern
 - Provide broad overview of topics
 - Introduces alumni speakers
- 11:10 AM Presentation by **Tania Karas '11**, Independent Journalist; 2015-16 U.S. Fulbright Fellow
- 11:20 AM Presentation by **Dévora Grynspan '76, '83 PhD**, Vice President for International Relations, Northwestern University
- 11:30 AM Presentation by **Sudip Bose '96, '99 MD**, Founder and CEO, The Battle Continues
- 11:40 AM Closing remarks by **Mei-Ling Hopgood**, Associate Professor, Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications
- Thanks alumni speakers
 - Facilitates Q&A
 - Thanks audience for attending and gives plug for next two events:
 - 1:30 PM President's "Who are You Because of NU?" Alumni Panel Discussion
 - 3:00 PM **NU Live!** Moments of Decision
- 11:50 AM **NU Live!** Witness to History program concludes
- 12:15 PM Lunch with alumni speakers
- 1:30 PM President Schapiro's *Who are You Because of NU?* Alumni Panel Discussion
- **Phyllis Elliot Oakley '56**, Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State
 - **Linn Hobbs '66**, Professor Emeritus of Materials Science and Nuclear Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- **Isola Jones '71**, Mezzo-soprano, Metropolitan Opera
- **Dave Revsine '91**, Lead Studio Host, Big Ten Network; *New York Times* bestselling author
- **Samir Mayekar '06, '13 MBA, Trustee**, Co-Founder and CEO, SiNode Systems

2:30 PM **NU Live!** Moments of Decision speakers to arrive for sound check and photo

3:00 PM Welcome remarks by **Faculty Speaker**

- Shares personal connection to Northwestern
- Provide broad overview of topics
- Introduces alumni speakers

3:10 PM Presentation by **Sarah Personette '01**, Vice President, Global Business Marketing, Facebook

3:20 PM Presentation by **Larry Irving '76**, President and CEO, Irving Group

3:30 PM Presentation by **Cindy Kent '91**, President and General Manager, 3M Drug Delivery Systems Division

3:40 PM Closing remarks by **Faculty Speaker**

- Thank alumni speakers
- Facilitates Q&A
- Thanks audience for attending

3:50 PM **NU Live!** Moments of Decision program concludes