

**Woman's City Club
National Speaker Forum 2021**

Denise Kiernan



Our speaker this year is **Denise Kiernan**, best-selling author, journalist and producer. Her work has been published in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Village Voice*, *Ms. Magazine*, *Readers' Digest*, *Discover*, and many more publications. She has also worked in television, serving as head writer for ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" during its Emmy award-winning first season and has produced pieces for media outlets such as ESPN and MSNBC.

Her latest book, *We Gather Together*, arrived November 10, 2020. Two of her books – *The Last Castle* and *The Girls of Atomic City* – were

bestsellers on several lists. *The Last Castle* was also a finalist for the 2018 Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary Award and a finalist for the Southern Book Prize. *The Girls of Atomic City* was named one of Amazon's "Top 100 Best Books of 2013," and is now available in seven languages. It was also awarded the 2014 American Political Science Association's Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for the best book published in the United States on government, politics, or international affairs.

Throughout her career, Kiernan has been a featured guest on many radio and television shows, including NPR's "Weekend Edition," PBS NewsHour, MSNBC Morning Joe and The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

Kiernan earned a BA degree from New York University in 1991 and an MA from the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development of New York University in 2002. Kiernan is married to author, historian and journalist Joseph D'Agnese, with whom she co-authored several books including *Signing Their Lives Away*, *Signing Their Rights Away*, and *Stuff Every American Should Know*.