

National Speakers -- 1994 to 2021

2021 Denise Kiernan, journalist and historian: “Generations of Grace: Inspiring Women Who Shaped American History”

2019 Helen Thorpe, author and freelance journalist: "Searching for Refuge, Friendship, and Hope: Perspectives on Immigration -- What does it Mean to "Be American" Today?"

2018 Martha Raddatz, Broadcast journalist: "What in the World: Global Hot Spots and U.S. Foreign Policy"

2017 Maria Hinojosa, journalist: “*Latinos and Immigration: The US Mambo*”

2016 Isabel Wilkerson, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and historian: “Black Migration to Racial Justice: Are We There Yet?”

2015 Mariel Hemingway, author, writer, mental health advocate: “Running from Crazy: A Life Journey with Mariel Hemingway”

2014 Candy Crowley, CNN political news anchor, correspondent: “The White House vs. Capitol Hill”

2013 Robin Wright, American foreign affairs analyst, journalist, author: “U.S. Intervention: When is Enough Really Enough”

2012 Kerry Kennedy, human rights activist and writer, daughter of Robert Kennedy: “The Power of One: Stories of Inspiration for Women on the Cutting Edge of Social Change”

2011 Naomi Tutu, author, granddaughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu: “Striving for Social Justice: Searching for Common Ground”

2010 Katty Kay, BBC America news host: “Washington from a Different Angle”

2009 Gail Collins, *New York Times* journalist, op-ed columnist, author:

“Scorpion Tongues: Gossip, Celebrity and American Politics”

2008 Ellen Goodman, author, columnist: “The Political is (Too) Personal, the Media are (Too) Polarized and Television News is an Oxymoron”

2007 Diane Rehm, NPR host: “A Conversation with Diane Rehm”

2006 Anna Deavere Smith, actress, playwright, artist-in-residence at the Center for American Progress: “Snapshots: Glimpses of America in Change”

2005 Charlayne Hunter-Gault, National Public Radio reporter, South African correspondent: “Africa on the Edge”

2004 Michel Martin, ABC and NPR journalist: “Healing the Racial Divide: The Role of Hard Truths”

2003 Collaborative Agreement Forum with Ruth Cronenberg and panel: “Justice in Cincinnati: Progress and Challenges” [Barbara Ehrenreich canceled because of boycott against Cincinnati]

2002 Halima Addou, human rights activist: “A Woman Caught Between Military Repression and Islamic Extremism”

2001 Wilma Mankiller, first woman chief of the Cherokee Nation: “Dancing on the Edge of the Roof: The Requirements of Leadership”

2000 Terri Gross, National Public Radio Host of Fresh Air: “Terry Gross,— She’s Got People Talking”

1999 Molly Ivins, author columnist: “Molly Ivins Can’t Say That — Can She?”

1998 Faye Wattleton, president, Planned Parenthood of America: “Sexual Politics: The Control of Women’s Lives”

1997 Pat Schroeder, Congresswoman: “Challenges in America’s Future: Women in Leadership”

1996 Dr. Joycelyn Elders, U.S. Surgeon General: “The Cycles of Poverty, Drugs and Violence”

1995 Susan Stamberg, National Public Radio commentator: “Talk, Talk, and More Talk”

1994 Lani Guinier, law professor, author: “The New Civil Rights”
