

Woman's City Club

National Speakers, 1994 to 2026

- 2026 **Gina Belafonte**, CEO of Sankofa.org, a foundation founded by her father, Harry Belafonte that uses the arts for social justice.
- 2025 **Cathy O'Neil**, author of "Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and Threatens Democracy."
- 2024 **Jenn White**, host of WAMU's 1A, spoke on "Truth in Journalism."
- 2023 **Marcia Coyle**, commentator on the U.S. Supreme Court for 25 years and a regular on PBS NewsHour, who gave "An Inside View of the Supreme Court"
- 2022 **Mary Frances Berry**, an American professor, writer, lawyer, and activist on "Race, Protest & Politics: Where Do We Go from Here?"
- 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”