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ADDITIONAL DINNERS • SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 • 7 P.M.

30. Wind Song

For over 15 years, woodwind quintet Elm City Winds has been delighting local audiences with light favorites as well as serious classical music.

Hosted by Francine Farkas Sears, Guilford

31. Poetry After Prison

Acclaimed poet, author, lawyer, and scholar, Reginald Dwayne Betts will read from and discuss his most recent book of poetry, Felon.

Hosted by Miriam Gohara & Marcus McFerren, Woodbridge

32. Interdisciplinary

Spend a fascinating evening with Bill Poorvu, an entrepreneur and educator who is considered a guru in the world of real estate and investing.

Hosted by Ellen Shuman & Douglas Rae, New Haven

33. His Bondage and His Freedom

Take a seat with David Blight, Yale Sterling Professor of History, African American Studies, and American Studies and winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in history for Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom.

Hosted by Cynthia Farrar & Paul Kennedy, New Haven

YOU ARE INVITED
25th ANNIVERSARY
LEAP YEAR EVENT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Additional dinners on Saturday, February 29

Cocktail Reception Honoring Anne Calabresi and Judy Clark and Book Signing from 5-7 p.m. on February 27
Heath Commons, Hopkins School, 986 Forest Road, New Haven
(Parking available on site)

LEAP Year Dinners 7:30 p.m.
An Elegant Evening of Fine Dining and Conversation
Hosted at homes and restaurants in Greater New Haven

See friends and make new connections at our reception, where authors will be signing their recent books.

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www.leapforkids.org/LYE

All proceeds benefit LEAP. We thank everyone who makes this event possible—our dinner hosts who welcome LEAP supporters into their homes and restaurants, our Guests of Honor who donate their time, and our sponsors who give generously to support LEAP.



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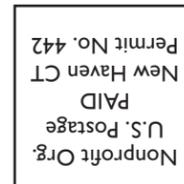
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RESERVATIONS & DINNER CHOICES

Dinners fill quickly, so please reserve your place. Buy tickets online at www.leapforkids.org/LYE or return this form as soon as possible to get the best chance for your first choice dinner. Deadline is February 17, 2020. Please mark your first, second and third choices by noting the dinner numbers below.

1st Choice #/Title
2nd Choice #/Title
3rd Choice #/Title
Full Name(s) and email(s) of person(s) attending:

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Do you have any dietary restrictions and/or allergies to pets? If so, please list:

Complete this form or purchase tickets online at www.leapforkids.org/lye

Please consider helping LEAP pay our 200 counselors according to the new minimum wage laws by making an additional donation!

I/We will join you for a dinner and the reception. I would like _____ tickets and I have enclosed \$150 per ticket for a total of \$ _____.
I/We will attend the reception only. I would like _____ tickets and I have enclosed \$50 per ticket for a total of \$ _____.
I/We will attend and would like to make an additional tax-deductible contribution to LEAP. I have enclosed \$ _____ as a donation.
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Please make checks payable to LEAP and mail to LEAP, 31 Jefferson St., New Haven, CT 06511.

Tax-deductible portion: \$125 for each dinner, \$40 for each reception ticket, and the full amount for any additional contribution.

Contact the LEAP Development Office with any questions at (203) 773-0770 or ebond@leapforkids.org.

ABOUT THE EVENT

LEAP Year Event is a cherished New Haven tradition: an evening of camaraderie, fine dining and a chance to make a difference in the lives of children and youth in New Haven.

The 25th Anniversary of our Annual LEAP Year Event will take place on Thursday, February 27, 2020. The evening begins with a cocktail reception, after which guests depart for individual dinners hosted by generous LEAP supporters in their beautiful homes or other elegant venues.

LEAP Year Event is LEAP's most successful fundraiser. One hundred percent of your ticket price goes directly to LEAP's programs for children and teens. Your support ensures that LEAP can continue to Create A New Haven For Our Children.

ABOUT LEAP

LEAP was established in 1992 to provide free social and academic enrichment, mentorship and leadership opportunities for children and teens in New Haven's high poverty neighborhoods. LEAP believes that young people—teenagers and young adults—are a solution for struggling neighborhoods, not the problem.

We train New Haven college and high school students to work with children ages 7 to 15 from low income families living in some of the poorest neighborhoods in America. These young people lead our nationally recognized program, providing children with a literacy-based curriculum as well as classes in art, computer science, swimming, athletics, camping, cooking and team building.

LEAP serves more than 1,000 children and employs nearly 200 young people each year, making us New Haven's largest youth agency and employer of teens.

During the school year, LEAP counselors, with a 6-to-1 child to counselor ratio, help children complete homework, engage in our literacy curriculum and enjoy opportunities that respect children's "multiple intelligences" but are often unavailable in urban public schools.

LEAP's summer program runs five days a week. Our college students live in public housing developments or other neighborhood housing so they are accessible to children, learn about the neighborhoods' strengths and weaknesses and infuse role models in places where children will benefit from college-student neighbors.

RESERVE NOW
With additional dinners Saturday, February 29
Thursday, February 27, 2020

LEAP Year Event committee and advisory board member Judy Clark. LEAP co-founder and board member Anne Calabresi and Please join us at the reception where we will honor

LEAP Year Event Invitation

Creating A New Haven For Our Children



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LEAP YEAR DINNERS 2020

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

1. Changing Minds About Climate Change

Join a lively conversation about the changing climate with **Anthony Leiserowitz**, Director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, who studies public opinion on issues of the environment. Host of *Climate Connections*, a daily national radio program and podcast, Leiserowitz will share his research about American and international public opinion on global warming and our willingness to make individual behavioral changes.

❖ Hosted by **Shelley & Gordon Geballe, Branford**

2. Lyrical Journey

You'll be inspired by the creator of the one-woman show, "From the Hood to the Ivy League," **Dr. Tiffany Renée Jackson**. She will share her journey from New Haven's Church Street South Housing Project to her flourishing career as a classical and jazz singer and her work to encourage young people to use their musical gifts to break the chains of systemic poverty.

❖ Hosted by **Barbara Goren & David Rosen, New Haven**

3. Food Revolution

Dine with internationally renowned **Chef Bun Lai** who started a food revolution at New Haven's Miya's Sushi. Credited as the first chef in the world to use invasive species as sushi, Lai will introduce you to his unique menu and his philosophy which aims to protect ecological habitats by incorporating new types of plants and fish into his delicious meals.

❖ Hosted by **Bun Lai & Miya's Sushi, New Haven**

4. Post 2020: Voting Rights and the Supreme Court

Break bread with **Emily Bazelon**, *New York Times Magazine* staff writer, Truman Capote Fellow for Creative Writing and Law at Yale Law School, and co-host of the Slate Political Gabfest. A sought-after expert on the intersection of the courts and elections, Bazelon will discuss the impact of the upcoming election on voting rights and on the Supreme Court.

❖ Hosted by **David & Lely Evans at Yale's Berkeley College, New Haven**

5. Artists Lead Change

Join internationally known jewelry designer **Wendy Black-Nasta**, Founder/Director of Artists for World Peace (AFWP), a non-profit based out of Middletown that has now made a difference in 25 countries on five continents. From building a Tanzanian village's first health center to creating the "Children of Peace Project" that supports living and educational expenses for children in need, AFWP is building artistic bridges across continents.

❖ Hosted by **Debbie Freedman & Ben Ledbetter, Hamden**

6. Warning Signs

Timothy Snyder, Yale's Richard C. Levin Professor of History, will consider the question "How democratic can America be?" A recognized and frequently cited expert on current global events, Snyder's most recent book is *The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America*. Writing with bracing immediacy about our new political order, Snyder has been widely quoted about the ongoing political demonstrations in Hong Kong and about other issues worldwide.

❖ Hosted by **Julie Wilson & Thomas Ruggieri, New Haven**

7. Parenting by the Numbers

As new parents (and grandparents) struggle with contradictory advice, Brown University Economics Professor **Emily Oster** comes to the rescue with evidence-based decision-making for pregnancy and early parenting. Oster, best-selling author of *Cribsheet* and *Expecting Better*, will share tips and pitfalls of parenting from birth to preschool.

❖ Hosted by **Christine Kim & Douglas Kysar, New Haven**

📖 Author Signing Books or Signed Books Available for Purchase at the Reception

8. Art and Power

You'll enjoy a colorful conversation with local columnist and author **Lary Bloom**. He will share insights from his recent book, *Sol LeWitt: A Life of Ideas*, and engage in a discussion about how LeWitt, a Chester native and key figure in minimalism and conceptualism, leveraged his standing in contemporary art to support the rights of women and work against institutional bullies.

❖ Hosted by **Meghan & George Knight, New Haven**

9. Tariffs and Trade Wars

Spend a fascinating evening with Yale International Economics Professor **Peter K. Schott**, an expert on the impact of globalization on countries, firms, and workers. His research sheds light on tariffs and trade wars, specifically between the U.S. and China, to help us understand the changing global economy.

❖ Hosted by **Priscilla & Robert Dannies, New Haven**

10. Shared Music

Join an evening of song with tenor and Yale music scholar **Paul Berry** who will discuss the connections between what we now call classical music and the songs we hear today. Berry will perform several of Schubert's greatest works to illustrate the shared experience for listeners and performers alike.

❖ Hosted by **A. Douglas Stone & Mary Haselkamp, North Haven**

11. Amazon Adventure

Learn about the battle for the Amazon from **Scott Wallace**, *National Geographic* photojournalist, adventurer, and University of Connecticut journalism professor. His most recent assignment sent him to Brazil to document the loss of environmental protections under Brazilian President Bolsonaro, evident in the wildfires and deforestation and the devastating impact these are having on vanishing indigenous populations.

❖ Hosted by **JoAnn & Tony Scillia, Branford**

12. Yale Art Galleries: Behind the Scenes

Join a special private tour of the Modern and Contemporary galleries of the Yale Art Gallery led by **Stephanie Wiles**, the Gallery's Director, and **Keely Orgegan**, the new Knox Associate Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art. Together they will describe behind-the-scenes stories and changes to expect in the coming year in these galleries.

❖ Hosted by **Union League Café and Alison Bonds & Larry Levine, New Haven**

13. A Man for All Seasons

Welcome back former LEAP Counselor and current California State Assemblymember **Rob Bonta**, who will discuss the California Green New Deal, legislation he has proposed to accelerate efforts to combat climate change and ensure that equity animates a new clean energy economy.

❖ Hosted by **Roz & Jerry Meyer, Guilford**

14. The Genius of Genes

What if your genes could determine the cure for a disease you face? Consider this question with **Dr. Michael Murray**, Professor of Genetics and Director for Clinical Operations at the Yale Center for Genomic Health. He leads the research that seeks to enroll 100,000 volunteers in the "Generations Project," linking genomic data with electronic health data to keep people healthy and provide better care.

❖ Hosted by **Paulette & Lawrence Fox, Woodbridge**

15. Making It? Maybe Not...

Take a fresh look at the promise of American meritocracy with **Daniel Markovits**, Yale Law School's Guido Calabresi Professor of Law. His recent book, *The Meritocracy Trap*, is a rethinking of what has been considered a hedge against inequality. He argues that our meritocracy has not worked for the successful any more than it has helped those on the bottom of the ladder.

❖ Hosted by **Debra & Ron Nudel, Woodbridge**



16. The Architect, the Pianist, and the Telescope

Don't miss a one-of-a-kind evening with **Nathaniel Kahn**, renowned for his Academy Award-nominated documentary films, *My Architect* which charts his journey to understand his largely-absent father, Louis Kahn, famous architect of Yale's University Art Gallery and Center for British Art, and *Two Hands* about the celebrated pianist Leon Fleisher. His *Telescope* on the Discovery Channel was watched by a record-breaking 5 million viewers views over its first weekend.

❖ Hosted by **Sue McDonald & Corey Stone, Hamden**

17. Brewing Goodwill

Meet **Abdul-Rehman Malik**, an award-winning journalist, educator, and organizer now at Yale Divinity School. He has worked in ten countries for the UK based non-profit initiative "Radical Middle Way" seeking to connect young Muslims around the world with their spiritual and cultural identity. With his interest in cutting-edge artistic production, he made the BBC documentary, "The Muhammadan Bean: The Secret History of Islam and Coffee," a work sure to unite coffee lovers across cultures.

❖ Hosted by **Zehra & Huned Patwa, Hamden**

18. Drug Deals

Join **Dr. Anthony Ryan Hatch**, author of the recent *Silent Cells: The Secret Drugging of Captive America*, in a discussion about the pervasive and complex ways in which psychotropic drugs are used in the U.S. prison industrial complex and other institutions including foster homes, military and immigrant detention centers, and nursing homes. As an Associate Professor of Science in Society at Wesleyan University, Hatch also studies how medicine and technology impact social inequalities in health.

❖ Hosted by **Alice & Jim Hadler, New Haven**

19. The Bees' Needs

You'll have a sweet evening with master beekeeper **Bill Hesbach**, owner of Wing Dance Apiary in Cheshire, who speaks and writes about beekeeping and what we must do to save bees from the dire environmental threats they face. Hesbach is an active member of the Connecticut Queen Breeders Cooperative as well as the Connecticut Backyard Beekeepers Organization.

❖ Hosted by **Hart Caparulo, Orange**

20. Making History Matter

Spend an evening with award-winning screenwriter and Columbia professor, **Trey Ellis**, with film credits including Peabody Award-winning *Tuskegee Airmen*, Emmy-awarding winning HBO documentary *King of the Wilderness*, and teleplay *Good Fences*. Ellis also won the American Book Award for *Right Here, Right Now*. Published widely, his most influential essay is "The New Black Aesthetic." Ellis will share experiences creating works about history.

❖ Hosted by **Kai Bynum, New Haven**

21. From Discoveries to Treatment

University scientists make many exciting new discoveries every year. Yet, translating those discoveries into treatments that help patients remains a challenge. Hear **Craig Crews**, Professor of Chemistry and Pharmacology at Yale, discuss the exciting connections between academic research and drug and treatment applications at his pioneering biotech venture, Arvinas, Inc., located in New Haven's Science Park.

❖ Hosted by **David Newton at September in Bangkok, New Haven**

22. British Art: An Insider's View

Who better to discuss recent and upcoming exhibitions at the Yale Center for British Art than the new director, **Courtney J. Martin**? She has taught at Brown, Vanderbilt, and Berkeley, curated exhibits in the U.S., Britain, and Denmark, and written extensively, receiving both an Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant and the 2016 Historians of British Art Book Award.

❖ Hosted by **Andrea & Jeremy Asnes at Mory's, New Haven**

23. A Brief on Brexit

Learn from **David Cameron**, Director of the MacMillan Center's Program in European Union Studies, what Brexit means for the European Union and Britain. Cameron has written about the impact of trade openness on government, Brexit and numerous topics related to the EU, including the crisis in Ukraine.

❖ Hosted by **Cynthia & Matt Haiken, New Haven**

24. Photographing America

Photographer **David Ottenstein** will take you on his journey to capture the American West and Midwest over thirteen years documenting the vanishing landscape of the family farm and the rich history and culture that accompanied it. He'll explain what moves him to take the remarkable photographs found in his recent book, *IOWA: Echoes of a Vanishing Landscape*.

❖ Hosted by **Gisela & Richard Goldstein, Milford**

25. Momentous Turnaround

Join **William Outlaw III** and author **Charles Barber** as they share the dramatic story of William Outlaw's journey from growing up in New Haven public housing to gang leader and from incarceration to change-making New Haven community advocate. *Citizen Outlaw* presents a vital next chapter in the ongoing conversation about race and social justice in America.

❖ Hosted by **Marcy Stovall & James Farnam, New Haven**

26. History in the Making

Inspired by Obama's inaugural address to "reaffirm our enduring spirit," Yale historian **Matthew Frye Jacobson** speaks of his recent project to capture "sweeping historical forces at the street level." Professor of History, American Studies and African-American Studies at Yale, Jacobson teaches courses on race, immigration and migration, and popular culture. He has written seven books and has won an award for a documentary film on baseball's desegregation.

❖ Hosted by **Nancy & Rick Antle, New Haven**

27. Creating Cuisine

Learn how to cook a delectable meal at a cooking class with **Betty Ann Donegan**, an instructor with over 40 years of experience. Donegan, a former chemistry teacher at Southern Connecticut State University, will cook the meal, cooking-show style, explaining and answering questions as she goes, and then you will enjoy the delicious dishes, paired with a very special bottle of wine.

❖ Hosted by **Betty Ann Donegan, Branford**

28. Incubator

Be part of an artful evening with **Nico Wheadon**, executive director of NXTHVN who relocated to New Haven from the Studio Museum in Harlem, to learn about this multi-disciplinary arts incubator where artists and curators converge to make art, exchange ideas and extend their networks. Housed in a former manufacturing plant in the Dixwell community, NXTHVN's mission is to attract and support talent within and beyond New Haven.

❖ Hosted by **Christina & Jason Price, New Haven**

29. Hot off the Press

Join a wildcard discussion on recent politics with **Ross Douthat**, *New York Times* Op-Ed columnist, co-host of the Times Op-Ed podcast "The Argument," and *National Review* film critic. Flowing from his twice-weekly column for *The New York Times*, he is ready to talk about anything political that is currently in the air.

Hosted by **Anne Higonnet & John Geanakoplos, Guilford**

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