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Speaker Series
An author once named one of Time magazine’s “Most Influential People”, a speechwriter for President Bill Clinton, a former U.N. representative, and an award-winning sociologist will headline the University of Dayton’s Speaker Series.

The 2015-16 series continues this week with a lecture by Eric Liu, a civics educator and founder of Citizen University.

His talk is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required, but seating is limited and offered on a first-come basis. Parking is available without a permit in B and C lots.

Liu’s lecture, “Reimagining Citizenship,” begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, in the Kennedy Union ballroom. A book signing will also follow this event.

Liu has written several books, including his latest, *A Chinaman’s Chance*. His Citizen University “promotes and teaches the art of great citizenship.” He previously worked as a speechwriter and policy advisor to President Bill Clinton.

The Speaker Series continues in the spring featuring Elijah Anderson, a sociology professor at Yale University, and Michael Pollan, author of four *New York Times* bestsellers.

“These are people who found their passions and make a difference in the world,” said Kathy Webb, University of Dayton dean of libraries and Speaker Series outgoing committee chair. “They are a dynamic group who will raise new issues in the series this year.”

Anderson will speak at 7 p.m. Jan. 26, 2016, in the Kennedy Union ballroom. His lecture is part of the annual celebration honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His books include *The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life* and *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City*.

Pollan’s lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. April 21, 2016, in the University of Dayton RecPlex. It is co-sponsored by the Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium. A book signing will follow. Pollan’s bestsellers include *Food Rules: An Eater’s Manual*; *In Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto*; *The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*; and *The Botany of Desire: A Plant’s-Eye View of the World*. Time magazine named Pollan one of the world’s 100 most influential people in 2010.

The speakers were selected among nominations from students, faculty and staff. More information about the series is available online.
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