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The University of Dayton 2017-18 Speaker Series kicks off this fall with a Dayton-raised duo who star in the popular indie documentary, *Minimalism*, and an NPR chief international editor.

“The mission of the series is to bring people to campus to talk about contemporary issues,” said Susan Wawrose, Speaker Series committee chair from the University of Dayton School of Law. “They’re inspirational. They’re pulled from the headlines, these are the newsmakers.”

The Speaker Series begins Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Union ballroom with Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus, known as “The Minimalists” by their 4 million active readers. The event is co-sponsored by Hanley Sustainability Institute and part of UD Sustainability Week programming.

Through their podcast, website, books and documentary, *Minimalism*, Millburn and Nicodemus’ work revolves around helping people live more meaningful lives without clutter. The duo has been featured on the Today show and in *Time* magazine, the *New York Times*, the *Wall*

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Street Journal and *L.A. Weekly*. They also have spoken at Harvard, Apple, SXSW and TEDx.

In partnership with the Social Practice of Human Rights Conference, William Dobson's lecture, titled "Learning Curves of Dictators," begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the Kennedy Union ballroom.

Dobson, a former visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and author of *The Dictator's Learning Curve: Inside the Global Battle for Democracy*, has provided on-air commentary on international politics. He oversees global NPR correspondents who report powerful international politics, economic and culture stories.

The events for spring 2018 will be announced soon.

Tickets are not required for Speaker Series lectures, but seating is limited and on a first-come, first served basis. Parking is available without a permit in B and C lots only.

- Liz Kyle, '18, News and Communications Student Writer

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