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From its founding in 1780, the mission of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences has been to examine the most complex issues of the day through the extraordinary and interdisciplinary strength of its membership. Ever since, the Academy has contributed critical insights into the moments that have defined our nation’s history, such as the post–World War II recovery and the creation of the field of arms control during the Cold War. However, there have been other times when our voices have been silent. There is, for example, no record in the Academy’s work of the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic and very little in relation to the civil rights movement. These, I believe, would have been instructive research and learning references in light of the profound events of this year.

It is, therefore, with gratitude that I submit this report on our projects, publications, and programs from the past year. Our members are lending their voices to today’s deeply challenging issues, from the importance of the arts in free expression, education, and civic engagement, to negotiating the complexities of new nuclear states, to protecting those who serve on the front lines of violence and conflict, to shining a light on the inequities of our criminal justice system, to strengthening the practice of democratic citizenship. New and emerging projects will help promote environmental sustainability, understand the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and examine the underpinnings of growing disparities in wealth and opportunity in our country.

The work described herein is made possible thanks to the philanthropy of our members. I am deeply grateful for such support that enables the Academy to elevate the use of evidence and knowledge, foster civil discourse, and advance the common good. I look forward to our continued work together in pursuit of these goals.

David W. Oxtoby
Since its founding, projects of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences that work to bolster American citizens’ understanding of and engagement with the institutions of their government have been a hallmark of the Academy’s work. Our charter states that the “end and design” of the American Academy is to “cultivate every art and science which may tend to advance the interest, honor, dignity, and happiness of a free, independent, and virtuous people.” Today this effort involves projects designed to advance the state of scholarship about the nation’s institutions and to develop innovative solutions to problems facing American society in the twenty-first century. Projects in this area interpret the term “institution” broadly, focusing on all of the constituent elements of government and civil society. These projects address how individual citizens interact with social structures, how these experiences prepare people to make a positive contribution to a diverse America, and how these institutions are evolving. The Academy shares this research through publications, convenings, and active outreach.
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PROJECT Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship

The Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship is a multiyear project of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Commission focuses on the impact of political institutions, civic culture, and civil society on individual practice in contemporary democracy in the United States. The work of the Commission explores the factors that encourage and discourage people from becoming engaged in their communities; sheds light on the mechanisms that help people connect across demographic and ideological boundaries; examines how the transformations in our media environment have altered what civic engagement looks like in many communities; and makes recommendations that will encourage participation and empower everyday citizens. The project uses a definition of “citizenship” that extends beyond simple legal status to include people who are “civic participants” in many domains within their communities.

The project seeks to increase democratic engagement in the United States with recommendations that will help empower voters, increase political and civic participation, and revitalize our civic culture. Our Common Purpose: Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century, the Commission’s final report and recommendations, was released in June 2020 and included a call to have significant progress on all of its recommendations by 2026.

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PROJECT PUBLICATIONS

The Internet and Engaged Citizenship
David Karpf (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2019)

The Data Driving Democracy
Christina Couch (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2020)

The Political and Civic Engagement of Immigrants
Caroline Brettell (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2020)

Our Common Purpose: Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century
(American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2020)
PROJECT MEETINGS

Meeting of the Commission

September 16–17, 2019
Cedarbrook Lodge
Seattle, WA

The fourth meeting of the full Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship focused on finalizing the Commission’s findings and recommendations. The members of the Commission reviewed six strategies and thirty-one tactical recommendations and agreed by unanimous consent to endorse the final report.

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LEFT: Commission members at the September 16, 2019, meeting. From front to back: Martha McCoy, Marie Griffith, Lisa Garcia Bedolla, Joseph Kahne, David Campbell, and Ben Vinson.

BELOW: Commission members and Academy President David Oxtoby at the Commission’s September 16, 2019, meeting.
A cornerstone of the work of the Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship has been listening to the voices of American citizens. On February 7, 2020, the Commission brought together more than seventy participants from nearly all of its forty-seven listening sessions, as well as Commission members, civic leaders, and philanthropists, to hear from one another and share their work through a series of panels, breakout sessions, and presentations.

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Angela Cutbill (left; from Calabasas, CA) and Richard Young (right; from Lexington, KY) participate in the “Convening on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship.”
TOP: From left to right: Academy President David Oxtoby and Commission Cochairs Stephen Heintz, Danielle Allen, and Eric Liu discuss the Commission’s work during the convening held at the House of the Academy on February 7, 2020.

RIGHT: Bradley Christian-Sallis (from Lincoln, NE) describes the work of his organization, Civic Nebraska, to increase civic participation and community engagement.

BELOW: Participants at the “Convening on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship” held at the House of the Academy on February 7, 2020, discussed how to create an information environment that serves the public good for the twenty-first century.
Emergency Meeting of the Commission

March 27, 2020
Virtual Meeting

The full Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship met via web conference to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the content of the final report and the plans for its release. Commission members agreed to modify the report slightly to account for the impact of the pandemic on the nation and to revise one of the thirty-one recommendations to reflect the effect of emergencies on voter access to the polls. The Commission agreed the pandemic amplified the challenges and obstacles they sought to address in their work and therefore to release the report as planned in June.

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Release Event:
Our Common Purpose: Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century

June 11, 2020
Virtual Event

Our Common Purpose: Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century, the final report of the Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship, was released via an online webinar. The one-hour event included a video presentation of the Commission’s work, an overview of the report’s six strategies and thirty-one recommendations, and comments by Commission members and featured speakers. The audience included members of the Academy, implementation Champions, listening session participants, and special guests.

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The two projects of the Making Justice Accessible initiative address the challenge of providing legal services to low-income Americans. The first project, on Data Collection and Legal Services for Low-Income Americans, will identify the sources of existing data on legal services and unrepresented civil litigation nationwide. The project will also create a blueprint for future data collection efforts, including establishing a research agenda for scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers. Participants include representatives of the courts, legal aid providers, and foundations as well as legal scholars and social scientists. In the fall of 2019, Microsoft’s pro bono office approached the Academy about this project; the interactions led to a joint, data-gathering pilot project between Microsoft, members of the data working group, and the Texas state courts. Participants are poised to act upon, and amplify, the Academy’s recommendations once the report is published in late 2020.

The second project, on Designing Legal Services for the 21st Century, will gather information about the national need for improved legal access and advance a set of clear, national recommendations for closing the “justice gap” between supply of and demand for legal services. In the fall of 2019, project leaders enlisted the research assistance of associates from the offices of WilmerHale and began drafting the final report, on schedule to be released in September 2020.

The Making Justice Accessible initiative emerged from a 2015 symposium sponsored by the Academy’s Exploratory Fund on the state of legal services for low-income Americans.
Projects in the Education and the Development of Knowledge program area inform policy and practice in support of high-quality, lifetime educational opportunities for all Americans. The program area continues the Academy’s enduring focus on the vital role education and knowledge development play in our nation and in our world. From advancing equitable educational outcomes to leveraging new developments in the learning sciences and digital technologies to questioning how domestic and international scholarly work may be affected by advances in machine learning, the Education and the Development of Knowledge program area – through commissions, projects, convenings, and publications – draws upon scholars and practitioners from various fields and disciplines to explore the conditions that foster the creation, transfer, and preservation of knowledge in a global context.
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PROJECT Commission on the Future of Undergraduate Education

The Commission on the Future of Undergraduate Education is a multiyear initiative charged with examining the current state of American undergraduate education, projecting the nation’s short-term and long-term educational needs, and offering recommendations to strengthen all aspects of undergraduate education. The Commission – whose members include leaders from higher education, philanthropy, business, and government – reviewed the research and data; met with students and faculty members, experts, and state and federal policy-makers; and produced a data-based primer on the student journey through college, four in-depth research papers, a comprehensive final report, and an issue of Daedalus on improving teaching. The key idea emerging from this body of work is that what was once a challenge of quantity in American undergraduate education, of enrolling as many students as possible, is increasingly a challenge of educational quality – of making sure that all students receive the education they need to succeed, that they are able to complete the studies they begin, and that they can do all this affordably. The Commission engaged in a range of outreach activities to make its work as widely read as possible and to advance its recommendations around quality, completion, and affordability.

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PROJECT PUBLICATIONS

A Primer on the College Student Journey  
(American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2016)

Undergraduate Financial Aid in the United States  
Judith Scott-Clayton (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2017)

The Complex Universe of Alternative Postsecondary Credentials and Pathways  
Jessie Brown and Martin Kurzweil, Ithaka S+R (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2017)

The Economic Impact of Increasing College Completion  
Sophia Koropeckyj, Chris Lafakis, and Adam Ozimek, Moody’s Analytics; Foreword by Michael S. McPherson (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2017)

Policies and Practices to Support Undergraduate Teaching Improvement  
Aaron Pallas, Anna Neumann, and Corbin Campbell (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2017)

The Future of Undergraduate Education, The Future of America  
(American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2017)

PROJECT METTING

Young Adult Mental Health and Well-Being: Higher Education’s Responsibility

September 5–6, 2019
House of the Academy
Cambridge, MA

On the campuses of residential colleges and universities, young adults (eighteen to twenty-five years old) are experiencing an intensifying crisis of their mental health and well-being. Students have increasing levels of depression and anxiety, which interfere with and may interrupt both their academic and developmental progress.

In many instances, higher education institutions have responded by expanding mental health services and resources that focus on the individual student’s needs. However, the availability and provision of clinical care do not appear to be mitigating the crisis. Perhaps a pivot to a systemic intra- and inter-institutional response is required. Both mental health leaders and university presidents may need to consider addressing issues of academic climate and culture, both on campuses and as promoted by the higher education institutions collectively.

In this gathering of university presidents and mental health leaders, several critical issues were considered: the role of higher education in the development of young adults; what students are telling us about their mental health during college and graduate education; how the current research on young adult development and well-being can frame our thinking; and how colleges and universities can engage with other institutions and entities to jointly foster the mental health of young adults. The goals of this meeting were to explore the roles colleges and universities have in creating campus cultures that foster student mental health and well-being; to deepen understanding of how recent research can inform this work; and to identify pathways forward.
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Michael Lomax (United Negro College Fund) at the meeting on Young Adult Mental Health and Well-Being: Higher Education’s Responsibility.
TOP: Participants at the meeting on Young Adult Mental Health and Well-Being included healthcare professionals, college and university administrators, researchers, and advocates. Their discussions focused on mental health programs implemented at institutions across the country.

RIGHT: Elizabeth Gong-Guy (UCLA Campus and Student Resilience) presented on a panel that examined the data on student mental health and factors contributing to the rise in anxiety and depression in young people.

BELOW: Wayne Frederick (Howard University) and Jaqueline Looney (Duke University) describe the challenges of and strategies for addressing mental health issues at residential colleges and universities.
The Global Security and International Affairs program area draws on the expertise of policy-makers, practitioners, and scholars to foster knowledge and inform innovative and more substantial policies to address crucial issues affecting the global community. Projects underway in this area engage with pressing strategic development and moral questions that underpin relations among people, communities, and states worldwide. Each initiative embraces a broad conception of security as the interaction among human, national, and global security imperatives. Project recommendations move beyond the idea of security as the absence of war toward higher aspirations of collective peace, development, and justice.
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COMMITTEE MEETING

Annual Meeting of the Committee on International Security Studies (CISS)

October 10, 2019
House of the Academy
Cambridge, MA

During the annual meeting, CISS members reviewed the progress of current projects within the Global Security and International Affairs program area, discussed how CISS members are seeking to ensure the impact of their various scholarly activities, and brainstormed key areas for future Academy work on global security and international affairs.

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Nicholas Kristof (The New York Times) and Tanisha Fazal (University of Minnesota)
The world has entered a new nuclear era. No longer dominated by two nuclear superpowers, the evolving multipolar nuclear order presents fundamental challenges to the conceptual and practical means of avoiding nuclear war. Moreover, the new era has slowly dismantled the bilateral arms control framework, with no clear prospect that it will be revived and extended. The possibility that a framework or frameworks encompassing other, let alone all, nuclear powers can be achieved seems even more remote. In addition, advances in weapons technology and the opening of new frontiers, such as cyber capabilities and artificial intelligence, make a shifting environment still more complex. The pathways to inadvertent nuclear war have multiplied across more regions and relationships.

Since 2017, the Meeting the Challenges of the New Nuclear Age project has worked to identify the major dangers generated by the dynamics of a multipolar nuclear world that pose the greatest threat of inadvertent nuclear war; offer alternative approaches to addressing each of these dangers; facilitate discussions with relevant communities in the United States and abroad; and encourage and assist policymakers, Congress, the analytical community, and the media to think systematically about our increasingly multipolar world. The publications produced by the project have been shared widely with domestic and international policymakers, scholars and students of nuclear affairs, and leaders of international organizations.

Meeting the Challenges of the New Nuclear Age is rooted in the critically important work on arms control that the Academy conducted from 1958 to 1960 to prevent a nuclear confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union. During that time Academy Fellows gathered monthly to build a cooperative framework between the United States and the Soviet Union based on the limitations of the nuclear stockpile and the establishment of mutual vulnerability between the two rivals. The group included Donald Brennan, Edward Teller, Henry Kissinger, and Thomas Schelling, among others. Today, more than ever, an effort that brings together scholars and policymakers to examine the wide range of challenges posed by the changing nuclear order is urgently needed.
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PROJECT PUBLICATIONS

Meeting the Challenges of the New Nuclear Age: U.S. and Russian Nuclear Concepts, Past and Present
Linton Brooks, Alexei Arbatov, and Francis J. Gavin (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2018)

Meeting the Challenges of the New Nuclear Age: Emerging Risks and Declining Norms in the Age of Technological Innovation and Changing Nuclear Doctrines
Nina Tannenwald and James M. Acton, with an Introduction by Jane Vaynman (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2018)

Meeting the Challenges of the New Nuclear Age: Nuclear Weapons in a Changing Global Order
Steven E. Miller, Robert Legvold, and Lawrence Freedman (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2019)

Contemplating Strategic Stability in a New Multipolar Nuclear World
Robert Legvold (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2019)

“Meeting the Challenges of a New Nuclear Age,”
*Dædalus*
edited by Robert Legvold & Christopher Chyba (2020)
PROJECT MEETING

Nuclear Weapons in a Changing Global Order: Hill Briefings

July 31, 2019
Capitol Hill
Washington, DC

Steven Miller, a member of the project’s steering committee, and Academy staff briefed foreign policy and national security staff in several Senate offices on the Academy’s work on Meeting the Challenges of the New Nuclear Age as well as Promoting Dialogue on Arms Control and Disarmament. The discussions focused on key project findings, background on the changing multipolar nuclear order, and plans for continued engagement around the Academy’s portfolio of nuclear work.

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PROJECT Meeting the Challenges of the New Nuclear Age, Phase Two: Deterrence and New Nuclear States

With the emergence of three new nuclear powers (India, Pakistan, and North Korea) and several more potentially becoming nuclear states (including Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey), the world is on the verge of a new nuclear age, which will demand new thinking about the security implications of nuclear powers that may be in highly hostile environments, suffer from domestic instability, have fewer resources, or be led by personalist dictators. Phase Two of Meeting the Challenges of the New Nuclear Age investigates the deterrence and defense implications facing small nuclear force-countries and potential proliferators.

The project is producing an edited volume of innovative, policy-relevant essays that will be published by a university press. Outreach activities will be aimed at nuclear policy-makers (primarily in the United States) and academic centers and think tank institutes with a specific focus on nuclear studies.

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Deterrence and New Nuclear States Authors’ Workshop

November 17–18, 2019
Stanford University
Stanford, CA

The authors of the forthcoming edited volume on deterrence and new nuclear states gathered for a two-day workshop to review the draft essays and discuss the volume’s cross-cutting conclusions and specific policy implications.

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Scott Sagan (Stanford University) addresses the authors and guests at the Deterrence and New Nuclear States authors’ workshop. From left to right: Reid Pauly (Stanford University), William J. Perry (Stanford University; formerly, U.S. Department of Defense), and Jeffrey Lewis (Middlebury Institute for International Studies at Monterey).
PROJECT Promoting Dialogue on Arms Control and Disarmament

Unlike the Cold War, the current nuclear age is characterized by a simultaneous collapse of arms control agreements and the absence of any strategic dialogue among the three main nuclear players, which would serve to minimize and reduce the potential risks of a nuclear escalation.

One strand of the project’s work consists of a series of bilateral U.S.-Russia and U.S.-China dialogues designed to identify critical short-term goals in arms control. The meetings will identify areas for cooperation and conceptual thinking about measures that might strengthen strategic stability and help to reduce the significant dangers of nuclear weapons being used in the future. Through reports and outreach activities, the project aims to contribute to rebuilding trust and predictability among the rival Great Powers.

A second strand of work will build on the Academy’s experience organizing educational sessions for the United States Congress on a range of topics, including cybersecurity, disaster response, and federal research policy in addition to nuclear issues. Through a series of engagements with members of Congress and their staff, the project will help to foster and strengthen knowledge on key issues and challenges facing the United States in arms control and international security, including renewal of the New START treaty and the dangers of a world without nuclear constraints.

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PROJECT MEETINGS

The Collapse of Arms Control: Implications and Consequences

October 23, 2019
Capitol Hill
Washington, D.C.

This briefing for congressional staffers from both House and Senate offices highlighted the perils associated with the decline and potential collapse of arms control and underscored the urgent need for dialogue among the key protagonists, particularly in the United States and Russia. Project Chair Steven Miller discussed how the global nuclear order has evolved since the Cold War, the implications of the collapse of arms controls agreements, the absence of any strategic dialogue among the three main nuclear players that would serve to minimize and reduce the potential risks of a nuclear escalation, and the Academy’s current nuclear policy work.

MEETING CHAIR
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Shanghai Bilateral Meeting

December 4–5, 2019
Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
Shanghai, China

Project Chair Steven Miller led a delegation of U.S. former officials and experts to a two-day meeting that focused on a number of arms control issues in order to gain a better understanding of Chinese perspectives on current arms control priorities. The meetings also revealed the areas on which Chinese priorities would likely engage further with U.S. and Russian experts.

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The Civil Wars, Violence, and International Responses project stems from the observation that current multilateral approaches for preventing, mitigating, and resolving civil wars and intrastate violence are often far too ambitious. They frequently overpromise stability, security, peace, democracy, and development to countries experiencing high levels of violence and instability. The project identified six threats that emerge from civil wars and intrastate violence: pandemic diseases, transnational terrorism, migration, regional instability, great power conflict, and criminality. The project has engaged in extensive domestic and international outreach to share findings and recommendations that deliver a more comprehensive, effective, and integrated approach to conflict prevention and crisis management, which encompasses security, diplomacy, and development strategies in countries such as Colombia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Syria, Lebanon, and Sri Lanka, among others. Building on these policy discussions, the project will publish a research paper that focuses on the policy implications of the project’s findings, which will be distributed to relevant policy-makers in the United States and internationally.

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Steven Miller  (Harvard University) speaking to congressional staffers, with Kathryn Moffat (American Academy) to his right.

Steven Miller  (front center) with participants at the Shanghai Bilateral Meeting.
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“Civil Wars & Global Disorder: Threats & Opportunities,”  
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Rethinking the Humanitarian Health Response to Violent Conflict seeks to understand and address current trends in humanitarian contexts that pose new or evolving challenges for humanitarian health responders. Among the most pressing challenges are the increasingly protracted nature of civil and noninternational armed conflict; the fact that many of the world’s most violent places are facing criminal or political violence rather than conflict as conventionally understood; shortfalls in funding; and changing geopolitical relations. This project brings together political scientists, legal and security experts, health professionals, and humanitarians to examine current challenges to effective humanitarian action and to develop, where necessary, new strategies for preventing civilian harm and delivering critical health services in areas plagued by violent conflict.

The project’s initial work will focus on two key priority areas. First, building on its efforts to address the political and security dimensions of pandemic response in areas of weak governance and violent conflict, the initiative will convene a series of rapid-cycle workshops on global cooperation and pandemic control. Drawing upon the Academy’s strengths in political science, diplomacy, global health, and the arts, the project will explore how political legitimacy, trust in expert authority and information, divisive political environments, and cultural mechanisms of community protection and social cohesion shape the ability of states and international institutions to respond to infectious outbreaks.

Second, to respond to the acute challenges that humanitarian organizations face in addressing health needs in areas with extreme levels of political or criminal violence – settings that now account for more violent deaths than war zones – and in places where people are fleeing from such violence, the project will convene interdisciplinary groups of experts from across multiple regions to explore the questions state sovereignty poses for humanitarians operating in such settings and to analyze and examine how the dynamics of political and criminal violence influence humanitarian responses.

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**PROJECT MEETINGS**

**Meetings in New York City**

New York, NY  
February 27–28, 2020

During a series of individual and small-group meetings, the project cochairs solicited input from experts with extensive experience in policy and diplomacy relating to humanitarian responses in areas of violent conflict and extreme levels of political and criminal violence.
Since 1780, the Academy has advocated for the importance of the humanities, arts, and culture in American society, and has called on both private citizens and the nation’s government to help foster advances in these areas.

Today, the Academy conducts research and develops policy recommendations to advance the humanities in academic scholarship and in the public sector, to display the importance of the arts in society, and to enrich the nation’s cultural life. By bringing together scholars, artists, and leaders from both the public and private sectors, Academy programs in The Humanities, Arts, and Culture put practitioners and scholars in conversation with individuals from other disciplines, ensuring that the arts and humanities are valued in all areas of civic life. Projects in this area demonstrate the value of the arts, humanities, and culture to the nation’s security and prosperity, and call attention to the role played by work in these fields to enriching the health of communities and the daily lives of its citizens.
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PROJECT Commission on the Arts

The Commission on the Arts seeks to reframe the national conversation about what role the arts can play in a diverse twenty-first-century democracy. The national focus of the project is reflected in the composition of its membership, which spans the cultural field and the geography of the United States; its members represent over a dozen states and more than forty organizations, disciplines, and institutions. The Commission is guided by the central premise that the arts are necessary to both individual and civic life and that artists are crucial members of healthy communities. Among other reports and creative elements, the Commission’s final products will include policy recommendations that will help arts advocates, educators, artists, and government officials to refocus the national conversation on the arts around common issues.

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PROJECT MEETINGS

Branches from the Same Tree:
Conversations on the Integration of Arts, Humanities, and STEM in Higher Education

October 25, 2019
House of the Academy
Cambridge, MA

The Academy hosted a one-day conference in partnership with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on their recently released report Branches from the Same Tree: The Integration of the Humanities and Arts with Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine in Higher Education. The conference included interactive and engaging panel presentations, performances, and breakout discussions, each exploring a different element of cross-disciplinary learning.

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“Rural Arts and Cultural Development” Webinar

December 4, 2019
Virtual Event

The second webinar sponsored by the Commission examined new developments in arts and culture in rural communities. The featured panelists discussed how rural communities are uniquely leveraging the arts to foster community and economic development. Each panelist brought a unique perspective to the conversation, from producing events and festivals to building support networks of artists to employing art as a catalyst for social conversations.

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Art of the Rural (regional Midwest)

Michelle Ramos
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Actors from Catalyst Collaborative@MIT perform a scene from Einstein’s Dreams at the event “Branches from the Same Tree: Conversations on the Integration of Arts, Humanities, and STEM in Higher Education.”
Meeting of the Commission

January 16–17, 2020
Los Angeles Athletic Club
Los Angeles, CA

The third Commission meeting focused on project visioning and strategy planning. Four local facilitators with deep experience in the arts and cultural sector as well as project design and implementation worked with each of the working groups to develop focused products and preliminary workplans. As a full group, the Commissioners discussed connections among the working groups, outreach strategies, and potential policy recommendations. In addition to project development, the meeting also included an evening reception celebrating the arts in Los Angeles, featuring Mayor Eric Garcetti and Vijay Gupta.

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Street Symphony

Commission Cochair John Lithgow (Actor and Author) describes the work of the Commission on the Arts at a Los Angeles reception connected to the Commission’s meeting on January 16–17, 2020.
The Humanities Indicators provide information about all aspects of the humanities: ranging from early childhood reading, through undergraduate and graduate education in the humanities, and on to employment and experiences later in life with museums and other humanistic activities. Now in its eleventh year as a publicly available website, the project tracks the condition of the humanities enterprise via its own rigorous survey research and analyses of data gathered by the federal government. Recent work has included national surveys of humanities departments at four-year colleges and universities, as well as a survey of over five thousand Americans about their engagement with and attitudes about a variety of humanities activities. The Humanities Indicators are accessible at www.amacad.org/humanities-indicators.

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The Humanities, Arts, and Culture

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The Ten Largest Native North American Languages

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The U.S. Census reports that 150+ Native American languages were recognized with a distinctive political status and result of forced cultural assimilation, Native American, and diverse forms of humanities activities in the nation, and key facts about the health of the field.

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WHERE DO HUMANITIES MAJORS FIND WORK?

With over 7,000,000 humanities majors in the U.S. workforce, they can be found in every occupation. (Each percentage is the share of all employed humanities graduates who work in a given type of job.)
PROJECT MEETINGS

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Community College – Research University Partnerships Meeting

July 31, 2019
Case Western University
Cleveland, OH

Codirector Robert B. Townsend presented a report on “The Role of Honors Programs at Community Colleges.”

Department Survey Consultation

October 21, 2019
American Sociological Association
Washington, D.C.

Following the successful completion of a national survey of humanities departments in four-year colleges and universities, the Indicators staff assembled representatives from each of the scholarly societies represented in the study to preview the findings and discuss possible lines of analysis and presentation.

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Codirector Robert B. Townsend participated in a series of conversations about the health of the humanities.

At an international convening hosted by the Australian Academy for the Humanities, Codirector Robert B. Townsend delivered a presentation on “Asking the Public about the Humanities” and participated in a series of conversations about the health of the field in the United States and overseas.

At a convening of scholarly societies in the humanities and social sciences, Codirector Robert B. Townsend delivered a presentation on “What We Know about Contingent Faculty” and participated in a discussion about the evolving academic workforce.

At the annual meeting of the Humanities Indicators Advisory Committee the participants reviewed the results of the two national surveys conducted by the project and assessed plans for future publications and research.

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Public Survey Consultation I
March 24, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Working with NORC at the University of Chicago, in fall 2019 the Humanities Indicators conducted a nationally representative survey of five thousand American adults about public attitudes about the humanities and their engagement with a variety of humanistic practices. In spring 2020, the project staff conducted a series of consultations with stakeholders to assess which findings seemed of significance, and how the results might be reported to maximize their utility for every constituency.

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April 6, 2020 (morning)
Virtual Meeting

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**April 6, 2020 (afternoon) Virtual Meeting**

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**April 13, 2020 (morning) Virtual Meeting**

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A little over 20% of U.S. adults have learned about or taken a course in art appreciation or art history. Men are more likely than women to have done so (11% vs. 9%).

For more on the broad trends that mark American engagement with the arts, see the 2019 Arts and Humanities Impact Survey: 100% of American adults have engaged with the arts at some point in their lives. Men and women, young and old, are equally likely to have experienced the arts in various ways.

Art history is increasingly being used in the field of public humanities, which is rooted in the idea that the humanities matter in people's lives. Public humanities programs are a source of public education and cultural engagement, as well as a means of building community character and creating economic growth.

The information revolution has long been perceived as a potential threat to the humanities. However, the internet and related technologies have also had a profound effect on the humanities, including the ability to provide better care. While art therapy has been used for the care of the mentally ill, the field of human-computer interaction has also been set up to allow for collaboration; art historians often work with computer scientists to help track the progression of a piece of artwork.

Artstor is a digital library that allows users to zoom in on details beyond the page and download high-resolution images. The project has been set up to allow for collaboration; art historians often work with computer scientists to help track the progression of a piece of artwork. It has unique features such as a “pixel heat map” that can help track the progression of a piece of artwork.

The value of the humanities in our lives is not limited to academic settings; they are also used in the field of public humanities, which is rooted in the idea that the humanities matter in people’s lives. Public humanities programs are a source of public education and cultural engagement, as well as a means of building community character and creating economic growth.

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Academy projects in Science, Engineering, and Technology seek to strengthen the capacity of science and engineering to improve the human condition. This goal has never been more important for the nation or for the world. Global challenges increasingly require collaboration across disciplinary, professional, and national boundaries, while rapid advances in information processing and transmission raise new issues for both the management of scientific and technical information and for the ability of individuals and institutions to assimilate and act on new discoveries.

Drawing on the broad expertise of its membership and outside experts, Academy studies in Science, Engineering, and Technology analyze the impact of advances in these areas and develop policy recommendations that are made available to government, academia, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector. Activities focus on increasing public understanding of current research and technological change, and on helping society adapt effectively and make meaningful use of new scientific and technical knowledge. Areas of interest include U.S. productivity in science and engineering; public understanding of, and trust in, science, engineering, and medicine; strengthening U.S. participation in international scientific collaboration; and climate change policy.
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PROJECT: The Public Face of Science

The Academy’s multiyear initiative on the Public Face of Science addresses various aspects of the complex and evolving relationship between scientists and the public and examines how trust in science is shaped by individual experiences, beliefs, and engagement with science. Additional project activities have included published work on the role of science in the legal system and the coordination and deployment of scientific teams as part of crisis response. The initiative has brought together a broad range of experts in communication, law, humanities, the arts, journalism, public affairs, and the physical, social, and life sciences. While this project does not directly address scientific literacy in K-12 and adult education, it will inform such efforts by fostering a greater understanding of the public’s attitudes toward science.

The third and final project report of the initiative, entitled The Public Face of Science in America: Priorities for the Future, presents a series of proposed policy recommendations for target audiences to improve the practice of science communication and engagement. This report was informed by the findings of the earlier publications of the initiative, Perceptions of Science in America and Encountering Science in America, which aggregated data both on how Americans view the role of science in society and how they interact with science in their everyday lives.

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The Public Face of Science in America: Priorities for the Future
(American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2020)

Science During Crisis: Best Practices, Research Needs, and Policy Priorities
Rita R. Colwell and Gary E. Machlis (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2019)

The Public Face of Science Across the World
Matthew C. Nisbet and Erik C. Nisbet (American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2019)

Encountering Science in America
(American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2019)

Perceptions of Science in America
(American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2018)

“Science & the Legal System,” Daedalus
Science During Crisis: Panel Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

February 14, 2020
Washington State Convention Center
Seattle, WA

Science During Crisis authors Rita Colwell (University of Maryland) and Gary Machlis (Clemson University) discussed the importance of science in crisis responses ranging from pandemics to environmental disasters to national security threats. Amanda Vernon (American Academy of Arts and Sciences) spoke about international collaboration within the use of science during crisis. Sandi Doughton, the panel discussant, built upon these presentations by drawing connections to her experience reporting on the role of science in disaster situations with the Seattle Times.

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PROJECT Challenges for International Scientific Partnerships

The Academy study on Challenges for International Scientific Partnerships (CISP) examines impediments to collaborations between scientific researchers of all scales and identifies potential policy changes and best practices that could make the United States a better partner in international science partnerships. With guidance from its Steering Committee, the project pursues two major streams of work.

First, a working group on Large-Scale Science approaches international collaborations through the lens of issues particular to large-scale collaborations and not peer-to-peer or small-scale international work. This group has been tasked with exploring how the United States can enhance their role in these partnerships, both in physical facilities (e.g., the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN) and distributed networks (e.g., the Human Cell Atlas). This group is developing a series of best practices and fundamental principles for these types of collaborations and will aim to articulate these to U.S. government agencies and congressional branches through a forthcoming report to better position the United States as a meaningful and engaged partner.

Through advice from the Steering Committee, the project has sought a second stream of work on U.S. collaborations with Emerging Science Partners (ESPs). This working group is exploring issues particular to U.S. scientific collaborations, at all scales, with countries seeking to boost their scientific capacity, particularly those with limited resources to do so. The group prioritizes identifying and examining difficult issues facing resource-limited researchers, such as the challenges facing women researchers in the developing world, and will articulate a series of recommendations to aid in strengthening collaborations and making them more mutually beneficial.

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PROJECT MEETINGS

Large-Scale Science Working Group Workshop

July 29–30, 2019  
Sofitel Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

The Large-Scale Science Working Group convened a two-day meeting to workshop a series of proposed recommendations. The participants included members of the Steering Committee and Large-Scale Science Working Group as well as other key policy experts in this space. The discussions helped to inform the committee’s decision to publish a case statement for international scientific partnerships as well as a focused report on large-scale scientific collaboration.

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Large-Scale Science Working Group Meeting

October 21, 2019  
Kimpton Hotel George  
Washington, D.C.

The Large-Scale Science Working Group met to discuss progress made since its last convening in July. The meeting included an in-depth discussion of a case statement and the utilization of a series of case studies on various international scientific collaborations. In addition, the members discussed the principles that should be included and supported in the committee’s report for beginning and managing collaborations of this scale, both at large-scale facilities and in distributed networks.

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Members of the Emerging Science Partners Working Group convened for a one-day workshop to finalize a work plan for consultations with scientists and policy-makers across the world. Through a series of teleconferences in the months prior to the meeting, the group began to develop a series of recommendations for targeted audiences to improve collaborations between the United States and emerging science partners and used this meeting to workshop these recommendations further.

**MEETING CHAIRS**

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At the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of African Science Academies (AMASA-15), hosted by the Ghana Academy of Arts & Sciences, the American Academy, in close collaboration with the Network of African Science Academies (NASAC), participated in two sessions. The first session asked participants to discuss the challenges and successes they have faced in collaborations with the United States. The second session workshopped several recommendations generated by the Emerging Science Partners Working Group. The feedback informed revisions to the recommendations, as well as the addition of new recommendations for the group to consider.

In addition to attending AMASA, the Academy held a series of meetings with scientists, policy-makers, and leaders of science organizations located in Accra – such as the West African Centre for Cell Biology of Infectious Pathogens, the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, the Association of African Universities, and the Google AI Lab – to discuss the project further.

**Shirley Malcom** (American Association for the Advancement of Science), cochair of the Emerging Science Partners Working Group, described the project and moderated a discussion with participants on their experiences, both negative and positive, of collaborating with scientists in the United States.
Emerging Science Partners Working Group: Meeting with Government-Led Partnerships Programs

January 16–17, 2020
British Academy
London, United Kingdom

The Emerging Science Partners Working Group convened a small group of participants from key development funding agencies to discuss best practices for science funding programs with countries in the developing world. These discussions ranged from best practices for program design and development, to program management, to elevating and supporting additional opportunities for funded programs and scientists. The insights gained from the meeting will inform the forthcoming report of the working group.

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Virtual Soundings for Emerging Science Partners Working Group

March, April, and May 2020
Virtual Meetings

The COVID-19 pandemic directly impacted the CISP project in numerous ways. A planned series of soundings in Nairobi, Kenya, Singapore, and Bogota, Colombia were shifted to virtual formats. Participants from countries around the world joined the project cochairs and working group members for a series of virtual meetings to discuss the project’s initial recommendations and identify ways to build and foster collaborations between the United States and emerging science partners.

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Emerging Science Partners Working Group Cochair Olufunmilayo Olopade (center) and project staff visited the West African Centre for Cell Biology of Infectious Pathogens (WACCBIP), located at the University of Ghana, to discuss the challenges and opportunities of partnerships between WACCBIP researchers and U.S. scientific collaborators.
This project assembled recognized leaders from all sectors of science, engineering, and technology to recommend policy actions to help ensure the long-term sustainability of the U.S. science and engineering research enterprise. Scientific and technological advances are fundamental to the prosperity, health, and security of America. Innovation and rapid integration of new knowledge and technologies emerge from investments in research and development and rely on the partnerships between universities, federal and state governments, and industry. Staying globally competitive will require a stronger partnership and a greater focus on long-term planning in scientific and engineering research.

The Restoring the Foundation report, published in 2014, offers actionable recommendations for the long-term sustainability of the U.S. science and engineering research system to ensure a healthy research enterprise that continues to benefit the American people. An update to the report, The Perils of Complacency: America at a Tipping Point in Science & Engineering, reaffirms the importance of science and engineering for the United States, especially in the context of China’s rise as a science and technology powerhouse.
The Academy seeks to launch a new Science, Engineering, and Technology initiative to focus on the current climate change situation facing our global society. The scientific consensus is clear: climate change is upon us, and its impacts will be devastating and increasingly difficult to prevent and address if we do not take action now. With such strong scientific backing across the international scientific community, what has prevented meaningful action?

The project will be developed around two key ideas, informed through a series of discussions held in the past year: 1) targeting U.S. audiences at various levels and 2) involving nontraditional disciplines in the project work, including social scientists, artists, and humanists. The initiative will seek to further understanding of the barriers that prevent effective and collective action and propose strategies for how to overcome these barriers in order to make progress on moving productive conversations forward. It will also identify potential policies to propose to relevant U.S.-focused audiences to encourage the implementation of essential adaptation and mitigation strategies to build resiliency and prepare communities, especially those currently on the frontlines, for the inevitable climate future.

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**PROJECT MEETING**

**Virtual Convening on Climate Change**

May 4, 2020
Virtual Meeting

The Academy hosted a virtual meeting with a small group of experts from a range of disciplines to discuss a potential work plan and the desired impact of a climate initiative. Based on perspectives and ideas collected through a variety of consultations in the months prior to the meeting, the participants discussed the problem statement the initiative should address and how this work could most effectively proceed.

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The Exploratory Fund

The Exploratory Fund was established in 2015 to support members who wish to work together and with other scholars, experts, and practitioners to look for issues and opportunities not well understood, to think of problems in a fresh way, and to search for connections between research and policy that advance the common good.

Through the Exploratory Fund, the Academy is committed to encouraging forward-thinking collaborations that incorporate diverse perspectives and bring together creative thinkers and leaders representing a range of disciplines, career stages, backgrounds, and experiences.

Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis and awarded funds to cover the costs associated with an exploratory meeting.

The Exploratory Fund is made possible through the generous support of the Arnhold Foundation, John F. Cogan, Jr.,† Michael E. Gellert, Bob and Kristine Higgins, Carl and Betty Pforzheimer, William Poorvu, and Kenneth L. and Susan S. Wallach.

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RECENT EXPLORATORY MEETINGS

Young Adult Mental Health and Well-Being: Higher Education’s Responsibility

September 5–6, 2019
House of the Academy
Cambridge, MA

On the campuses of residential colleges and universities, young adults (eighteen to twenty-five years old) are experiencing an intensifying crisis of their mental health and well-being. Students have increasing levels of depression and anxiety, which interfere with and may interrupt both their academic and developmental progress. This gathering of university presidents and mental health leaders explored the roles colleges and universities have in creating campus cultures that foster student mental health and well-being; deepened understanding of how recent research can inform this work; and identified pathways forward.

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Protecting Communities in Social Science Studies: Toward New Ethics

November 7–8, 2019
House of the Academy
Cambridge, MA

This convening brought together researchers and administrators from universities, professional organizations, and institutional review boards. A series of open discussions allowed participants to share perspectives on some of the most pressing challenges to contemporary fieldwork in the social sciences. The participants looked at how ethical issues related to large-scale studies have manifested themselves in a variety of fields and evaluated proposed guidelines meant to address these challenges.

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Jacqueline Looney (Duke University) addresses participants at the Exploratory Meeting on “Young Adult Mental Health and Well-Being: Higher Education’s Responsibility.”
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**California**

**Berkeley**

November 20, 2019
University of California, Berkeley

*Morton L. Mandel Public Lecture*

*Arms Trafficking: Its Past, Present, and Future*

*Featured Speakers: Brian Delay (University of California, Berkeley); Ron Hassner (University of California, Berkeley); Daniel Sargent (University of California, Berkeley); Priya Satia (Stanford University). *Moderator: David Hollinger (University of California, Berkeley)*

**Los Angeles**

November 17, 2019
J. Paul Getty Museum

*Members Reception*

*Featured Speaker: John Lithgow (Los Angeles, CA). *Introduction: James Cuno (J. Paul Getty Trust)*

**San Diego**

August 20, 2019
University of California, San Diego

*San Diego Program Committee Meeting*

November 5, 2019
University of California, San Diego

*The Joy of Search*

*Featured Speaker: Dan Russell (Google). *Moderator: Donald Norman (University of California, San Diego). *Introduction: Geoff Wahl (Salk Institute for Biological Studies)*

**San Francisco**

December 2, 2019
Stanford University

*Member Reception with Academy President David W. Oxtoby*

**Stanford**

December 2, 2019
Stanford University

*Member Reception with Academy President David W. Oxtoby*

*Featured Speaker: Nathaniel Persily (Stanford Law School)*

**Connecticut**

**New Haven**

September 27, 2019
Yale University

*One Interface of Fundamental Chemistry Research with Pharma/Biotech Collaborations*

*Featured Speaker: Scott Miller (Yale University). *Introduction: Frances McCall Rosenbluth (Yale University)*
November 7, 2019
Yale University

Fixing a Broken Global Order: Is it Too Late?*

Featured Speakers: Paul Kennedy (Yale University); Samuel Kortum (Yale University); Ian Shapiro (Yale University); Jing Tsu (Yale University); Arne Westad (Yale University). Moderator: Frances McCall Rosenbluth (Yale University)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 30, 2019
Association of American Universities

Satellite Discussion – Improving Teaching: Promoting Excellence in Undergraduate STEM Education

Featured Speakers: Sandy Baum (Urban Institute); Mary Sue Coleman (Association of American Universities); Michael S. McPherson (formerly, Spencer Foundation); Emily R. Miller (Association of American Universities); Tobin Smith (Association of American Universities)

ILLINOIS
CHICAGO

January 28, 2020
University of Chicago

University of Chicago Program Committee Meeting*

MASSACHUSETTS
CAMBRIDGE

September 20, 2019
House of the Academy

Social Reception for Members*

Featured Speaker: Naomi Oreskes (Harvard University)

October 11, 2019
House of the Academy

Meeting of Local Program Committee Chairs*

Meeting Chair: Steven Knapp (Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh; formerly, George Washington University)

October 12, 2019
Cambridge, MA

Induction Ceremony

Featured Speakers: Jo Handelsman (University of Wisconsin-Madison); Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein (University of Pennsylvania); Sherrilyn Ifill (NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund); Margaret D. Jacobs (University of Nebraska-Lincoln); Ellen Mosley-Thompson (Ohio State University); Lonnie G. Thompson (Ohio State University); Ronald Olson (Munger, Tolles & Olson); Jane Olson (Pacific Council on International Policy; Human Rights Watch)

October 13, 2019
House of the Academy

Annual David M. Rubenstein Lecture
A Conversation with Anna Deavere Smith

Featured Speakers: Anna Deavere Smith (New York University Tish School for the Arts); David M. Rubenstein (The Carlyle Group)

October 30, 2019
House of the Academy

2019 Distinguished Morton L. Mandel Annual Public Lecture
Improving Teaching: Strengthening the College Learning Experience

Featured Speakers: Sandy Baum (Urban Institute); Michael S. McPherson (formerly, Spencer Foundation)
Marie Washington and A. Eugene Washington

Florence Peacock, Brigid L.M. Hogan, and Nancy Andrews

Anna Deavere Smith and David Rubenstein
November 8, 2019
House of the Academy
The Age of Living Machines: How Biology Will Build the Next Technology
*Featured Speaker: Susan Hockfield (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)*

December 12, 2019
House of the Academy
Winter Concert: Music and the Nobel Peace Prize
*Featured Performers: Lynn Chang (Violinist); Ariel Chap- man (Violinist); Tai Kim (Pianist); Ha-eun Ryu (Violinist); Alan Toda-Ambraras (Cellist)*

December 16, 2019
House of the Academy
Meeting of the Boston Biotech Working Group
*Featured Speakers: Sangeeta Bhatia (Massachusetts Institute of Technology); Susan Hockfield (Massachusetts Institute of Technology); Nancy Hopkins (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)*

February 19, 2020
House of the Academy
Criminal Justice as Social Justice
*Featured Speaker: Bruce Western (Columbia University)*

March 6, 2020
House of the Academy
“The Resisters” Book Talk
*Featured Speaker: Gish Jen (Cambridge, MA)*

August 27, 2019
Missouri History Museum
An Evening at the Missouri History Museum: Connecting Exhibits to Community*
*Featured Speaker: Frances Levine (Missouri Historical Society). Introduction: Kenneth Ludmerer (Washington University in St. Louis)*

October 29, 2019
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Reception to Welcome New Members in the Research Triangle*
*Featured Speakers: David W. Oxtoby (American Academy of Arts and Sciences); Walt Wolfram (North Carolina State University). Introduction: Terry Magnusson (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill); Paula McClain (Duke University)*

December 20, 2019
Duke University
Research Triangle Program Committee Meeting*

October 30, 2019
Teachers College, Columbia University
Satellite Discussion—Improving Teaching: Academic Learning or Occupational Skill? A False Dichotomy
*Featured Speakers: Thomas Bailey (Teachers College, Columbia University); Sandy Baum (Urban Institute); Clive Belfield (Queens College, City University of New York); Michael S. McPherson (formerly, Spencer Foundation)*
MEMBER EVENTS, 2019–2020

Members and guests view a portrait of Manet by Henri Fantin-Latour at the J. Paul Getty Museum.
CONTINUED  New York

February 4, 2020
New York, NY
New York Program Committee Meeting*

February 4, 2020
New York, NY
Jonathan F. Fanton Lecture
The Global Refugee Crisis: What’s Next and What Can Be Done?
Featured Speaker: David Miliband (International Rescue Committee)

November 19, 2019
University of Washington
Morton L. Mandel Public Lecture
Writing into the Sunset*
Featured Speakers: Annie Proulx (Seattle, WA); Shawn Wong (University of Washington)

January 9, 2020
University of Washington
Seattle Local Program Committee Meeting*

TEXAS
HOUSTON
September 10, 2019
Rice University
Dr. John Mendelsohn’s Legacy and the Future of Cancer Research*
Featured Speakers: Andrew Futreal (The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center); Margaret Kripke (The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center); John Zerwas (Texas House of Representatives). Introduction: David W. Leebron (Rice University); Peter WT Pisters (The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center)

September 17, 2019
University of Washington
Seattle Local Program Committee Meeting*

WASHINGTON
SEATTLE
September 17, 2019
University of Washington
Member Reception with Academy President David W. Oxtoby*

October 30, 2019
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Satellite Discussion—Improving Teaching: One Professor’s Experience
Featured Speakers: Sandy Baum (Urban Institute); Harry Brighouse (University of Wisconsin-Madison); Michael S. McPherson (formerly, Spencer Foundation)

VIRTUAL EVENTS
April 9, 2020
How to Talk to Coronavirus Skeptics
Featured Speaker: Naomi Oreskes (Harvard University)

April 21, 2020
Immigration’s “Malaise” in the Age of COVID-19
Featured Speaker: Marcelo Suárez-Orozco (University of Massachusetts Boston; formerly, University of California, Los Angeles)

April 30, 2020
The Science and Epidemiology of COVID-19
Featured Speakers: Lawrence Corey (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center; University of Washington); Jaime Sepulveda (University of California, San Francisco). Moderator: Nancy C. Andrews (Duke University School of Medicine)
May 13, 2020

**Gender, Work, and COVID-19**

*Featured Speakers:* Frances McCall Rosenbluth (Yale University); Debora Spar (Harvard Business School). *Introduction:* Nannerl Keohane (Princeton University)

May 27, 2020

**How the Arts are Surviving the COVID-19 Pandemic**

*Featured Speakers:* Robert Lynch (Americans for the Arts); Michael O’Bryan (The Village of Arts and Humanities). *Moderator:* Tania Munz (American Academy of Arts and Sciences)

June 11, 2020

**Our Common Purpose: Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century**

*Featured Speakers:* Danielle Allen (Harvard University); David Brooks (*The New York Times*); Stephen B. Heintz (Rockefeller Brothers Fund); Eric Liu (Citizens University); Judy Woodruff (PBS)
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Morton L. Mandel

In 2019, the Academy mourned the passing of business leader and philanthropist Morton L. Mandel, who died at the age of 98 on October 16, 2019. Elected a member of the Academy in 2011, Mr. Mandel is the single largest donor in the Academy’s history with contributions totaling $14,332,000, most of which was committed between June 2015 and October 2019.

Portrait of a Patron

Morton Mandel served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of both Parkwood, LLC and the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation, which supports numerous social leadership initiatives in the United States and Israel. The Foundation’s work is grounded in the belief that exceptional leaders, inspired by powerful ideas, are key to improving society and the lives of people around the world.

Mr. Mandel believed fervently in the Academy and wanted his philanthropy to serve as a challenge and a model for other potential donors. His giving helped transform the institution in numerous ways:

• Morton Mandel relished his membership in the Academy and helped create a program that would engage more members in the life and work of the institution. Grants from the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation of $1.5 million in endowment and more than $650,000 in expendable funds have supported two Membership Engagement positions, which have allowed the Academy to build a network of Local Program Committees and Representatives that bring members together in locations across the country to forge social and intellectual connections, promote civil discourse, explore important issues, and elevate the impact of the Academy’s work. The Academy has established committees or representatives in 18 cities and areas of the country, including Washington, D.C.; Houston; St. Louis; Seattle; Philadelphia; and San Diego.

• Mr. Mandel believed deeply in the work of the Academy and provided $2.75 million to support the creation of two new positions: Chief Program Officer and Director of Strategic Implementation. His generosity has strengthened the Academy’s ability to select and execute high-quality work and extended the reach and influence of the institution.

• Mr. Mandel insisted on supporting capital projects at the Academy’s headquarters in Cambridge, MA. A grant of more than $2.2 million has provided support for landscaping, exterior lighting and security cameras, upgrades to the climate control systems, software upgrades, and kitchen and restroom renovations. In addition, this summer a new portico was added to the front entrance.

• Mr. Mandel believed that the humanities are the foundation of human aspiration and experience. His final grant to the Academy included more than $1.8 million to support the institution’s archival collections and to document nearly 250 years of “useful knowledge” generated in service to the common good.

Morton Mandel’s commitment to the Academy epitomized the vision set forth by the Academy’s founders of a patriot dedicated to advancing the common good and devoted to service to others, to the nation, and to the world.

As Academy member Jehuda Reinharz, president and chief executive officer of the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation, noted, “The positive impact Mort made in this world is beyond measure. His values of generosity, his respect for others, and his integrity will be his everlasting legacy.”
Select projects and initiatives supported by Morton Mandel (clockwise from top):
The Academy’s network of Local Program Committees and Representatives; among the Academy’s archival collections: a telegram from Martin Luther King Jr. accepting his election to the Academy; and a new portico at the front entrance of the Academy’s building.
FOR 240 YEARS, the nation has looked to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences to offer wisdom and insight into the most profound issues of the time. In 1780, that was the formation of a free republic. In the 1850s, it was understanding the changing natural environment through the theory of evolution. In 1960, it was the creation and exploration of a field called arms control – in fact, the Academy coined that term. Today, it includes such questions as how we can sustain the dream of American democracy in the face of widening divides; and how as citizens of our planet we can respond to environmental change and its implications for migration, conflict, public health, and natural resources in order to provide for a more promising global future.

Numbering nearly 6,000 of the nation’s and world’s most accomplished individuals, Academy members combine their extraordinary expertise and convene other critical stakeholders to put informed recommendations in the hands of those on the front lines of these issues. Though this kind of independent, balanced, and nonpartisan resource is perhaps needed now more than ever, the Academy stands among very few organizations that have the intellectual stature, interdisciplinary representation, and convening power to provide it.

WE HAVE LAUNCHED A $100 MILLION CAMPAIGN to build a sustainable financial future for the Academy to continue to serve as a source of knowledge on topics and activities of the greatest global significance.

Importantly, the Campaign for The Academy & Its Future builds on essential strengths and priorities identified through our recent strategic plan:

★ UPHOLD INDEPENDENT INQUIRY: Examine the most pressing challenges of the time and seek solutions with urgency and independence.
★ ACHIEVE GREATER INFLUENCE AND IMPACT: Offer policy-makers, scholars, the media, philanthropists, and those in the public and private sectors the benefit of the Academy’s intellectual capital in the ways it can be of greatest service.
★ ENCOMPASS MORE VOICES AND PERSPECTIVES: Purposefully increase the diversity of perspectives that shape the Academy’s work through inclusivity of members, staff, contributors, and audiences.

Philanthropic support from foundations and individuals has long fostered our ability to be independent, interdisciplinary, and innovative. As the challenges that we face today – and our aspirations to address these challenges – outpace our existing resources, we seek to ensure our continued stability and growth in the following ways:

★ DOUBLE THE ACADEMY’S ENDOWMENT from $35 to $70 million to enable continuity of long-term programs, provide the flexibility to explore new ideas and launch promising initiatives, and pursue opportunities to increase the Academy’s visibility and impact.
★ SECURE PROGRAM GRANTS AND MAJOR GIFTS totaling $43.5 million to fund a growing portfolio of influential initiatives.
★ GROW UNRESTRICTED ANNUAL SUPPORT by increasing the participation of the members and affiliate institutions so that the Academy can respond to immediate needs and opportunities.

The Campaign for The Academy & Its Future, cochaired by Louise Henry Bryson and David M. Rubenstein, has raised over $60 million and is scheduled to conclude in June 2022.

You can add your support at amacad.org/donate or by contacting the Academy’s Development Office (617-576-5066; dev@amacad.org).
Since its establishment in 1780, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences has helped sustain the vitality of our nation, along with an awareness of the need for innovative, interdisciplinary solutions to the world’s most complex challenges. As I reflect on a year marked by tremendous upheaval on many fronts, I believe that the Academy’s enduring commitment to our founding values is more important than ever. I am deeply grateful for the contributions of our members’ intellectual leadership and philanthropy that make this possible.

I commend my fellow members and the Academy staff for producing an impressive body of work this year, undeterred but appropriately influenced by the disruptions of COVID-19. The Commission on the Arts, Making Justice Accessible, and Rethinking the Humanitarian Health Response to Violent Conflict – projects that were all well underway in spring 2020 – took on even greater significance and quickly pivoted to account for the inequities magnified by the pandemic. In June, we released *Our Common Purpose: Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century*, the final report of the Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship. The report offers 31 actionable recommendations to strengthen American democracy by 2026, our nation’s 250th anniversary. It could not have come at a more critical moment in our history, when we are witnessing extraordinary polarization at the same time as a civic reawakening and a unifying love of country.

In the time ahead, I hope that the Academy can continue to count on your involvement and generous support. I look forward to our ongoing collaboration and fellowship.

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