

ANNAPOLIS BOOK FESTIVAL 2009 AUTHORS

Beachcombing

Deacon Ritterbush spent twenty-five years working as an international development strategist in the Pacific Island region consulting for organizations such as Save the Children, USAID, World Bank, and the Tongan Development Board. She written and directed TV documentaries and been published in books, scholarly compendiums and magazines such as *Country Living* and *La Vie Claire*. As “Dr. Beachcomb,” native Annapolitan Ms. Ritterbush currently gives lectures and workshops on topics related to the beachcombing experience. *A Beachcomber’s Odyssey, Volume I: Treasures from a Collected Past* is her first book.

Boys Will Be Boys

Larry Doyle is a novelist, television writer and producer, working for shows such as *The Simpsons* and *Beavis and Butt-Head*. He is a frequent contributor to *The New Yorker* and *Esquire*. His novel, *I Love You, Beth Cooper* takes place on graduation night at Buffalo Grove High School in Illinois, Doyle's alma mater. The novel won the 2008 Thurber Prize for American Humor and was recently optioned to be adapted into a film, with a target release date of 2009.

James Luceno is the *New York Times* bestselling author of such works as *Star Wars: The New Jedi Order* novels, an ebook titled *The Visual Dictionary of Star Wars, Episode III*, and the *Web Warrior* series. Mr. Luceno co-authored the popular *Robotics* series with his friend, the late Brian Daley, under the pseudonym Jack McKinney. He was also among a team of writers for the 1986 television cartoon series *The Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers* and film adaptations for *The Shadow* and *The Mask of Zorro*. He lives in Annapolis, Maryland with his wife and children.

Mac Montandon has written for such publications as *The New York Times*, *New York*, *Details*, *Radar*, and *Spin*. He is the editor of *Innocent When You Dream: The Tom Waits Reader*, and is founding editor of *The Silence of the City*. Mac lives in Brooklyn, NY, with his wife and two daughters. His new book, *Jetpack Dreams: One Man’s Up and Down (But Mostly Down) Search for the Greatest Invention That Never Was* documents his search for the ultimate jetpack.

Cooking Workshop

Celebrity magician and illusionist, **Wayne Alan** has performed on such TV programs as Entertainment Tonight, MTV, Good Morning America, ABC, NBC and CBS Network News programs. He has also appeared with Oprah Winfrey, Larry King and Maury Povich and on four occasions has appeared at the White House. In his new book, *Magical Meatless Meals*, Mr. Alan shares over 100 healthy and delectable vegetarian recipes collected during his storied and award-winning career in show business.

The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc. (AJLI) is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving

communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The local **Junior League of Annapolis** has created, *A Thyme to Entertain*, a coffee table book filled with recipes and entertaining ideas as a fundraiser for the organization.

Katie Moose is the author of numerous cookbooks about regional cuisine including *Chesapeake's Bounty*; *Chesapeake's Bounty II*; *Nantucket's Bounty*; *New England's Bounty*; *Eastern Shore of Maryland: The Guidebook*; *Maryland's Western Shore: The Guidebook*; *Annapolis: The Guidebook*; *Uniquely Rhode Island*; *Uniquely Delaware*. Formerly the editor of *The Diplomat: The Newsletter for International Business and Protocol*, Ms. Moose was born in Baltimore and lives in Annapolis. Her newest book, *God's Bounty: 365 Days of Inspirational Cooking*, contains inspirational writing, Biblical passages and favorite hymns and their history. A recipe has been specially chosen for each day.

Panel Discussion: Fiction

Moderator:

Marie Arana

Panelists:

Jim Lehrer

Kate Lehrer

Marie Arana spent many years in the publishing business. Having served as editor-in-chief of the "Book World" section of the *Washington Post* for ten years, Ms. Arana is now a writer-at-large for that newspaper. *American Chica*, her memoir about her bicultural childhood was a finalist for the National Book Award. Her most recent novel, *Lima Nights*, is set in contemporary Peru where Ms. Arana was born.

Jim Lehrer is an Emmy Award winning journalist and news anchor for *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on PBS. He has moderated debates in the last six presidential elections. In his spare time, Mr. Lehrer has written many works of both fiction and non-fiction. His most recent book, *Oh Johnny*, will be available in March 2009.

Kate Lehrer has written two novels, *Confessions of a Bigamist* and *Out of Eden*, numerous short stories, essays, and book reviews and is a participant in the *Diane Rehm Book Club* on NPR. She and her husband, Jim Lehrer have been married for almost fifty years and have three children and six grandchildren.

Panel Discussion: For Music Lovers

Moderator:

Alex Cortright from WRNR in Annapolis

Panelists:

Danny Goldberg

Steven Kurutz

Tom Moon

Danny Goldberg, now president of Gold Village Entertainment, has worked in the music business as a personal manager, record company president, public relations man, and journalist since the late sixties. He has held top positions in such music powerhouses as Warner Brothers Records, Mercury Records Group, and Artemis Records. Mr. Goldberg has also worked on rock documentaries, TV and movie soundtracks. His articles have appeared in *Rolling Stone*, *Village Voice* and *Billboard*, for whom he reviewed the 1969 Woodstock Festival. His book chronicling his experiences over the years is titled *Bumping Into Geniuses: My Life Inside the Rock and Roll Business*.

Steven Kurutz was born and raised in rural Pennsylvania and graduated from Pennsylvania State University. He is a frequent contributor to the *New York Times*, where for three years he was a writer for the paper's City section. Mr. Kurutz's articles have appeared in *Details*, *W*, *Playboy*, and *Spin*, among other publications. He lives in New York City. *Like a Rolling Stone: The Strange Life of a Tribute Band* is his first book.

A music critic for the *Miami Herald* and *Philadelphia Inquirer* for some twenty years, **Tom Moon** has also published reviews and stories in *GQ*, *Rolling Stone*, *Spin*, *Vibe*, and *Esquire*, among others. He is a two-time winner of the ASCAP-Deems Taylor Music Journalism award. In the course of his career, Mr. Moon has interviewed hundreds of recording artists including Miles Davis, Keith Richards, Beck, John Adams, Sonny Rollins, Madonna, Frank Zappa, Bruce Springsteen, Tom Waits, Ry Cooder, Ibrahim Ferrer and Caetano Veloso. He asked each of those artists for recommendations for music they considered important. Those recommendations became a part of his book *1000 Recordings to Hear Before You Die*.

The Future of Politics

Garrett Graff is a professor at Georgetown University's Master of Professional Studies Program where he teaches a class entitled "Media, Politics and a Digital World." He is an editor for *Washingtonian Magazine*, and served as deputy national press secretary on Howard Dean's 2004 presidential campaign. Mr. Graff was the first blogger to officially

get credentials to cover the White House. He is the author of *The First Campaign: Globalization, the Web, and the Race for the White House*.

An investigative journalist for *Newsweek* since 1994, **Michael Isikoff** has won numerous journalistic awards both in the United States and abroad. He has written extensively on presidential politics, campaign finance and congressional ethics abuses, the War on Terrorism and Abu Ghraib torture and prisoner abuse. He is credited with breaking both the Monica Lewinsky scandal and the Guantanamo Bay torture practices. His newest book, co-authored with David Corn, is *Hubris: The Inside Story of Spin, Scandal, and the Selling of the Iraq War*.

Evan Thomas is the assistant managing editor at *Newsweek*. He is the magazine's lead writer on major news stories and the author of many longer features, including *Newsweek's* special behind-the-scenes issues on presidential elections and more than a hundred cover stories. A graduate of Phillips Andover, Harvard University and the University of Virginia School of Law, Mr. Thomas began his reporting career at *The Bergen Record* in New Jersey. He won numerous journalism awards, including the National Magazine Award in 1998 for *Newsweek's* coverage of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. *A Long Time Coming: The Inspiring, Combative Campaign of 2008 and the Historic Election of Barack Obama*, his book on the recent presidential race, was published in January 2009.

Immigration Policy in a Post 9/11 World

Edward "Ted" Alden is a Bernard L. Schwartz senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and former Washington bureau chief for *The Financial Times* where he covered U.S. economic issues, trade policy and homeland security. Previously, he was a senior reporter at *The Vancouver Sun* specializing in labor and employment issues as well as the managing editor of *Inside U.S. Trade*, a newsletter widely recognized as the leading source of reporting on U.S. trade policies. He has won several national and international awards for his reporting. His book, *The Closing of the American Border: Terrorism, Immigration and Security Since 9/11*, was published in September 2008.

Jacqueline Hagan is an associate professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her field of expertise is in immigration between Latin America and the United States, human rights, social justice, and international labor markets. Ms. Hagan earned her master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. She is the author of *Migration Miracle: Faith, Hope and Meaning on the Undocumented Journey*.

The Key School's 50th Anniversary

Jayne Karsten, the author of *Through Many Eyes, The Evolution of a School*, is a long-time teacher at The Key School. She has served as an administrator for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and is a member of ARTSEdge's Teachers Advisory Council and the Alfred P. Sloan National Committee on Writing, where she helped craft a country-wide program for writing instruction. Ms. Karsten received a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Michigan, where she specialized in literature.

Life Is Funny

TV host, singer and actor, **Kathie Lee Gifford** grew up in Bowie, Maryland. Perhaps most known for her fifteen-year run on the talk show *Live With Regis and Kathie Lee*, which she co-hosted with Regis Philbin, she has garnered eleven Emmy nominations. Ms. Gifford currently co-hosts the final hour of NBC's *Today Show* with Hoda Kotb. She is married to sportscaster and former professional athlete Frank Gifford, and her mother, Joan Epstein resides in Annapolis. Her latest book is *Just When I Thought I'd Dropped My Last Egg: Life and Other Calamities*.

Panel Discussion: Lincoln

Moderator:

Joe Glatthaar

Panelists:

Jean Baker

Craig Symonds

Historian **Jean Baker** has been a professor at her alma mater, Goucher College, for most of her distinguished career. She received her Master's degree and PhD from Johns Hopkins and has been a visiting professor at University of North Carolina and Harvard. Ms. Baker has written ten books and numerous articles. Her areas of greatest interest are Maryland history, women's suffrage and the Civil War era. Ms. Baker has served on the Pulitzer History Jury, the Pulitzer Biography Jury, and the Lincoln Prize Jury. Her book *Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography* is a revisionist's view of the maligned first lady.

Joe Glatthaar is a popular history professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill who specializes in the American Civil War and American military history. His latest book, which advances the scholarship on Robert E. Lee, is *General Lee's Army: From Victory to Collapse*.

Emeritus professor of history **Craig Symonds** retired from the U.S. Naval Academy after thirty years of teaching. During that time, he won both the Naval Academy's "Excellence in Teaching" award (1988) and its "Excellence in Research" award (1998). A Civil War historian, Symonds has ten previously published books, including *Decision at Sea: Five Naval Battles that Shaped American History*, which won the Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt Prize in 2006. *Lincoln and His Admirals*, which focuses on naval strategies during the Civil War, recently won the prestigious Lincoln Prize, which is administered by the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College and has been awarded annually since 1991 for the best non-fiction historical work of the year on the American Civil War. [Click here to view an article in *The Capital* about Mr. Symonds receiving the prize.](#)

Local Mysteries—Baltimore

Laura Lippman was a newspaper reporter and feature writer at *The Baltimore Sun*. She has written numerous mysteries, several of which have risen to *The New York Times* bestseller list. Ms. Lippman has won every major mystery prize, including the Edgar, Shamus, Agatha, Anthony, and Nero awards. Most of her books are Baltimore-based, and many feature her popular private eye character, Tess Monaghan. Her newest book is titled *Life Sentences*.

Maryland's African Americans

Ray Langston is a native Washingtonian who retired in 1997 after working thirty-two years in the pharmaceutical industry as a sales, marketing and personnel manager. He served eight years as Highland Beach mayor and ten years as commissioner. As co-chair of the commission, Mr. Langston successfully lobbied state and county officials for funds to purchase the restored Frederick Douglass summer home "Twin Oaks." More recently, he led a delegation to secure the necessary funding to build the new Highland Beach Town Hall. Mr. Langston co-authored with Margo Dean Pinson and Jack E. Nelson, the book *Highland Beach on the Chesapeake Bay: Maryland's First African American Incorporated Town*.

C. Fraser Smith, formerly a reporter, editorial writer and columnist for *The Baltimore Sun*, is currently a news analyst for WYPR-FM radio. During his 28-year career as a reporter, Mr. Smith was the recipient of numerous journalism awards. His newest book is titled, *Here Lies Jim Crow: Civil Rights in Maryland*.

Panel Discussion: Mystery Writing

Panelists:

Louis Bayard
Charlie Finch

Louis Bayard is a staff writer and book reviewer for Salon.com. His articles and reviews have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Ms.*, and *Preservation Magazine*. *The Pale Blue Eye* was a national bestseller nominated for both the Edgar Award and the Crime Writer Association Dagger Award. *The Black Tower* is his most recent mystery title.

Charlie Finch writes mystery novels set in Victorian England. He is a Key School alumnus (Class of 1998), graduated from Yale, and holds a masters degree from the University of Oxford. *A Beautiful Blue Death* was nominated for the Agatha Award for best new mystery of 2007. His newest mystery is *The September Society*.

Poetry and Biography

Elizabeth Spires is the author of five collections of poetry and six books for children. Her poems have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Poetry*, *American Poetry Review*, *The New Criterion*, *The Paris Review*, and in many other literary magazines and anthologies. She is a professor of English at Goucher College where she holds a Chair for Distinguished Achievement. Ms. Spires is the author of *The Wave-Maker: Poems* and *I Heard God Talking to Me: William Edmonson and His Stone Carvings*.

Stay-at-Home Parenting Survival

Melissa Stanton, prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom, was a senior editor at *People* and *LIFE* magazines. Her articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Glamour*, *Parenting*, *Redbook*, and *Organize*. She lives with her family in a rural suburb of Washington, D.C. Ms. Stanton is the author of *The Stay-at-Home Survival Guide: Field-Tested Strategies for Staying Smart, Sane, and Connected While Caring for Your Kids*. It was published in June 2008 by Seal Press.

Winds of Change—America's Place in the World

Representative **Barbara Lee** has been a Democratic member of the U.S. Congress since 1998, representing California's Ninth District (in the Oakland area). She is the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. Congresswoman Lee graduated from Mills College and received a Master of Social Work from the University of California at Berkeley. She is perhaps best known as the only person in Congress to vote against the authorization of use of force following the 9/11 attacks. She voted "no" not because she opposed military action, but because she believed the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Terrorists, granted overly broad powers to the President at a time when the facts were not yet clear. Her book is titled *Renegade for Peace and Justice: Congresswoman Barbara Lee Speaks for Me*.

Charlie Savage, a Washington, D.C., based reporter for the *New York Times*, is the author of *Takeover: The Return of the Imperial Presidency and the Subversion of American Democracy*. In 2007, when writing for the *Boston Globe*, he won a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting on the issue of Presidential Signing Statements. He writes about the Supreme Court, homeland security, United States detention and interrogation policies, and Bush's War on Terror.

Benjamin Wittes is a fellow and research director in public law at The Brookings Institute. He has served on the editorial page staff at *The Washington Post*, and was a columnist for the *New Republic Online* and a contributing editor for *The Atlantic Monthly*. Mr. Wittes is the author of *Confirmation Wars* and appeared at the Annapolis Book Festival in 2008 as a member of the panel that discussed the confirmation process and the future of the Supreme Court. His most recent book, published in June 2008, is *Law and the Long War: The Future of Justice in an Age of Terror*.

Panel Discussion: Wine

Panelists:

Ellen Crosby
George M. Taber
Ben Wallace

Ellen Crosby has lived and worked as a journalist in London, Moscow and Geneva. She has a master's degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. She is the author of the popular mysteries, *The Merlot Murders*, *The Chardonnay Charade*, and *The Bordeaux Betrayal*, all of which take place in the wine country of Virginia.

George M. Taber was a reporter and editor with *Time* magazine in the United States and Europe for twenty-one years, working in Brussels, Bonn, Houston, Washington, D.C., and New York. Stationed in Paris between 1973 and 1976, he reported extensively on French wine and cooking, including a *Time* cover story on chef Michel Guerard and his *nouvelle cuisine*. It was during that period that he reported on the Judgment of Paris where California wines were ranked alongside France's best, an event that revolutionized the world of wine. The article he wrote on that contest ultimately became the book, *Judgment of Paris: California vs. France and the Historic 1976 Paris Tasting that Revolutionized Wine*. His newest book is *To Cork or Not To Cork: Tradition, Romance, Science, and the Battle for the Wine Bottle*.

Benjamin Wallace has written for *GQ*, *Details*, *Food & Wine*, *Salon.com*, and *The Washington Post*. He grew up in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Georgetown University. His book, *The Billionaire's Vinegar: The Mystery of the World's Most Expensive Bottle of Wine*, was selected for the Barnes & Noble "Discover Great New Writers" program, and the film rights to the book have been optioned.