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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Marian Wright Edelman

Celebrated author and activist

**Thursday, Feb. 21
7:30 p.m.**

Calvin and Janet High
Center for Worship and
Performing Arts, Parmer Hall



the
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“Towards the Common Good: Ending Child Poverty in the U.S.”

Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children’s Defense Fund, has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional life. A graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, Edelman was the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar and directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. She has received more than 100 honorary degrees and many awards, including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize; the Heinz Award; a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship; and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian award. In addition, she received the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings, which include “Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change,” “The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours,” “Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors,” “I’m Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children,” “I Can Make a Difference: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children” and “The Sea Is So Wide and My Boat Is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation.”

*Admission is free, but a ticket is required.
Please contact the Ticket Office at 717-691-6036.*

Check out poetry and art for the common good:

**Shale Play: Poems and Photographs from the
Fracking Fields, Julia Kasdorf and Steven Rubin**
Feb. 6 — March 15, 2019

Climenhaga Building, Climenhaga Galleries (upper)

Artist’s Talk/Poetry Reading and Reception

Thursday, Feb. 7, 4:15 p.m.

High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall

For the Common Good

2019 HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM

FEB. 18-22, 2019



MONDAY, FEB. 18

- 4-4:45 p.m.** **Opening Reception**
Howe Atrium
- 4:45-6 p.m.** **“Seeking Equality: The Political Economy of the Common Good”**
Faculty-student lecture: Dr. John Harles, Annamarie Lively and Haley Clasen (politics and international relations),
Boyer 131
- 7-8:30 p.m.** **“Religion and the Common Good: The Contributions of Jake and Rhonda Jacobsen”**
Faculty-guest lecture: Dr. Weaver-Zercher (church history) and guest lectures.
Boyer 131

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

- 3:45-4:15 p.m.** **“The Dual-Sided Nature of the Common Good in Early 20th-Century Harrisburg”**
Student presentation: Rachel Williams (history), Molly Elspas (history) and Nathan Simms (film and Spanish)
Boyer 131
- 4:25-4:55 p.m.** **“Intellectual Honesty and the Common Good: Lessons from the New Sokal Hoax”**
Faculty lecture: Dr. Caleb Miller and Dr. David Schenk (philosophy)
Boyer 131
- 5:05-5:35 p.m.** **“Why Christianity is Good for Science”**
Faculty lecture: Dr. Ted Davis (history of science)
Boyer 131
- 5:45-6:15 p.m.** **“And God Saw That It Was Good”: Common Good and the Bible”**
Faculty-student lecture: Dr. Brian Smith and Joshua Gerber (biblical studies)
Boyer 131
- 6:30-7 p.m.** **“I Am Deserving Too ...”**
Faculty lecture: Dr. Charlene Lane (social work)
Boyer 131
- 7:15-8:30 p.m.** **“Interfaith Partners for the Common Good: Muslims and Christians in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania”**
Panel discussion: George Pickens (theology/peace and conflict studies); Kelli Reinbold (peace and conflict studies); Alishine Osman, Pennsylvania Center for Refugees and Immigrants; Jenny Bowes, Mechanicsburg Council of Churches; Imam Dzermal Crnkic, the Bosnian Muslim community
Boyer 131

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

- 9:10-10:10 a.m.** **“Young Adult Literature and the Common Good”**
Class panel discussion: Dr. Kerry Hasler-Brooks' young adult literature students: Emma Spronk (English), Maggie Shive (English), Hannah Eckstrom (Spanish with teaching certification), Charmaine Lim (journalism), Noelle Thomas (English), Holly Fertsch (English with teaching certification), Ian Tan (English)
Boyer 131
- 10:20-11:20 a.m.** **“What Hath Nationalism to do with the Common Good?”**
Class panel discussion: Students from Dr. Jim LaGrand's Honors FYS class “What's a Nation Good For?”
Boyer 131
- 11:30-12:30 p.m.** **“Serving the Common Good in an Era of Fake News”**
Communication departmental panel discussion: Dr. David Dixon, Dr. Ed Arke, Molly Sherman and Dakota Vaughn
Parmer Cinema
- 12:30-1:40 p.m.** **Join us for lunch and “Education: The Common Good,” an exhibit produced by the Center for Public Humanities Student Fellows,**
Howe Atrium
- 1:50-2:50 p.m.** **Student panel**
Nora Nworu (social work): “Strengthening the Lives of Black Single Mothers”
Danny Baker (biblical and religious studies): “Freedom Schools: Why Now?’ The Means of Healthy Education for Reformation”
Ines Yoon (human development and family science): “Self -Care for Students of Color in Predominantly White Institutions”
Boyer 131
- 3-4 p.m.** **“Available Means: Writing Towards the Common Good”**
Class panel discussion: Students from Dr. Jean Corey's Writing for Social Change class
Boyer 131
- 4:10-5:10 p.m.** **Student panel**
Xin-dee Low (mathematics and peace and conflict studies): “Social Media and the U.S. Election 2016”
Sarah Fertsch (public relations): “Men, Women and Shalom: Asserting Power in Gendered Communication”

Joshua Reid (history): “In Search of the Common Good: The Grimke Sisters' Quest for an Integrated Society, 1830-1863”
Boyer 131

5:20-6:20 p.m. Student panel

Sarah Fe Harris (peace and conflict studies): “The Godfather Theology: Reimagining the Family of God”

Lorena Reinert (sociology and anthropology; spanish; philosophy): “Alterity and the Common Good: Lessons from Indigenous Peru”

Haley Clasen (politics and international relations; economics): “Who is My Neighbor?: Pursuing the Common Good in Refugee Crises”
Boyer 131

7-8:30 p.m. “Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope”

Film Series: Dr. Jennifer Fisler (education)
Boyer 131

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

- 3:45-4:45 p.m.** **“Inclusive Excellence and the Common Good: The State of Race in Church-Related Higher Education”**
Office of Diversity panel discussion: Dr. Todd Allen (communication), Allan Mathew (graduate admissions), and Dan Custer (institutional research)
Boyer 131
- 7:30-9 p.m.** **“Towards the Common Good: Ending Child Poverty in the U.S.”**
Symposium keynote address: Marian Wright Edelman, *High Center*

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

- 7-8 p.m.** **“Dancing Prayers for the Common Good”**
Dance performance and discussion (free event, tickets required)
Greg Hurley (dance), *Poorman Black Box Theatre, Climenhaga Building*

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

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