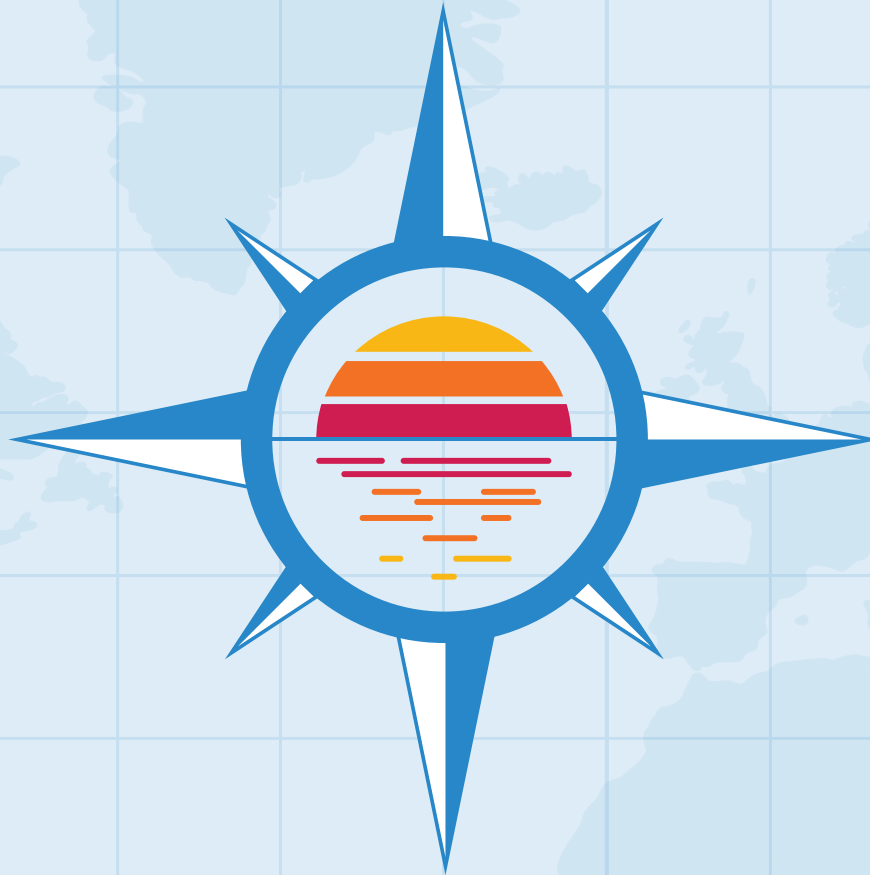




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HANCOCK SYMPOSIUM 2020 VISION & VALUES

CHARTING OUR PATHS TO THE FUTURE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

The 15th Annual Hancock Symposium will center on the theme of “Vision & Values: Charting Our Paths to the Future.” Reenvisioned for our unique time in history, Hancock Symposium 2020 offers a dynamic hybrid format that combines the virtual with the on-campus experience. Vision & Values 2020 will explore realms of human endeavor that embody a capacity for far-sighted vision that is rooted in a commitment to deeper values.

The Hancock Symposium is an opportunity for the entire Westminster community — students, faculty, staff, and alumni — to come together with influential guest speakers and consider the larger context in which we engage in our individual pursuits. Launched in 2006, the Hancock Symposium is Westminster College’s

signature event. It symbolizes the finest aspects of a Westminster education: the development of the critical mind and the ability to look beyond the present to envision a meaningful future.

The Hancock Symposium presents engaging presentations and panel discussions by nationally and internationally renowned experts, many of whom are Westminster alumni. Instead of endorsing a single point of view, the Hancock Symposium embraces ideas from many different traditions and disciplines in the common pursuit of new knowledge.

The Hancock Symposium is funded in perpetuity by a generous gift from Westminster alumna David Hancock, '67 FIJI, of Kansas City, MO.

HANCOCK SYMPOSIUM 2020: PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

PLENARY SPEAKERS



JAMES L. GREEN
NASA CHIEF SCIENTIST

James L. Green is the Chief Scientist at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC. Missions executed under his leadership include the New Horizons spacecraft flyby of Pluto, the Messenger spacecraft to Mercury, the Juno spacecraft to Jupiter, the Grail spacecraft to the Moon, the Dawn spacecraft to Vesta and Ceres, and the landing of the Curiosity rover on Mars. A gifted lecturer and communicator, Green enjoys speaking with audiences of all ages about the latest frontiers in space exploration and their significance to our understanding of humanity's place in the universe. Topics he will cover include the possibility of building permanent

colonies on the moon and Mars, how close we are to answering the question of whether there is intelligent life beyond planet earth, and what do these endeavors say about our basic values.



SUSANNAH CAHALAN
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF
BRAIN ON FIRE AND *THE GREAT PRETENDER*

Susannah Cahalan is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness*, a memoir about her struggle with a rare autoimmune disease of the brain, which has sold over a million copies and has been translated into more than 20 languages. Her 2019 book *The Great Pretender* investigates a famous psychology study about undercover psychiatric patients. Her journalism has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Scientific American*, *Psychology Today*, *New Scientist*, and *Elle*. Previously, Cahalan worked at the *New York Post* for

nearly two decades, where she covered a wide variety of topics — from the quirky and the weird to the dangerous and the criminal — and for several years worked as the paper's book section editor. Cahalan now devotes a great deal of her time to advocacy work. She was a founding member of the Autoimmune Encephalitis Alliance and is an international ambassador for the UK's Encephalitis Society. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and twin toddlers.

OTHER FEATURED SPEAKERS

DR. AMY BRADY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, *CHICAGO REVIEW OF BOOKS*, EXPERT IN CLIMATE FICTION

OMAR EL AKKAD
CLIMATE FICTION NOVELIST

ALEXIS LOWERY
FOUNDER, MARY'S HOUSE OF HOPE, A SHELTER FOR WOMEN

BETSY SHARP LYNCH, '02 KAΘ
ATTORNEY AND PHILANTHROPIST

LAURIE R. BLANK
LAW PROFESSOR, EMORY UNIVERSITY, EXPERT ON SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

JEANNE NARUM
PRINCIPAL, LEARNING SPACES COLLABORATORY

JACOB MARSH, '08 ΔTA
AUTHOR, BUSINESS OWNER, SUSTAINABILITY SEEKER

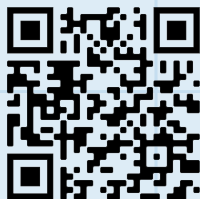
DR. MARY NESTOR, '14 KAΘ
PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, PLAYABILITIES CLINIC

BILL WHITMAR
LABORATORY DIRECTOR, MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

GUNNAR SHAFFER
FOUNDER OF AGROWPONICS, ENGINEER AT SOUTHWEST POWER POOL

TSSHERING YANGZOM, '10 KKT
DIRECTOR AND PROGRAM MANAGER, BHUTAN FOUNDATION

NOELIA CERNA, '09
POET AND PERFORMANCE ARTIST



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