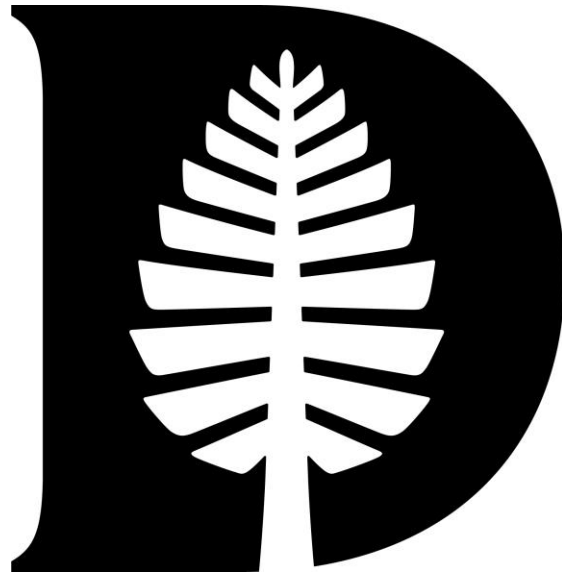


The Benjamin F. Barge,  
Class of 1866,  
& Speech at Dartmouth  
Prizes for Oratory



Speech Contest

May 17, 2022, 4:30 pm  
Wheeler Lawn

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The Institute for Writing & Rhetoric,  
the Benjamin F. Barge Fund, the Class of 1866 Fund,  
and the Gerald D. Kleinman '55 Memorial Fund  
Dartmouth College

**PROGRAM**

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## CONTEST ORGANIZERS

### **Josh Compton**

*Associate Professor, Institute for Writing and Rhetoric*

Josh Compton is Associate Professor in the Institute for Writing and Rhetoric at Dartmouth College. He has been studying inoculation as a way to confer resistance to influence for more than 20 years. Persuasion inoculation is modeled after medical inoculation: a weakened form of a challenge motivates resistance to stronger challenges encountered later. Most of his work of late focuses on the theory itself—how it works, why it works, and whether it might work better. His applied work is mostly in mis- and disinformation, science communication, health communication, and sport. He has been named Distinguished Lecturer by Dartmouth College, has won the Outstanding Professor Award from the National Speakers Association, and has twice won the L. E. Norton Award for Outstanding Scholarship. His courses at Dartmouth include Speech 20: Public Speaking; Speech 25: Persuasive Public Speaking; Speech 30: Speechwriting; Speech 34: Image Rhetoric; and Speech 40: Resistance to Influence.

### **Darlene Drummond**

*Associate Professor, Institute for Writing and Rhetoric*

Darlene K. Drummond critiques the AIDS rhetoric of U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. In addition, she examines racial discordance in advanced-cancer care end-of-life decision making, social support in the context of living with diabetes, and uncertainty management in the context of living with high cholesterol. She teaches Speech 20: Public Speaking; Speech 27: Intercultural Communication; and Speech 37: Health Communication.

### **Svetlana Grushina**

*Senior Lecturer, Institute for Writing and Rhetoric*

Svetlana (Yana) Grushina explores how people and organizations communicate for and about sustainability. She has studied multinational teams, sustainability reporting, and community-building via new media. Her fieldwork sites have included Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Germany, Jamaica, and the U.S. Her research has been published in *Organization & Environment*, *Organizational Dynamics*, *European Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology*, and other outlets. She was the CCNH 2021 Presidents' Good Steward Award recipient at Dartmouth College for her work engaging students with the community via Social Impact Practicum projects in her Speech courses. Her courses at Dartmouth include Speech 20: Public Speaking; Speech 26: New Media Communication; Speech 36: Organizational Communication and Sustainability; and Team Communication and Identity FYS.

**The Speech professors would like to thank Julie Kalish, Douglas Moody, Sarah B. Smith, and Liz Mackey for their help with this year's contest.**

## THE COMMITTEE OF AWARD

### **Paul B. Klaas, '74**

*Principal, North Coast Arbitration Chambers, Minneapolis; Arbitrator Member, Maitland Chambers, London; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School*

While he was a student at Dartmouth, Professor Klaas won both the Class of 1866 Speech Contest and the Barge Medal for Oratory. After graduation, he attended the Harvard Law School, graduating with a J.D. degree in 1977. He is dual-qualified as a member of the Minnesota bar and as a barrister of England and Wales. After many years of representing clients in the U.S. and English courts, he now serves as an arbitrator of international commercial disputes before the London Court of International Arbitration, the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution in New York City. Professor Klaas has taught Speech 32: Legal Rhetoric at Dartmouth and the international arbitration courses at the Harvard Law School and the University of Minnesota Law School, and, for many years, has guest lectured on international law at the Tuck School. He is also a member of the editorial board of the peer-reviewed medical journal *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*.

### **Nicholas B. Van Kley**

*Director, Student Writing Support Services; Senior Lecturer, Dartmouth College*

Since 2014, Nick Van Kley (Ph.D., Brandeis University) has directed the RWIT Writing Center at Dartmouth College, where he also serves as Senior Lecturer in the Institute for Writing and Rhetoric. He teaches courses across the first-year writing requirement at Dartmouth and has previously taught writing and communication at Brandeis, Bentley and Yale Universities. He helped to launch the DartWrite Digital Portfolio initiative at Dartmouth, and regularly presents research on student development, literacy education, and peer writing education, including at the annual meeting of the Conference on College Composition and Communication.

### **Hon. Mary Miles Teachout**

*Vermont Superior Court*

Mary Miles Teachout received a B.A. in literature from Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges in 1968, and a Juris Doctor degree in 1975, having studied law at the University of Washington and the Harvard Law School. She was an attorney in private practice in Norwich, Vermont for 17 years before her appointment in 1992 as a Superior Court Judge in Vermont. She has been a Trustee of the first Vermont chapter of the American Inns of Court, an organization that promotes excellence in the practice of law, since its founding, also serving twice as President, and has been active in judicial education throughout her career as a judge. She lives in Norwich with her husband, Professor Peter R. Teachout of Vermont Law School.

## CONTESTANTS

### 1. Kailah Hester '24

#### *The Perception of Professionalism*

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

Major: Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies modified with African & African American Studies, Human-Centered Design minor

Kailah Hester is a sophomore at Dartmouth from the south suburbs of Chicago. She plans to go into technology, specifically designing assistive technology for the elderly, youth, and those differently abled. On campus she serves as the President of the Afro-American society; a Fellow for the Dartmouth Consortium in the Studies of Race, Migration, and Sexuality; a volunteer for Dartmouth's Alliance for Children of Color; and more. In her free time, she enjoys painting, journaling and hiking.

### 2. Thomas Lane '24

#### *We Must Do More for Ukrainian Refugees*

Hometown: Minnetonka, Minnesota

Major: Economics and German

Thomas Lane is a '24 from Minnesota interested in health policy. At Dartmouth, he is a 2022 Law and Ethics Fellow at the Ethics Institute, a Healthcare Foundations Society Member at the Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, an opinion columnist for *The Dartmouth*, and an associate editor at the Dartmouth Law Journal. An Eagle Scout, he has also written legislation concerning maternal health and health insurance regulation for the Minnesota Legislature and spent time working with Physicians for a National Health Program. After graduation Thomas hopes to pursue law school and/or a master's in health economics in northern Europe. Outside of classes he enjoys cross country skiing, hiking, cooking, and spoiling his two cats.

### 3. Federico Cigolot '24

#### *The Value of Intercultural Experience*

Hometown: Udine, Italy

Major: Economics, International Studies minor

Federico was born and raised in Udine, Italy, but left his hometown when he was 17 to live one year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, through an American Field Service (AFS) exchange program. He is now a second-year student at Dartmouth College pursuing a major in Economics and a minor in International Studies. On campus, Federico works as an Undergraduate Advisor for first-year students and is a member of Alpha Chi Alpha fraternity. In his free time, he enjoys skiing, biking, and skateboarding. After graduation, Federico hopes to work for a major international organization.

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## **1. Alex Wojcik '23**

### *A Tip to Change Tips*

Hometown: Hopkinton, Massachusetts

Major: Quantitative Social Science

Alex is a Dartmouth '23 graduating in 2024 from Hopkinton, MA. He is studying Quantitative Social Science with interests in government and economics. On campus, he is a member of the Investment Committee and Co-Head of Philanthropy for the Dartmouth Investment and Philanthropy Program, serves on the Magnuson Student Leadership Board, and is Secretary of Dartmouth Sports Analytics.

## **2. Nick Mancini '23**

### *An Interrogation of the Endangered Species Act*

Hometown: Parkland Isles, Florida

Major: Government and Environmental Studies

Nick Mancini is a '23 from South Florida and is majoring in Government and Environmental Studies. Since his first year at Dartmouth, Nick has been a member of the Dartmouth Debate Team. Outside of the classroom, Nick spends most of his time researching environmental policy (i.e., the Endangered Species Act and Carbon Offsets). To further explore his passion for environmental law, Nick has been working as a legal intern at the Vermont Law School's Environmental Advocacy Clinic. After Dartmouth, Nick plans on attending law school or obtaining a Ph.D. in environmental policy.

## **3. John Ejiogu '23**

### *Why You Should Prioritize Getting Quality Sleep*

Hometown: Imo, Nigeria

Major: Economics, Chemistry and Music minor

John Ejiogu is currently a junior studying Economics, Chemistry, and Music at Dartmouth College. Professionally, he is primarily interested in understanding the intersections of medicine, public policy, and socio-economic status in healthcare access and delivery. Outside his classes, John spends time bingeing shows on Netflix or casually singing. And extracurricularly, he volunteers with the Dartmouth Center for Social Impact, works with the Dartmouth Office of Admissions, and sings in the Dartmouth College Gospel Choir.

## **4. David Millman '23**

### *Why Local Government Matters*

Hometown: Richmond, Virginia

Major: History, Government minor

David is a junior from Richmond, Virginia who is majoring in History. As the Student Body President at Dartmouth, he is passionate about civic engagement and education. In 2021, David ran for Town of Hanover Selectboard, registering hundreds of first-time voters, and has been vocal about defending every college student's right to vote. He is also a campus sexual assault prevention advocate; the only student member of NH Governor Sununu's Task Force on Sexual Misconduct; a board member for the Sexual Violence Prevention Project at Dartmouth; and the Co-State Director for The Every Voice Coalition, a national sexual violence prevention non-profit.

## **5. Annie Michalski '23**

### *Negative Effects of Nonmedical Adderall Use*

Hometown: Darien, Connecticut

Major: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE), Computer Science minor

Annie is a junior from Darien, Connecticut. On campus, she is the Founder and President of Pi Lambda Sigma (POLIS), a new pre-professional government society, and is involved in Model UN, Club Volleyball, and the Chi Delta sorority. Annie also enjoys painting, skiing, cooking, and playing Candy Crush in her free time.

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## **1. Awo Adu '22**

### *The Ism We Don't Talk About*

Hometown: Lowell, Massachusetts

Major: Film and Media Studies, modified with Pan-African Studies

Awo Pomaa Adu is a Ghanaian storyteller hailing from Lowell, Massachusetts. She is currently pursuing a BA in Film and Media Studies modified with Pan-Africana Studies. Awo enjoys exploring the intersections of writing, film, and Black identity through spoken word poetry, theatre, and script writing. Awo's on- and off-campus engagements include working in dining, volunteering at education access non-profits, and sewing garments.

## **2. Michael Carlowicz '22**

### *Attention-Grabbing Title*

Hometown: Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Major: Biology

Michael is a senior majoring in Biology with a concentration in Ecology. In addition to studying Biology, Michael has strongly embraced Dartmouth's liberal arts education, seeking out a diverse assortment of courses. Outside the classroom, he is a captain of the DOC Archery Team, a former publisher and senior editor of *The Dartmouth Apologia*, a biology research assistant, and a student leader at Aquinas House. After graduation, Michael intends to pursue a career in biology research and science communication.

## **About the Benjamin F. Barge Prize for Oratory**

The Benjamin F. Barge Prize for Oratory was established by Benjamin F. Barge (1832-1902) in 1901. The award is presented to a member of the senior class who is determined by a panel of three judges to “write and pronounce in public an English oration in the best manner.” Judges are instructed to consider content and delivery equally when determining the winner of the contest. One senior student will be named the winner and will receive a medal and a cash award.

## **About the Class of 1866 Prizes for Oratory**

The Class of 1866 Prizes for Oratory were established in 1905 by Waldemer Otis and Dr. James A. Spaulding, both members of the Class of 1866. This year, one prize will be awarded “for excellence in original orations” to the senior contestant delivering the second highest ranked speech. The winner will receive a certificate, a commemorative book, and a cash award.

## **About the Speech at Dartmouth Prizes for Oratory**

The Speech at Dartmouth Prizes for Oratory were established in 2020 by the Speech faculty and may be awarded to one junior and one sophomore annually. The award is supported by the Gerald D. Kleinman '55 Memorial Fund. The Fund supports activities that develop and strengthen students' writing, speaking, and critical thinking abilities. Winners will receive a certificate and a cash award.

The call for the 2023 Benjamin F. Barge, the Class of 1866, and the Speech at Dartmouth Prizes for Oratory will be released during the Winter 2023 term.

## **About Speech at Dartmouth College**

The Speech program at Dartmouth College reflects speech at its best. We've created a forum for dynamic conversations to push our thinking about speech and other forms of communication. You'll find this spirit of curiosity and enthusiasm reflected in how we talk about, think about, write about, and do speech. You'll also see our commitment to speech through our thoughtfully designed courses that help students to become more confident, more effective, more informed communicators. In 2018, Speech at Dartmouth was awarded the national Rex Mix Program of Excellence Award, which recognizes the top undergraduate communication program.