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



Speech Contest

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PROGRAM

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CONTEST ORGANIZERS

Josh Compton

Professor, Speech at Dartmouth

Josh Compton is Professor of Speech at Dartmouth College. He has been studying persuasion 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, Speech at Dartmouth

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, Speech at Dartmouth

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; and Speech 36: Organizational Communication and Sustainability.

The Speech professors would like to thank Charlotte Brackett, Julie Kalish, Satveer Kaur, Clara Lewis, and Julie Sandberg, for their help with this year's contest.

THE COMMITTEE OF AWARD

N. Bruce Duthu (United Houma Nation)

Samson Occom Professor; Chair of Native American and Indigenous Studies, Dartmouth College

Professor Duthu is the author of *Shadow Nations: Tribal Sovereignty and the Limits of Legal Pluralism* (Oxford University Press 2013) and *American Indians and the Law* (Viking/Penguin Press 2008) and was a contributing author of Felix S. Cohen's *Handbook of Federal Indian Law* (2005), the leading treatise in the field of federal Indian law. His co-edited special volume of *South Atlantic Quarterly*, "Sovereignty, Indigeneity and the Law," won the 2011 CELJ (Council of Editors of Learned Journals) award for Best Special Issue. He co-produced the documentary feature film, *Dawnland* (2018) that focuses on state removal of Indian children from their families. In 2019, *Dawnland* received an Emmy award for Outstanding Research.

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*.

Naaborko Sackeyfio-Lenoch

Associate Professor of African History, Dartmouth College

Naaborko Sackeyfio-Lenoch is Associate Professor of African History at Dartmouth College. She also serves as the faculty advisor to the Shabazz Center for Intellectual Inquiry. She specializes in 20th century African history with a focus on Ghana and West Africa. She is author of *The Politics of Chieftaincy: Authority and Property in Colonial Ghana:1920-1950* (University of Rochester Press/Boydell and Brewer, 2014). Her work has appeared in edited collections along with articles in several journals including the *International Journal of African History Studies, History in Africa, International Review of Social History, and the Journal of West African History*. Questions of decolonization, African internationalism, post-independence nationhood, and transnational/global cultural projects animate her current book manuscript in progress.

CONTESTANTS

Tyler Paige Brown '26

Vaping: Is It Harmful? Hometown: Orange Park, Florida Major: Interdisciplinary Tyler Brown is a First Year at Dartmouth. She was always fascinated with art and medicine. Tyler attended high school and college simultaneously and received an Honors Associate's Degree and her high school diploma. She pursued her passion for creative arts while earning Certifications as an EMT and CNA. Combining her interests in art and medicine, she chose an interdisciplinary major. Tyler believes that art can be a powerful tool for healing, and her ultimate goal is to see Alzheimer's disease eradicated. She plans to be a part of a team that will not only discover a cure for this terrible disease that has impacted her family but also use her art and medical knowledge to positively impact the world.

Grace L. Casale '26

The Prisoner Hometown: Greenwich, Connecticut Major: Biology

Grace is a prospective biology major who loves peanut butter, enjoys musical theater, and struggles with her chemistry classes (which are apparently required for the biology major). Whenever possible, she likes to ride past unsuspecting joggers on her beloved unicycle. Grace would like to thank her instructors Svetlana Grushina and Ted Heintz for their encouragement and guidance in her pursuit of the daunting subjects that are rhetoric and public speaking.

Rosario Rosales '25

The Dangers of Assumption: Gender Identity and Use of Pronouns Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Major: Biology and Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)

Rosario is a '25 at Dartmouth studying within the natural sciences and WGSS department. On campus and outside of class, her primary involvements include conducting research and working at Geisel School of Medicine and being an active LGBTQIA+ student coordinator through the Office of Pluralism and Leadership (OPAL). Additionally, she serves on the executive board of the Central American Students Association (CAUSA) and is vice president of Within, Dartmouth's LGBTQIA+ club, and is currently an orientation intern to help shape the New Student Orientation experience for incoming students. Socially, she is a member of two Greek houses, the Tabard and Epsilon Kappa Theta, and is a part of the executive board for one of them. Aside from extracurricular and Greek life involvement, her hobbies include training for marathon distance runs and performing in drag. After Dartmouth, Rosario hopes to attend veterinary school to complete her lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian, as well as using her career to create impact within her community.

Nathan Syvash '25

Green Peace is Wrong on Nuclear Energy Hometown: Kyiv, Ukraine

Major: Engineering Sciences

Nathan Syvash is a '25 from Kyiv, Ukraine interested in energy and mechanical engineering. At Dartmouth, he is a co-founder, board member and propulsion sub team leader for Dartmouth Rocket Team and a Ukrainian-advocacy activist. For the past two years, Nathan's been working for Ukraine Global Scholars, mentoring FGLI students from Ukraine.

Nisa Kuvvet '24

Where Are You From? Hometown: Istanbul, Turkey Major: Physics

Nisa is a '24 from the outskirts of Istanbul, Turkey. She came to Dartmouth to study physics, which was also the first time she'd been abroad. After graduation, she wants to go to graduate school, and work in a national lab in condensed matter research after getting a PhD. At Dartmouth, she is a physics research assistant, a Japanese drill instructor at the ASCL department, and a member of the Taekwondo club. In her free time, she enjoys doing martial arts, learning Japanese, and playing electric guitar.

Ari Garnick '24

Let Them Eat Nuts Hometown: Amherst, New Hampshire Major: Psychology, Human-Centered Design minor, Earth Sciences minor Ari is a '24 studying the intersection between human behavior, human needs, and the development and implementation of products and ideas. He likes to bake, draw, read about food, go to the gym, study Talmud, and explore the woods.

Thomas Lane '24

The Forgotten Case for Single-Payer Medicare for All

Hometown: Excelsior, Minnesota

Majors: Economics and German

Thomas Lane is a '24 from Minnesota involved in health policy. He is on the steering committee of Granite State Physicians for a National Health Program and has written legislation for the New Hampshire and Minnesota legislatures. At Dartmouth, he is an Eichler '57 Fellow at the Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, an opinion editor and editorial chair at *The Dartmouth*, and a student researcher at the Rockefeller Center's Policy Research Shop. He previously was a 2022 Law and Ethics Fellow at the Ethics Institute. After college Thomas hopes to pursue a graduate degree in health economics in Europe and/or law school. Outside of his work he enjoys cross country skiing, hiking, cooking, and spoiling his two cats.

David Millman '23

What Do We Owe Each Other? Hometown: Richmond, Virginia Major: Government

David Millman is Dartmouth's Student Body President, a sexual violence prevention advocate, and a former candidate for local office in Hanover, New Hampshire. Getting involved with politics started his first year at Dartmouth, when he helped lead the push for legislation to provide more resources for survivors of sexual violence in the New Hampshire Statehouse. Since, he has been serving as the State Co-Director of the national non-profit the Every Voice Coalition for three years, and serves as a member of the New Hampshire Governor's Task Force against Campus Sexual Violence, a board member for SVPP at Dartmouth, and a Sexual Assault Peer Advocate (SAPA). As Student Body President, he successfully pushed for the implementation of free teletherapy services for all students as well as accommodations following the unexpected passing of four students, rewrote the student government constitution from scratch, and has helped advocate for expanded dining, transportation, and housing equity during his term. He ran for local office in 2021, and, in Spring 2022, he was the author of a zoning district in the Town of Hanover that was passed into law 775-565, helping ease the housing crisis in the region. David hopes to attend law school and focus on housing, equity, and election law.

Zippy Abraham Paiss '23

The Need for the Legalization of Psilocybin

Hometown: Boulder, Colorado

Major: Neuroscience, pre-medical

Zippy is a senior at Dartmouth pursuing a BS in Neuroscience. On campus, she is the female captain of Dartmouth Powerlifting, involved in Dartmouth EMS, conducts research in an animal lab, is a WISP mentor, and is in Chi Delta sorority. Zippy loves cooking, hiking, and music. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a career in pediatric trauma surgery.

John Chibuike Ejiogu '23

The Median Notation: A Net Enemy to the Learning Enterprise at Dartmouth Hometown: Imo, Nigeria

Major: Economics with Chemistry and Music Minors

John Chibuike Ejiogu is a senior 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 binging shows on Netflix or casually singing. Extracurricularly, he volunteers with the Dartmouth Center for Social Impact, dances in the Soyeya African Dance Troupe and sings in the Dartmouth College Gospel Choir.

Miles Brown '23

The Power of the Student Vote Hometown: West Hartford, Connecticut Major: Government, English

Miles Brown is a '23 from West Hartford, Connecticut who is majoring in Government with a minor in English and Creative Writing. On campus, he is a member of the Dartmouth Cords A Cappella group and performs improv comedy with the Dog Day Players. He previously served as President of the College Democrats and ran for State Representative in Hanover and Lyme. He's also an associate editor for the Dartmouth Law Journal and serves as a member of the Sexual Assault Peer Alliance. After Dartmouth, Miles plans to attend law school and pursue a career in public service.

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 '23 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. Two prizes will be awarded "for excellence in original orations," one to the '23 contestant delivering the second highest ranked speech and one to the '26 delivering the highest ranked speech. Winners 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 2024 Benjamin F. Barge, the Class of 1866, and the Speech at Dartmouth Prizes for Oratory will be released during the Winter 2024 term.

About Speech at Dartmouth

Speech at Dartmouth 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.

