

2019 ANNUAL REPORT





FOREWORD

The Socrates Program was co-founded by Laura and Gary Lauder in the summer of 1996, beginning with a session called “Dilemmas of the Digital Age” at a time when the Institute was seeking a pathway for emerging leaders. For the last 23 years, the Socrates Program has provided individuals access to expert-moderated, text-based Socratic dialogue on contemporary topics. These topics have ranged from the future of work and American civic identity to the ethical dilemmas of social media platforms and, most recently, urban opportunity and economic inclusion. Through our seminars, participants forge new ideas and networks that enhance their own lives and those of the people around them.

The Socrates seminar experience is collaborative, in that the participants directly engage the text, moderators, and each other in vigorous debate. The chance to have this unique experience attracts individuals who are distinguished by their passion for intellectual exploration and their desire to expand their knowledge and understanding. These participants join the ever-growing Socrates alumni network, which now numbers more than 7,000 people from all over the USA and more than 30 countries. This report highlights the diverse group of individuals who participated in our flagship Winter and Summer seminars in Aspen.

While Socrates programming is rooted in these flagship seminars, it extends far beyond Aspen, reaching over 600 people this past year through three main program types: 1) Salons in select cities around the USA; 2) International Socrates Seminars in capitals around the globe; and 3) Emerging Governance Leaders seminars for Congressional staff just outside of Washington D.C.

We look forward to welcoming you at a Socrates event in 2020, whether in Aspen or around the world.

Sincerely,



Cordell Carter II
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOCRATES PROGRAM





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SOCRATES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, DC whose mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for engaging with critical issues. Within the Aspen Institute, the Socrates Program provides a forum for emerging leaders from various professions to convene and explore contemporary issues through expert-moderated dialogue. The seminars are designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas. More than 30 seminars a year are held in Aspen, Colorado, New York, NY, Washington, DC, and in a dozen international capitals.

HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

The first groups of participants came from Silicon Valley when the internet was coming of age, and Socrates seminars continue to enable participants to explore current, pressing global challenges. Discussions are built around contemporary texts and are led by moderators who engage and encourage participants to share their views with a diverse group of peers.

THE SOCRATES APPROACH

The Socrates Seminar is a collaborative endeavor for participants from different fields. Participants are asked to contribute their understanding of and reactions to carefully selected readings, with the guidance of moderators who are experts in their sector. Participants develop an understanding of the reading material and formulate responses to the issues that they cover at the roundtable meetings. The seminars provide stimulating dialogue, values-based introspection, and dynamic debate that serves to enhance participants' leadership capabilities.

WHAT MAKES SOCRATES UNIQUE?

- Socrates seminars attract leaders interested in critical problems facing the world.
- Socrates demonstrates and champions the Aspen method of moderated learning and bringing diverse views to the table.
- Socrates offers a seminar length designed for optimal balance between serious content and cross-disciplinary thought for busy professionals.
- Socrates creates a unique professional network and engages people with ideas to move into action.
- Socrates offers a diverse alumni network which has grown to over 7,000 emerging leaders from the US and abroad, from the public, private, non-profit, and academic sectors.



“Participating in this very constructive, passionate discussion for building a better future was an eye-opening experience for me.”

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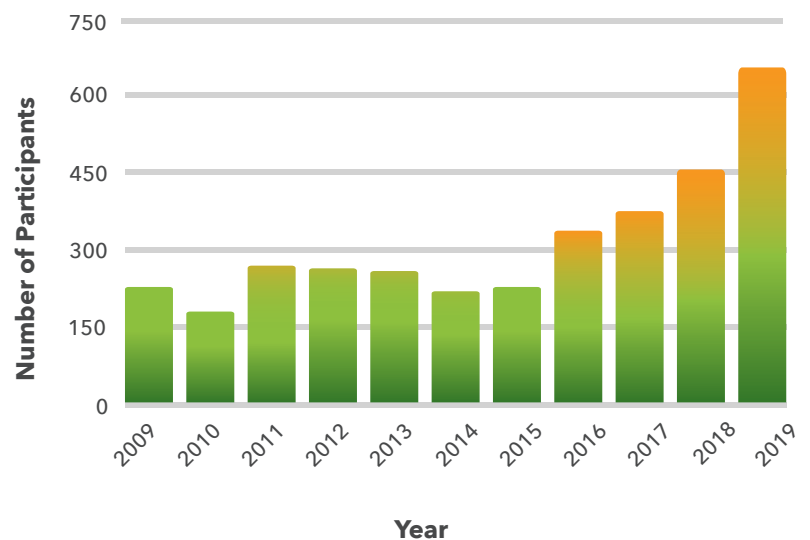


Socrates by the Numbers

Since its founding in 1996, the Socrates Program has grown to engage over 660 participants each year. While its largest offerings, the Winter and Summer Seminars, are held in Aspen, Colorado, Socrates hosts a variety of seminar programs throughout the U.S. and abroad. Past and upcoming destinations include: Chicago, IL; New Orleans, LA; New York, NY; Kyiv, Ukraine; Nara, Japan; Puebla, Mexico; and Ronda, Spain.

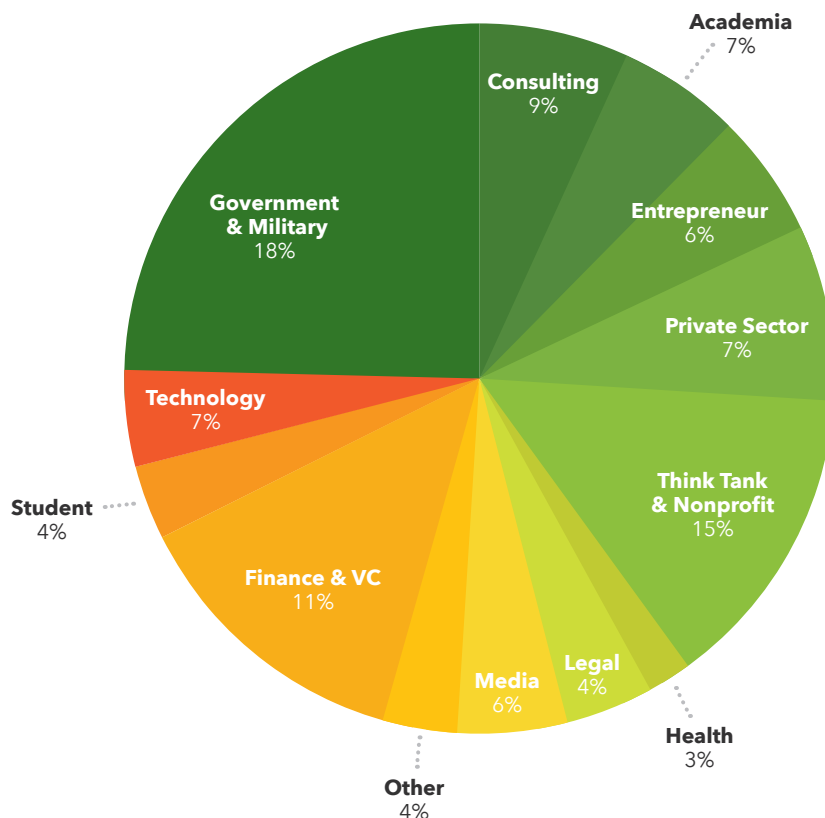
SOCRATES HISTORICAL PARTICIPATION

Winter and Summer Seminars, Salons, Custom Seminars, International Seminars



INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN

2019 Summer and Winter Seminar Participants*

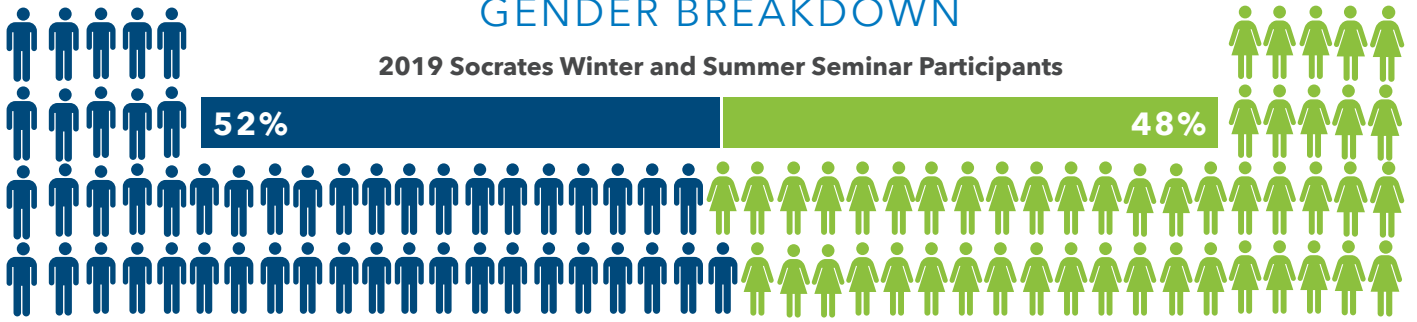


With unique programs around the world, the Socrates Program draws dynamic, diverse participants to its seminars each year. These individuals represent a vast array of professional, cultural, and social backgrounds and constitute our robust and engaged alumni network.

*Participants can be accounted to multiple industry sectors

GENDER BREAKDOWN

2019 Socrates Winter and Summer Seminar Participants



The Socrates Network

Socrates programs engage diverse perspectives in dynamic dialogue and debate that extends beyond the seminar rooms. Socrates alumni represent a variety of locations across the country and the globe, over 21 states and 13 countries.



“At Socrates you are visited by the distinct sense that you are sitting with tomorrow’s leaders, today.”

Christine Guillory

Ochsner Health System





SOCRATES WINTER SEMINARS

Program Overview & 2019 Participant Profiles

Over Presidents' Day Weekend in February each year, leaders from around the world come together in Aspen, Colorado for the Socrates Winter Seminars. The program begins with an opening reception on Friday evening and concludes on Monday afternoon after a weekend of three four-hour seminar sessions.

Before each afternoon seminar session, participants also have free time in the morning to take part in a variety of activities, including skiing and snowshoeing, to explore Aspen and connect with their peers.



2019 SEMINAR TOPICS



The Spiral of Immigration and Nationalism

Moderated by **Justin Gest**, Assistant Professor of Public Policy at George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government

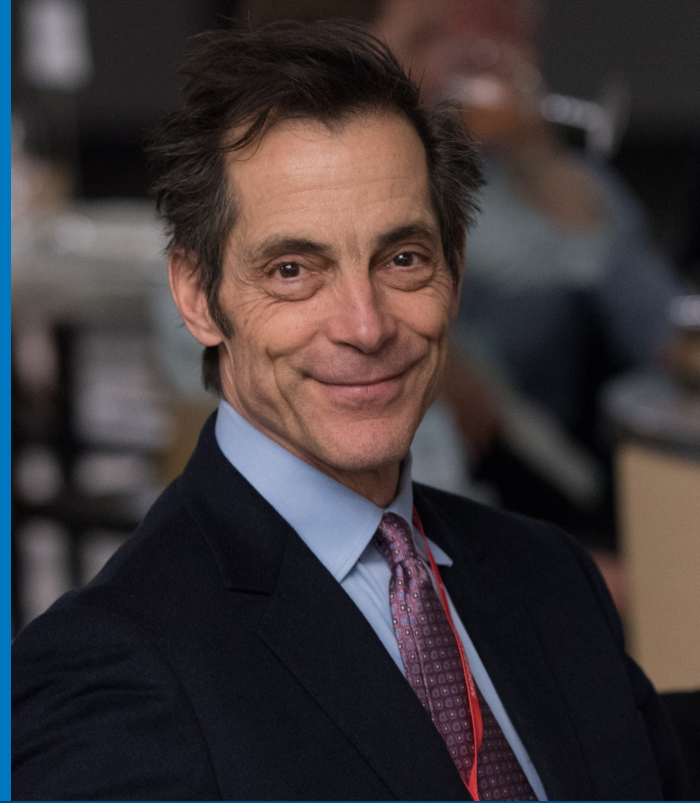
This seminar sought a stronger, more contextualized understanding of immigration and its accompanying nativist, nationalist backlash. The goal was to transcend the stereotypes that politicians peddle and develop a nuanced grasp of the trends warping the social, political, and business spheres. Who are the people at the center of our polarizing world? Where does the balance lie? How can immigration work for all?



Learning from Frederick Douglass: The Politics, Business, and Art of America's Legendary Activist and Leader

Moderated by **John Stauffer**, the Sumner R. and Marshall S. Kates Professor of English and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University, and best-selling author of *GIANTS: The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln*

This course focused on Douglass's speeches, journalism, and autobiographical writings. They provide a roadmap for understanding not only how he evolved as a leader and activist, but for helping us to become better leaders and agents of change. The methods that distinguished Douglass as a leader remain crucial for leaders today. And the critical issues of his time remain critical issues of our time: the meanings of freedom and equality; the function and limits of government; and the ways in which blacks, other minorities, and women alter and transform society or an organization.



The Evolution of Warfare: Technology, Humanity and the Role of Ethics

Moderated by **Gayle Tzemach Lemmon** and **Cara LaPointe**. Gayle is adjunct a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and best-selling author of *Ashley's War* and *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*. *Ashley's War* featured on *DIA* and *SOCOM* reading lists. Cara is a Senior Fellow at the Beek Center for Social Impact & Innovation at Georgetown University.

The battlefield will shift, change and evolve in the coming decades, spurred on by technological shifts, the (re)emergence of great power competition and the leveling of the gap between and among competitors spurred on by technological advancement. This seminar tackles questions and more around the discussion of the evolution of warfare and the search for security and stability.





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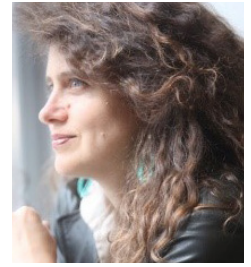
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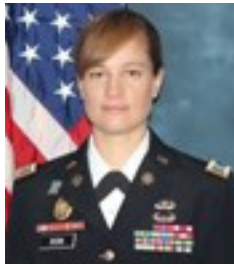
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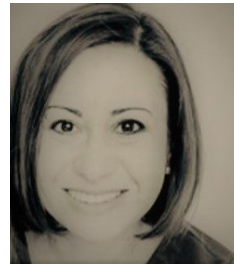
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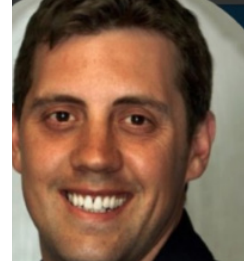
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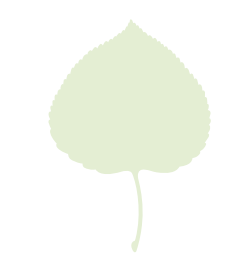
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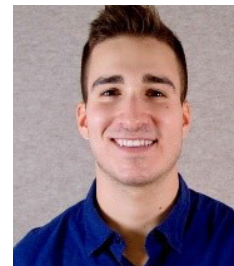
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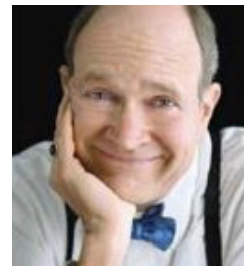
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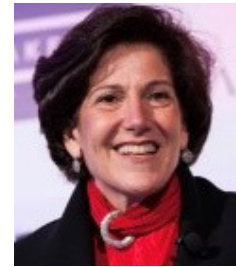
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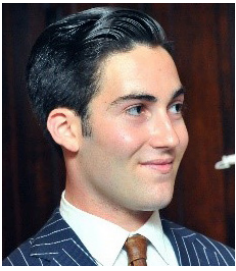
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“I was impressed by the issues brought forth and the chance to find common ground between different political outlooks.”

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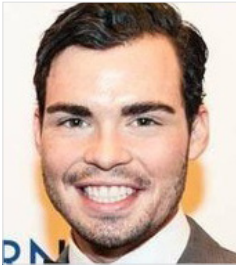
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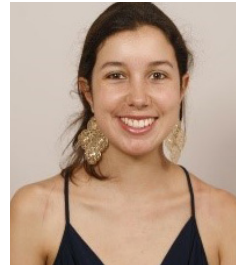
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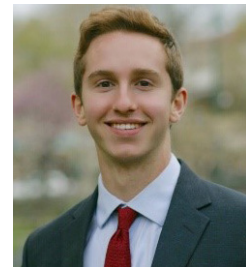
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“Spaces like the Socrates Program are a nest of ideas and connections, and naturally I expected the experience to be fruitful. It turned out to be beyond any dream!”

Ariel Roman-Harris

Consulate General of Israel in Miami





SOCRATES SUMMER SEMINARS

Program Overview & 2019 Participant Profiles

In early July each year, emerging leaders from around the world come together in Aspen, Colorado for the Socrates Summer Seminars. The program begins with an opening reception on Friday evening and concludes on Monday afternoon after a weekend of three four-hour seminar sessions.

Following each morning seminar session, participants also have free time in the afternoon to take part in a variety of activities, including hiking, yoga and fly fishing, to explore Aspen and connect with their peers.

What is Privacy and How Do We Protect It?

Moderated by **Harriet Pearson**, Partner at Hogan Lovells, a privacy and cybersecurity practitioner with over two decades of experience advising companies and boards and considers herself a practical privacy advocate.

Can innovation and convenience co-exist with privacy? Societies globally are grappling with this question. And the stakes involved are high. In this seminar, participants developed a nuanced understanding of the current public policy debates underway including historical and legal context. The seminar intended to also arm participants with conceptual and operational frameworks for analysis of and action on the key privacy problems they are likely to encounter in their leadership roles.



2019 SEMINAR TOPICS



Intelligence, Espionage and American Foreign Policy

Moderated by **Amb. John Negroponte**, Distinguished Professor at the Miller Center for Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, diplomat, and first-ever Director of National Intelligence; **Edward "Ted" Wittenstein**, Director of International Relations & Leadership Programs and Executive Director of Johnson Center for the Study of American Diplomacy at Yale University

This seminar examined the theory and practice of intelligence, as well as its relationship to American national security decision-making. Topics included case studies of intelligence successes and failures from World War II to the present, as well as current intelligence challenges with respect to terrorism, cyberattacks, nuclear proliferation, and other emerging threats. This seminar also reflected on the legal and ethical dimensions of intelligence, the role of congressional oversight, and the tensions between government secrecy and transparency in a democracy.



Cat Herding 101: Leading Complex Organizations in Uncertain Times

Moderated by **Ana Mari Cauce**, American psychologist, college administrator, and the 33rd and current president of the University of Washington

This seminar explored the challenges involved in leading complex 21st century organizations in which different kinds of groups carry out diverse activities in a decentralized fashion, not fully controlled by a single authority. This seminar examined alternate theories of leadership and differing perspectives on organizational change and challenges with the goal of better understanding potential matches or mismatches between personal leadership styles and organizational culture and demands. Participants came to better understand their own leadership style, develop a personal leadership philosophy, with an eye on how best to motivate and “herd” a broader leadership team and build a values-based and mission driven organization.

Learning from Lincoln: The Business, Politics and Art of the Nation’s Greatest Leader

Moderated by **John Stauffer**, the Sumner R. and Marshall S. Kates Professor of English and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. He is an award-winning teacher and best-selling author of *GIANTS: The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln*

Abraham Lincoln is the nation’s greatest leader and one of its greatest writers and orators. This seminar focused on Lincoln’s great speeches and public letters. They provided a roadmap not only for understanding how Lincoln evolved as a leader, but for helping us to become better leaders. Lincoln defined leadership as the art of the possible. The methods that distinguished him as a leader are crucial for leaders today. And the critical issues of Lincoln’s time remain the critical issues of our time: the function and limits of government; meanings of freedom and equality; the limits of civil liberties; and the ways in which blacks and/or other minorities alter or transform society or an organization. Each session focused on a speech or public letter by Lincoln that raises critical issues about a problem both in his time and ours, and that offers ways to address the problem.



Lies, Bots and Social Media: The Lost Promise of the Internet and How We Can Restore It

Moderated by **Karen Kornbluh**, director of the technology policy program and senior fellow at The German Marshall Fund

We have a conflicted relationship with our electronic media. At a time when fully half of the world’s population is connected to the Internet, it is hard to escape the conclusion that the technology that promised to give power to the powerless has ended up also hurting the very people it was supposed to help. This seminar considered digital platforms that organize the user experience, the presence of disinformation and bots, and the vast prevalence of the Internet in daily life. Participants delved into impacts on democracy and authoritarianism as the Internet’s capabilities are deployed globally.



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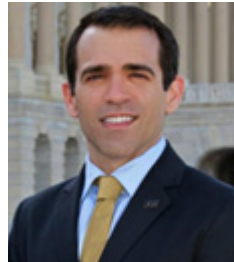
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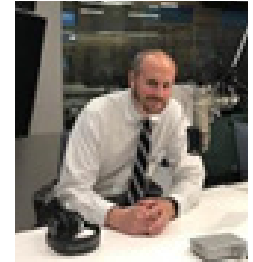
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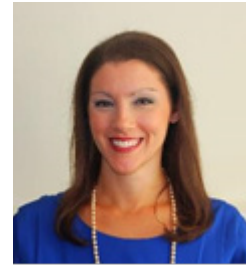
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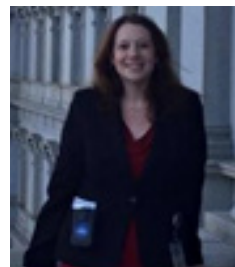
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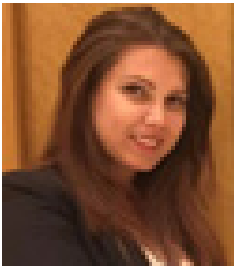
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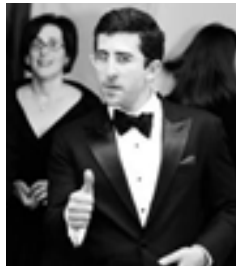
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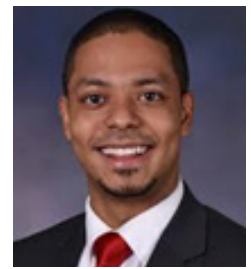
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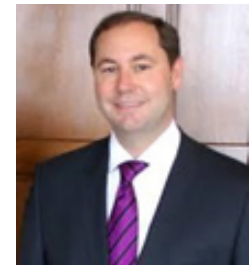
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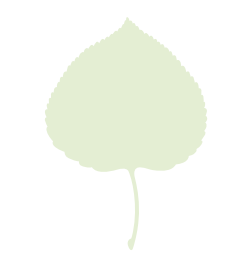
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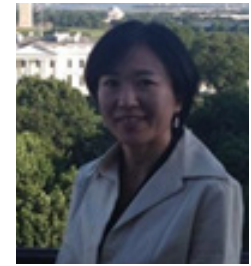
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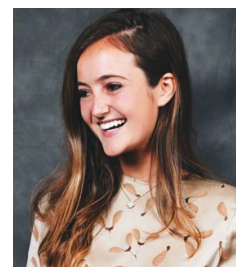
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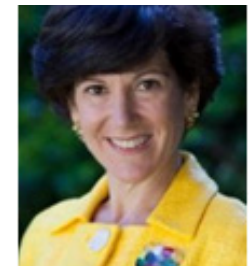
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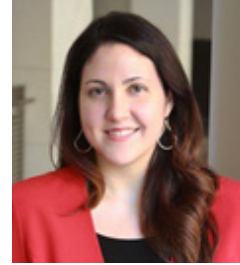
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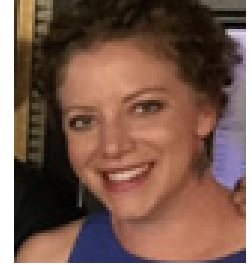
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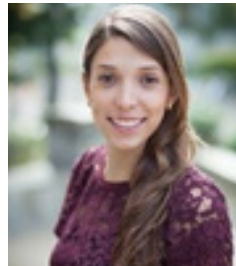
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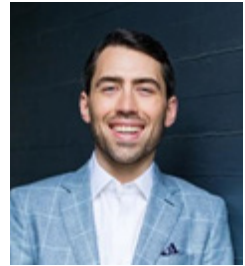
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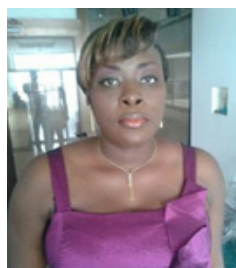
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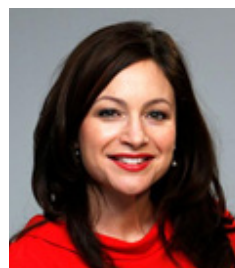
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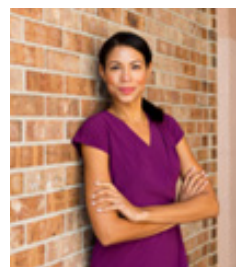
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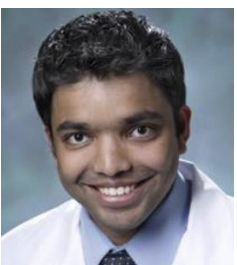
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2019 SOCRATES PROGRAMMING



ASPEN SEMINARS

The Winter and Summer Seminars are a weekend seminar series held every February and July in Aspen, Colorado. The program features three four-hour seminar sessions and various opportunities to network and explore the surrounding environment.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

Similar to the biannual seminars in Aspen, Colorado, the International Seminars offer three four-hour seminar sessions and the chance to network and explore the host city. Destinations in 2019 included Spain, Colombia, France, Romania, Ukraine Japan, and the UK.



SOCRATES SALONS

Salons offer a shorter, more accessible alternative to the typical Socrates seminar. Salons are held in cities across the U.S., including Chicago, New York City, New Orleans, and many others.



EMERGING GOVERNANCE LEADERS SEMINARS

The Socrates Program has created an annual series of Socratic seminars for Congressional staff, focused on Article 1, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution. Reaching up to 100 Congressional staffers per year, these expertly-moderated seminars take place at Aspen's Wye River campus.

THE SOCRATES PROGRAM IS CONSTANTLY EXPANDING ITS REACH ACROSS THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONALLY, aiming at diversifying the Socrates Network and amplifying seminars through diverse perspectives.

The following is a look at Socrates International Seminars, Salons, and Emerging Governance Leaders Seminars in 2019:

INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

SOCRATES SPAIN SEMINAR
MARCH 8-10, 2019 | Ronda, Spain



SOCRATES COLOMBIA SEMINAR
MARCH 15-17, 2019 | Cartagena, Colombia



SOCRATES FRANCE SEMINAR
APRIL 25-28, 2019 | Annecy, France



SOCRATES FUNDATA SEMINAR
MAY 24-26, 2019 | Fundata, Romania



SOCRATES CHIBA SEMINAR
MAY 31-JUNE 3, 2019 | Chiba, Japan



SOCRATES OXFORD SEMINAR
SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2019 | Oxford, UK



SOCRATES KYIV SEMINAR
OCTOBER 3-6, 2019 | Kyiv, Ukraine



SOCRATES PITARU SEMINAR
OCTOBER 10-13, 2019 | Pitaru, Romania



SOCRATES SUSSEX SEMINAR
OCTOBER 18-20, 2019 | Sussex, UK



SOCRATES NARA SEMINAR
DECEMBER 6-8, 2019 | Nara, Japan



SOCRATES SALONS

SOCRATES CHICAGO SALON
MARCH 8-9, 2019 | Chicago, IL



SOCRATES INCLUSIVE REPUBLIC SALON
MARCH 23, 2019 | Philadelphia, PA



SOCRATES INCLUSIVE REPUBLIC SALON
APRIL 5-6, 2019 | El Paso, TX



SOCRATES INCLUSIVE REPUBLIC SALON
MAY 8, 2019 | Milwaukee, WI



SOCRATES INCLUSIVE REPUBLIC SALON
MAY 16-17, 2019 | Miami, FL



SOCRATES NEW ORLEANS SALON
AUGUST 27-28, 2019 | New Orleans, LA



SOCRATES INCLUSIVE REPUBLIC SALON
NOVEMBER 2, 2019 | Chicago, IL



SOCRATES NEW YORK SALON
NOVEMBER 15-16, 2019 | New York City, NY



EMERGING GOVERNANCE LEADERS SEMINARS

MAY 10-12, 2019 • AUGUST 16-18, 2019 • DECEMBER 13-15, 2019 | Aspen Wye River Campus, MD



“The conversations directly led to my perspective shifting on various possibilities within my own work.”

Lisa Larson

U.S. Department of State

SCHOLARSHIPS

Because breadth of opinion and perspective make for the most engaging and thoughtful dialogue, the Institute seeks to include leaders from a broad spectrum of professional and personal backgrounds in the Socrates Program. By bringing together individuals with diverse opinions and perspectives, the foundation is laid for the constructive tension that characterizes rigorous Socratic exploration.

Through the generous support of contributors to the scholarship fund, the program offers assistance based on professional affiliation, personal background, and need to defray the cost of tuition. Nominations are taken from Socrates alumni and other members of the Institute community, as well as from direct applications from individuals who can contribute to the quality of the dialogue around the seminar table.

Albright Scholarship Fund for Veterans

This scholarship sponsors veterans of the US military to attend Institute programs.

Budinger Scholarship

This scholarship sponsors a state or local government official to attend a Socrates seminar.

Kobayashi Scholarship

This scholarship, administered in partnership with Aspen Japan, enables Japanese leaders to attend Socrates seminars.

"As a journalist and civil servant, I am used to keeping my views to myself, so it was exhilarating and liberating to express my thoughts in a freewheeling setting."

Carol Castiel
Current Affairs Programming
2019 Nathanson Scholar

"The Socrates Seminar offered me the unparalleled experience to engage with important and relevant content on leadership, listen and discuss with leaders from a wide range of disciplines, and collaboratively learn from the expertise of participants working in the private, public, and non-profit sectors."

Liza Rodriguez
City of Philadelphia Department of Human Services
2019 Salinas Scholar

Muñana Fund for International Partners

This fund enables colleagues from the Institute's nine international partners to attend seminars at the Institute.

Nathanson Public Diplomacy Scholarship

This scholarship sponsors public diplomacy professionals from the Broadcasting Board of Governors and the US Department of State to attend Socrates seminars.

Ricardo Salinas Scholarship

This scholarship provides tuition support for Latinx and Mexican participants to attend Socrates seminars and other Institute programming.

"The ability to connect and have deep dialogue with emerging leaders throughout the world on issues that are contemporary and pivotal is priceless. This program is designed to leave the participant with valuable, thought-provoking content that then becomes action items and lessons leaders want to address within their industry, communities and teams."

Tatiana Torres
CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
2019 Socrates Scholar

Socrates Scholarship

This scholarship provides tuition support for a diversity of perspectives and voices to attend Socrates seminars.



SOCRATES BENEFIT DINNER

The 2019 Socrates Benefit Dinner celebrated the achievements of the Socrates Program and the work of past Socrates Executive Director, Kitty Boone.

The dinner was co-chaired by Socrates Co-Founders Laura and Gary Lauder, and longtime supporters Bonnie and Tom McCloskey. The dinner program featured Brian Hooks, president of the Charles Koch Foundation, in conversation with Dan Porterfield, President of the Aspen Institute.

“Gathering together this weekend to discuss and share ideas that might be inspired by the readings, working to find common ground is so important in this era of deep division.”

Kitty Boone

2019 Socrates Benefit Dinner Honoree



Top left: Summer 2019 Alumni Kristofer Clark, Asako Kadota, Tatiana Torres, Marina Torres, Terri Broussard- Williams, and Lemuel Williams
Bottom left: The Aspen Institute Trustee Bonnie McCloskey **Right:** Socrates co-founders and dinner co-chairs Laura and Gary Lauder
Below: Brian Hooks, president of the Charles Koch Foundation, in conversation with Dan Porterfield, President of the Aspen Institute.



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2019 SOCRATES CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

Socrates Winter Seminar
February 15-18, 2019; Aspen, Colorado

MARCH

Socrates Spain Seminar
March 8-10, 2019; Ronda, Spain

Socrates Chicago Salon
March 8-9, 2019; Chicago, Illinois

Socrates Colombia Seminar
March 15-17, 2019; Cartagena, Colombia

Socrates Inclusive Republic Summit
March 23, 2019; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

APRIL

Socrates Inclusive Republic Summit
April 5-6, 2019; El Paso, Texas

Socrates France Seminar
April 25-28, 2019; Annecy, France

MAY

Socrates Inclusive Republic Salon
May 8, 2019; Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar
May 10-12, 2019; Wye, Maryland

Socrates Inclusive Republic Summit
May 17, 2019; Miami, Florida

Socrates Fundata Seminar
May 24-26, 2019; Fundata, Romania

Socrates Chiba Seminar
May 31-June 3, 2019; Chiba, Japan

JULY

Socrates Summer Seminars
July 5-8, 2019; Aspen, Colorado

AUGUST

Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar
August 16-18, 2019; Wye, Maryland

Socrates New Orleans Salon
August 27-28, 2019; New Orleans, LA

SEPTEMBER

Socrates Oxford Seminar
September 13-15, 2019; Oxford, UK

OCTOBER

Socrates Kyiv Seminar
October 3-6, 2019; Kyiv, Ukraine

Socrates Pitaru Seminar
October 10-13, 2019; Pitaru, Romania

Socrates Sussex Seminar
October 18-20, 2019; Sussex, England

NOVEMBER

Socrates New York Salon
November 15-16, 2019; New York City, NY

DECEMBER

Socrates Nara Seminar
December 6-8, 2019; Nara, Japan

Emerging Governance Leaders Seminar
December 13-15, 2019; Wye, Maryland

2020 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Socrates Winter Seminars

February 14-17, 2020; Aspen, Colorado

Learning from Native Sons: The Pain, Rage and Hope of America's Most Loyal Critics

Moderator: Thomas Chatterton Williams

This course will focus on the singular promise of America and its frequently brutal history of failing to make good on that promise through the rich critical lens of black male autobiography. These stories of self-invention and survival—as well as triumph and measured despair—will serve as a roadmap for understanding how the country has evolved from chattel slavery and its legacy to the contemporary era of increasingly frequent—and frequently staggering—individual success as well as lingering group-wide stigma.

Wielding Power & Influence

Moderator: José M. de Areilza

This Seminar offers participants the possibility to step back and develop a conceptual framework for understanding power and influence. It relies on case studies, biographical texts and contemporary readings to discuss what constitutes an ethical exercise of power, analyze power bases and influence styles and how we lead in a variety of contexts and situations.

Thinking About Global Security

Moderators: Dina Temple-Raston and Harvey Rishikof

This seminar will explore three critical issues of domestic and international concern as nations struggle to find a new equilibrium – offensive cyber, vulnerabilities in supply chain, and innovative engagement with China. Each session will develop a framework for these issues, will pose critical questions to develop deeper understanding of them and will analyze proposed solutions.

MAY

Socrates Jerusalem Seminar "Order Amid Chaos: Major Trends Shaping the Future of Technology, Business and Society"

May 4-8, 2020; Jerusalem, Israel

JULY

Socrates Summer Seminars

July 10-13; Aspen, Colorado

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About the Socrates Program

The Aspen Institute Socrates Program provides a forum for leaders from various professions to convene and explore contemporary issues through expert-moderated dialogue. Socrates also provides the opportunity for participants to enter into a diverse professional network, and into the broader range of the Aspen Institute's programs. The seminars are designed as values-based Socratic explorations to facilitate the exchange of ideas. Socrates programs include daylong salons in major US cities and weekend-long seminars in Aspen and abroad.

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