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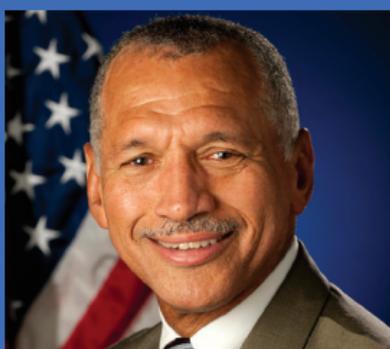
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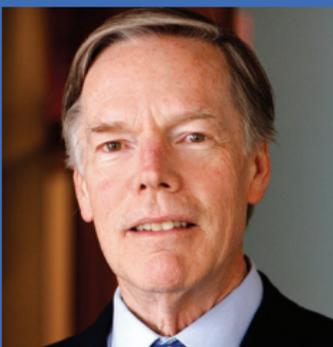
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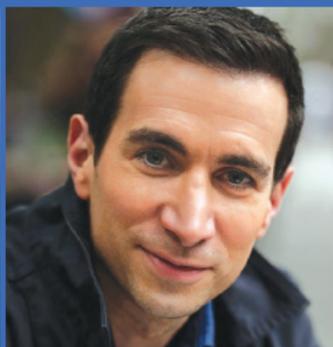
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### **ANDERSON COOPER** September 30, 2026 Wednesday, 8 pm

Known for his incisive interviews and live reporting from more than 70 countries—Cooper has covered everything from natural disasters to global hot spots to presidential debates. He anchors CNN's *Anderson Cooper 360°* and was a correspondent for CBS's *60 Minutes* for more than 20 years, earning a Peabody Award and 20 Emmys.



### **BORIS JOHNSON** October 14, 2026

UK Prime Minister (2019–2022) and Conservative Party leader, Johnson led the UK through its withdrawal from the European Union. Formerly the British Foreign Secretary and Mayor of London, he provides a unique firsthand perspective on global politics and Ukraine.

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## **ANNE APPLEBAUM**

November 18, 2026  
Wednesday, 8 pm

A Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, bestselling author, and *Atlantic* staff writer, Applebaum is a leading voice on authoritarianism today. Her work deconstructs the misinformation and propaganda shaping global politics and the rise of autocracy, drawing on her extensive expertise in Soviet and Eastern European history.



## **ANDREW ROSS SORKIN**

January 13, 2027  
Wednesday, 8 pm

A financial expert on Wall Street and corporate America, Sorkin is an award-winning *New York Times* journalist, anchor of CNBC's *Squawk Box*, and founder of the influential NYT DealBook. The bestselling author of *1929: The Inside Story of the Greatest Crash* and *Too Big to Fail*, he also co-created the hit TV series *Billions*.

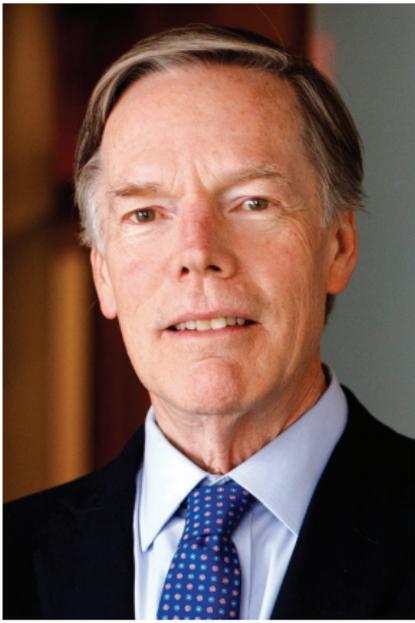


## **CHARLES F. BOLDEN JR.**

February 17, 2027  
Wednesday, 8 pm

Head of NASA for seven years (2009-2017) and a two-time Space Shuttle Commander who flew on four missions, Bolden is only the second astronaut ever to lead the space agency. A Marine Corps major general, he piloted the shuttle that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope and flew over 100 combat missions during the Vietnam War.

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## NICHOLAS BURNS

March 31, 2027

Wednesday, 8 pm

US Ambassador to China (2021–2025), Burns is the leading expert on US–China relations. A trusted voice on diplomacy and national security, he served six presidents from both political parties during his 35 years of public service. He was US Ambassador to NATO during 9/11, and led negotiations on India and Iran’s nuclear programs.



## LYNSEY ADDARIO

April 28, 2027

Wednesday, 8 pm

Award-winning war photographer, Addario’s powerful images from the front lines appear on *The New York Times* front page, capturing the realities of war, humanitarian crises, and human resilience. Twice kidnapped, her work over 25 years in conflict zones like Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Sudan earned two Pulitzer Prizes.

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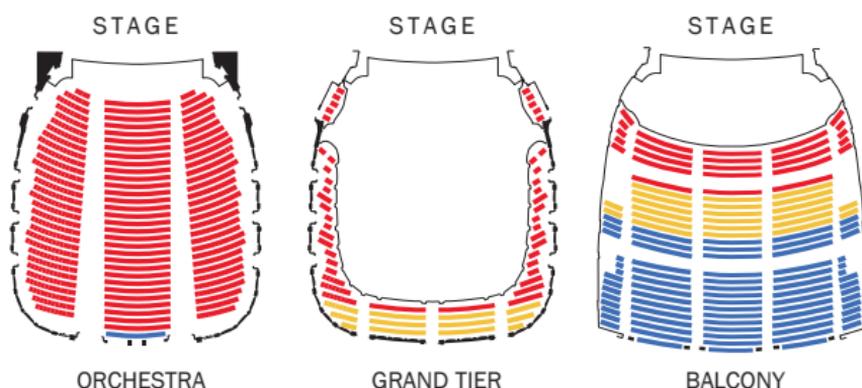
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Vladimir Kara-Murza  
Doris Kearns Goodwin  
Pippa Malmgren  
Malcolm Gladwell  
Cristina Mittermeier

## 2024–2025

Neal Katyal  
Liz Cheney  
Annette Gordon-Reed  
Oren Etzioni  
Adm. James Stavridis  
Chris Wallace  
Andrew Lloyd Webber

## 2023–2024

Jane Fonda  
Van Jones  
Adam Kinzinger  
Marie Yovanovitch  
Laurie Santos  
Michael Beschloss  
Céline Cousteau

## 2022–2023

Loretta Lynch  
John Brennan  
Maria Ressa  
Erik Larson  
Scott Kelly  
Tom Friedman  
Anthony Ray Hinton

## 2021–2022

John Bolton  
Platon  
Walter Isaacson  
Mara Liasson  
Jamie Metzl  
Theresa May  
Bill Nye

## 2019–2020

John Kerry  
Zanny Minton Beddoes  
Bob Woodward  
Douglas Brinkley  
Peter Diamandis  
Susan Rice  
Jason Alexander

## 2018–2019

James Comey  
Lisa Genova  
Gloria Steinem  
Jeb Bush  
Ian Bremmer  
Bryan Stevenson  
Jay Leno

## 2017–2018

David Cameron  
Jeffrey Toobin  
Jane Pauley  
Robin Wright  
Rick Steves  
Newt Gingrich  
Mark Kelly and  
Gabby Giffords

## 2016–2017

Rita Moreno  
Ehud Barak  
Michel Martin, Jason  
Riley and Morris Dees  
John Cleese  
Martin Dempsey  
Ted Koppel  
Jon Meacham

## 2015–2016

John Irving  
Sanjay Gupta  
Dennis Ross  
Ayaan Hirsi Ali  
Diana Nyad  
Leon Panetta  
Dave Barry

## 2014–2015

Alan Alda  
Julia Gillard  
Robert Mueller  
Arianna Huffington  
P.W. Singer  
David McCullough  
Michio Kaku

## 2013–2014

George Papandreou  
Bill Bryson  
Robert Gates  
Steve Wozniak  
Olympia Snowe  
Dan Rather  
Doris Kearns Goodwin

## 2012–2013

President Bill Clinton  
Jon Huntsman, Jr.  
Lisa Ling  
Erskine Bowles  
Jeannette Walls  
Vicente Fox  
Nando Parrado

## 2011–2012

Ron Chernow  
Michelle Rhee  
Valerie Plame Wilson  
and Joe Wilson  
Michael Pollan  
Azar Nafisi  
Stanley McChrystal  
Tom Brokaw

## 2010–2011

Thomas Friedman  
Elizabeth Gilbert  
Ben Carson  
Charles Krauthammer  
F.W. de Klerk  
Mark Shields  
Karl Rove and  
Howard Dean

## 2009–2010

Pervez Musharraf  
Jean-Michel Cousteau  
Laura Bush  
Robert Reich  
Mia Farrow  
David Brooks  
Greg Mortenson

## 2008–2009

Steve Forbes  
Paul Rusesabagina  
Garrison Keillor  
Anna Quindlen  
Bob Woodward  
Jane Goodall  
David McCullough

## 2007–2008

Aron Ralston  
George Will  
Christiane Amanpour  
Madeleine Albright  
Salman Rushdie  
Frank McCourt  
The Capitol Steps

## 2006–2007

Nora Ephron  
James Lovell  
Colin Powell  
Paul Bremer  
Michael Medved  
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.  
Ari Fleischer

## 2005–2006

Beck Weathers  
Robert Redford  
Bill Moyers  
John Major  
Robert Ballard  
Mark Russell  
Christine Todd  
Whitman

## 2004–2005

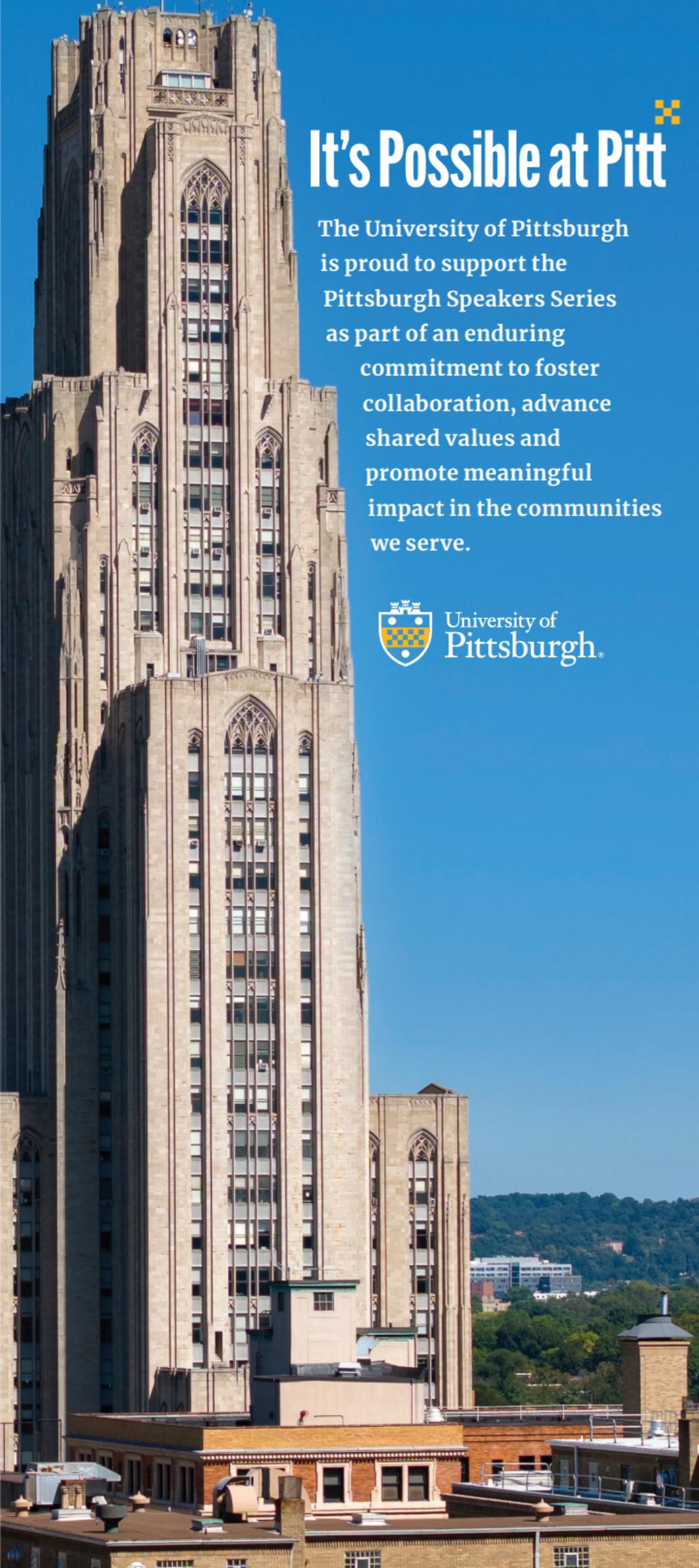
Henry Kissinger  
James Carville  
Mary Higgins Clark  
Ehud Barak  
Frank Aagnale  
Doris Kearns Goodwin  
Dave Barry

## 2003–2004

Rudy Giuliani  
Elie Wiesel  
Amy Tan  
Julian Bond  
Cokie Roberts  
David Gergen  
David McCullough

## 2002–2003

Benjamin Netanyahu  
Walter Cronkite  
Ken Burns  
Beverly Sills  
Benazir Bhutto  
Frank McCourt  
Richard Holbrooke



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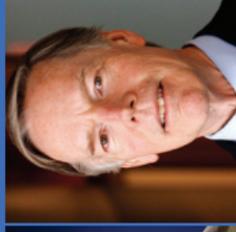
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