

FALL CONVOCATION



Severance Music Center
Wednesday, August 31, 2022
4:45 p.m.

ELAINE G. HADDEN DISTINGUISHED VISITING AUTHOR LECTURE

About Elaine G. Hadden

Cleveland philanthropist and civic activist Elaine G. Hadden's long record of distinguished service to Case Western Reserve University extended well beyond her role as a valued member of the university's Board of Trustees from 1976 to 2003.



She believed Case Western Reserve's breakthroughs and intellectual contributions directly benefit all of Northeast Ohio, and during her life she remained one of the institution's most outspoken advocates. In 2012, she established the Elaine G. Hadden Distinguished Visiting Author Fund to support presentations by the author of the book featured each year as the university's common reading.

Her generous gift serves an enduring reminder of her unwavering support of the university and love of creative endeavors.

Elaine G. Hadden

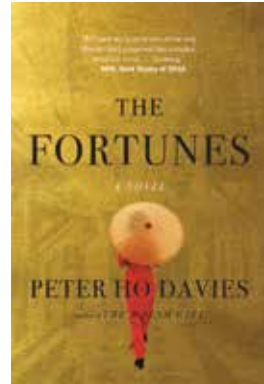
Distinguished Visiting Author

Peter Ho Davies

Peter Ho Davies' most recent books are the novel *A Lie Someone Told You About Yourself* and *The Art of Revision: The Last Word*, his first work of nonfiction.

Other books include *The Fortunes*, a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year and winner of the Anisfield-Wolf Award; *The Welsh Girl*, long-listed for the Man Booker Prize and a *London Times* bestseller; as well as two critically acclaimed collections of short stories. His work has appeared in *Harpers*, *The Atlantic*, *The Paris Review*, and *Granta* and been anthologized in *Prize Stories: The O. Henry Awards* and *Best American Short Stories*.

Born in Britain to Welsh and Chinese parents, Davies now teaches in the MFA program at the University of Michigan. His book, *The Fortunes*, has been chosen as Case Western Reserve University's 2022 Common Reading.



ORDER OF CEREMONY

The Academic Procession	Platform Party Emeriti Faculty Distinguished University Professors Faculty and Officers
Processional	Peter Bennett, PhD Professor Department of Music <i>(audience will please rise)</i>
The National Anthem	Organist and Audience Led by Andrea Regali (CWR '23)
Call to Order	Joy Bostic, PhD University Marshal
Welcome	Eric W. Kaler, President Case Western Reserve University
Remarks	Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH (WRC '77, MED '81, HON '06) Board Vice Chair Ananya Hari (CWR '23), President Undergraduate Student Government
Presentation of Distinguished University Professors	Eric W. Kaler, President Ben Vinson III, Provost and Executive Vice President Case Western Reserve University
Address	Peter Ho Davies Elaine G. Hadden Distinguished Visiting Author, <i>The Fortunes</i>
Alma Mater	Organist and Audience Led by Andrea Regali <i>(lyrics on page 11)</i>
Closing	Joy Bostic, PhD
Recessional	Peter Bennett, PhD, Organist <i>(audience will please rise)</i>

Following the ceremony, all guests are invited to attend a light reception and book signing in the Tinkham Veale University Center.

Distinguished University Professors

To honor exceptional faculty, Case Western Reserve University awards the title of Distinguished University Professor—a permanent, honorific title that acknowledges the outstanding contributions of full-time, tenured professors with a distinguished academic record of extraordinary research, scholarship, teaching and service.

The designation represents the highest honor the university bestows on a member of its professoriate. Recipients are named annually and receive a medallion at fall convocation commemorating the honor.

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2022 Recipient

Jonathan Karn, PhD

School of Medicine

Eradicating or finding a functional cure for HIV has been a primary focus of Jonathan Karn's career, earning him a global reputation as an HIV-cure thought leader and an internationally recognized molecular virologist.

For decades, he has been a go-to person by colleagues in the HIV/AIDS research field.

"Jonathan is, without doubt, one of the most impactful scientists working today on basic studies of HIV, leading a group that has maintained a reputation for developing cutting-edge concepts and technologies," said a colleague from another university.

His decades-long research to understand HIV began in 1987 when he played a leading role in establishing and coordinating the AIDS research effort in the UK as a member of the MRC AIDS Directed Program Steering Committee. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, he made the crucial discovery that the HIV transcriptional regulatory proteins Tat and Rev are RNA binding proteins. This finding has been described as a "seminal" discovery in the early fight against AIDS as it helped explain why we can't cure HIV with antiretroviral drugs and illuminated the underlying molecular mechanisms of HIV latency.

And when the world began trying to make sense of the implications of a global pandemic, his expertise as a virologist was instrumental in leading the response. In April 2020, he cofounded the Cleveland SARS-CoV-2 Task Force, a group of more than 250 faculty members from all of the Cleveland area's hospitals and medical centers, which has undertaken a number of large multi-investigator studies related to the coronavirus. Under his co-leadership, the Task Force has obtained over \$10 million in funding to examine multiple aspects of the virus, including introducing critical mutations that might disable it.

Karn's research is supported by more than \$18.3 million in research funding through 2025. His more than 90 primary research papers, 42 reviews, and eight patents are evidence of his scientific contributions. His scholarly impact extends as a mentor to others, having guided 37 postdoctoral fellows, 13 graduate students, four research scientists and nine research associates since 1980.

2022 Recipient

Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD

School of Medicine

Throughout her more than 40 years of service to Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, the impact made by Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD, the Arline H. and Curtis F. Garvin Research Professor and former dean of the School of Medicine (2007-20), as a leader, educator, researcher and mentor has been transformative.

During her tenure as the dean, the school ranked 11th nationally for producing successful academic researchers, 20th in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding and a consistent top-25 national research institution according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

Davis played a leading role in the school's most prominent collaborative achievement in education—the Health Education Campus. The Samson Pavilion opened in 2019, launching a new era in interprofessional health education.

Not only is Davis an accomplished researcher and clinician, but her contributions to advancing innovations in medical education have created a lasting legacy. She championed the innovative WesternReserve2 curriculum in medical education, which emphasizes scholarship, civic professionalism, and tools for lifelong learning. While dean, enrollment in the school's master's degree programs more than doubled, and programs were expanded and added, including the Physician Assistant Program and pathways programs.

In addition to being recognized as an extraordinary leader, she has passionately worked to advance cystic fibrosis research and has successfully developed novel therapies bringing them to clinical trials. After she stepped down as dean, Davis pivoted from leading the school to an active funded research program aimed at solving many of today's healthcare issues and advancing equity for healthcare and healthcare workers.

She is the founding scientist of Copernicus Therapeutics Inc., a biotechnology company that creates novel pharmaceutical targeting and delivery systems. Davis holds seven U.S. patents, has published over 150 articles and serves in prominent scientific roles in many professional organizations. Davis has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine, the National Academy of Inventors, and as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has previously been awarded the Hovorka Prize by the university.

2022 Recipient

Roger Quinn, PhD

Case School of Engineering

When Roger Quinn joined the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering 37 years ago, the term “biorobotics” was unknown. Initially focused on simulation and control of space structures, Quinn was approached by former CWRU professor Randall Beer and professors of biology Hillel Chiel and Roy Ritzmann to build an insect-like robot for an innovative project. It was this project that would eventually put his name on the short list of people who pioneered the field of biorobotics.

Years later, the term “biorobotics” is widely recognized, and Quinn’s research continues to advance the field.

His most recent work is focused on robot hands with a soft touch, in partnership with former student Vickie Webster-Wood (GRS ’17, mechanical engineering) and longtime collaborator Chiel, the team is developing the next generation of soft robotic graspers. The project is gaining recognition from the National Science Foundation (NSF), who awarded the trio a \$1.5 million grant as well as \$8 million of the NSF’s far-reaching, \$50 million project: Next Generation Networks for Neuroscience, or NeuroNex.

Since joining CWRU in 1986, Quinn has been the principal investigator (PI) or co-PI for 62 grants worth nearly \$30 million, published a total of 524 times, served in many leadership roles and mentored and taught a large number of students in a variety of classes, some of which he developed.

In a long list of career achievements, he is most proud of his students.

“I could point to some particular robots, some other things we’ve done,” he said. “But, honestly, I think the thing I’m most proud of is the students who have come through and done such great work and are such good people. Watching them succeed is the most satisfying part of the job.”

“Dr. Quinn has made outstanding contributions to scholarly research, education, and service, exemplifying the best attributes of our Distinguished University Professors,” Venkataramanan “Ragu” Balakrishnan, the Charles H. Phipps Dean of the Case School of Engineering, said.



Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholars

Throughout her 13-year tenure as president, Barbara R. Snyder emphasized her commitment to ensuring qualified students could afford a Case Western Reserve education.

Annual scholarship support for undergraduates more than doubled during her presidency—from \$61.5 million in 2007–08 to over \$134 million in 2020–21.

So unwavering was her focus that scholarships became one of the cornerstones of the Forward Thinking capital campaign, which ultimately raised more than \$250 million for student support. In 2016, the university moved to a financial aid model where the university met 100% of the demonstrated financial need of each admitted student, a measure that improved the diversity of incoming classes.

Last fall, in celebration of her transformative presidency, trustees, alumni and friends donated more than \$37.6 million in support of scholarships and the performing arts. As part of this effort, 15 friends of the university came together to create the Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholarships—with the overwhelming majority supporting first-year undergraduates with demonstrated financial need.

Other gifts have established scholarships for graduate and professional students in specific disciplines.

Below are some of the generous donors of this initial support; three of them have chosen to remain anonymous.

- Ann A. and David L. Brennan (LAW '57)—Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholar
- Nancy and Tim Callahan—Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholar
- Brittan and Fred DiSanto—Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholar
- Thalia Dorwick—Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholar
- Shelby and Frederick Gans—Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholar
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- Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Distinguished Scholar
- The Susan P. Mucciarone Scholarship
- Eric and Jane Nord Family—Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholar
- Donald J. Richards—Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholar
- Great Neck and Elissa Richman/Richman Foundation—Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholar
- The Smith Family—Barbara R. Snyder Distinguished Scholar
- The Tinkham Veale—Barbara Snyder Entrepreneurial Fellows



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Loyal and true are we (are we).
Your brave sons and daughters,
your knowledge we use
To make our mark on history

Our school days we'll cherish forever more,
A lifetime of friends from the start (the start).
Shine on, forever, Case Western Reserve.
You'll be forever in our hearts.

Scott Miller ~ CWRU '90, LAW '93

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 20

Writers Center Stage

Featuring Marlon James

7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6–Sunday, October 9

Homecoming Weekend

Tuesday, October 25

Writers Center Stage

Featuring Barbara Kingsolver

7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 7

Writers Center Stage

Featuring Jon Meacham

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

Writers Center Stage

Silvia Moreno–Garcia

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

Writers Center Stage

Jonathan Franzen

7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

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Elif Batuman & Gary Shteyngart

7:30 p.m.

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LATE SEATING

For the comfort and listening pleasure of the audience in the hall, late arriving patrons are asked to wait quietly until the first convenient break in the program, when ushers will help you to your seats. These seating breaks are at the discretion of the House Manager in consultation with the producer.

PAGERS, CELL PHONES, AND LISTENING DEVICES

All electronic and mechanical devices — including pagers, cellular telephones, and wristwatch alarms — must be turned off in the concert hall.

HEARING AIDS AND OTHER HEALTH ASSISTIVE DEVICES

For the comfort of those around you, please reduce the volume on hearing aids and other devices that may produce a noise that would detract from the program. Infrared Assistive Listening Devices are also available. Please see the House Manager or Head Usher for more details.

PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY, AND RECORDING

At all times, cameras and tape recorders must be kept outside the concert hall. For the safety of guests and performers, photography and videography are strictly prohibited.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

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