

The Benjamin F. Barge and Class of 1866 Prizes for Oratory



Speech Contest

April 16, 2015, 4:30 PM

The Treasure Room, Baker Library

sponsored by

The Institute for Writing & Rhetoric,
the Benjamin F. Barge Fund, and the Class of 1866 Fund
Dartmouth College

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 and continued until 2004. After a six-year hiatus, we re-launched the Benjamin F. Barge Prize for Oratory in May 2010. 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

These prizes were established in 1905 by Waldemer Otis and Dr. James A. Spaulding, both members of the Class of 1866, and continued until 2004. We re-launched the Class of 1866 Prizes in May 2011. There are two prizes, one to a junior and one to a sophomore, to be awarded "for excellence in original orations." Winners receive a certificate and a cash award.

About the Institute for Writing and Rhetoric at Dartmouth College

The Institute for Writing and Rhetoric fosters students' abilities as writers, speakers, and critical thinkers. The Institute promotes a culture of writing and rhetoric across campus through courses, through peer engagement among students, and through sustained conversation among faculty. Institute courses include the first-year writing courses (Writing 2-3 and Writing 5, and the First-Year Seminars); courses in Speech; and advanced courses in writing. The Institute also includes peer-tutorial programs that support students in their writing, research, and new media activities.

The call for the 2016 Benjamin F. Barge Prize for Oratory (for seniors) and the Class of 1866 Prizes for Oratory (for sophomores and juniors) will be released during the Winter 2016 term and will be posted at that time on the Institute for Writing and Rhetoric's website (<http://writing-speech.dartmouth.edu/>).

About Speech at Dartmouth College

The Speech component of the Institute for Writing and Rhetoric 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.

PROGRAM

Welcome	Paul B. Klaas, '74
Introduction of Judges & Contestants	Josh Compton, Senior Lecturer, Institute for Writing & Rhetoric
Class of 1866 Prize Contestant Speeches	
Benjamin F. Barge Prize Contestant Speeches	
Reception & Award Announcements	Ferguson Room, Room 206, Baker Library
Announcement of Prize Winners	Christiane Donahue, Director, Institute for Writing & Rhetoric

CONTEST ORGANIZER

Josh Compton

Senior Lecturer in Speech, Institute for Writing and Rhetoric

Josh Compton (Ph.D., University of Oklahoma, 2004) joined the Dartmouth faculty in 2008. His scholarship of inoculation theory, political humor, and speech pedagogy has appeared in *Human Communication Research*, *Health Communication*, *Arts and Humanities in Higher Education*, *Public Relations Review*, *Communication Theory*, and other journals. His political humor analyses have been included in several books, including Routledge's *Laughing Matters* (2007) and Lexington's *The Daily Show and Rhetoric* (2011), and he wrote the inoculation chapter for *The Sage Handbook of Persuasion* (2013). He was a recipient of the National Speakers Association's Outstanding Professor Award, and his work has been recognized by the International Communication Association, the Eastern Communication Association, and the Pi Kappa Delta National Honorary. His courses at Dartmouth include Speech 20: Public Speaking, Speech 25: Persuasive Public Speaking, Speech 30: Speechwriting, Speech 32: Legal Rhetoric, Speech 33: Political Humor Rhetoric, Speech 34: Image Rhetoric, and Speech 40: Resistance to Influence.

Prof. Compton would like to thank Hope Rennie, Peggy Baum, Svetlana (Yana) Grushina, Melissa Herman, Julie Kalish, Ashley Kehoe, and Prudence Merton for their help with this year's contest.

THE COMMITTEE OF AWARD

Paul B. Klaas, '74

Senior Lecturer, Institute for Writing and Rhetoric, Dartmouth College; Principal, North Coast Arbitration Chambers, Minneapolis; and Arbitrator Member, Maitland Chambers, London

Professor Klaas teaches Legal Rhetoric (Speech 32) at Dartmouth. He is also a Lecturer on Law at the Harvard Law School, an adjunct professor of law at the University of Minnesota Law School, a guest lecturer on international law at the Tuck School, and invited faculty on medical ethics and history at Mayo Clinic. While a student at Dartmouth, he won both the Class of 1866 Speech Contest and the Barge Medal for Oratory. After graduation from Dartmouth, he attended the Harvard Law School, graduating with a J.D. degree in 1977. Until 2014, he was a partner and trial lawyer at Dorsey & Whitney, a global law firm, resident in its Minneapolis and London offices, and chaired, in various years, that firm's litigation practice and international practice. He now sits as an independent 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 is a member of the Minnesota bar, a barrister of England and Wales, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (Minnesota chapter), and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London branch).

Robyn Millan

Associate Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Dartmouth College

Robyn Millan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. She received her Ph.D. in physics at the University of California, Berkeley in 2002, and came to Dartmouth shortly thereafter as a NASA Spacegrant Visiting Young Scientist. She joined the Dartmouth teaching faculty in 2005. Her research includes the use of high-altitude scientific balloon experiments to study Earth's Van Allen radiation belts, a region of near-Earth space filled with high energy particles.

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 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.

CLASS OF 1866 PRIZE CONTESTANTS

1. Titus Kabega '17

Reclaiming the Narrative of Africa

Hometown: Kampala, Uganda

Engineering Sciences Major

Titus was born and raised in Kampala, Uganda. During his junior year in high school, he attended United World College-USA in New Mexico, and from there, he joined Dartmouth College. At Dartmouth he is involved with the Dartmouth African Student's Association, where he serves as the Vice President for Development.

2. James Hickok '17

A Fulfilling College Experience: Seeking Out Opportunities to Meet New People

Hometown: Westport, Connecticut

Economics Major

James is a goalkeeper on the varsity men's soccer team and has had a lifelong passion for soccer. He is an economics major that has interests in the Spanish and German languages, as he is fluent in Spanish and a citizen of Germany. James took his first speech class during his junior year of high school.

1. Evan Read '16

Red Light, Green Light, What Light?

Hometown: Manhasset, New York

Economics and Political Science Double Major

Evan Read is a junior at Dartmouth College, majoring in Economics and Political Science. He is interested in politics, investing, and music, and enjoys spending time outdoors. One day, he hopes to start his own company.

2. Sofia Karabasevic '16

The Monsters in Your Backyard

Hometown: Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Economics Major, Modified with Sociology

Sofia Karabasevic is a '16 who is majoring in Economics modified with Sociology. She was uprooted from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and replanted in New Hampshire in order to attend college. She spends her free time learning to thrive in this frigid habitat, and enjoys tapping into the unlimited resources that Dartmouth College provides.

BENJAMIN F. BARGE PRIZE CONTESTANTS

1. Megan Bogia '15

'A Brief for the Arena: The Brave Alternative to Perfectionism

Hometown: Collegeville, Pennsylvania

Government Major

The arc of Megan Bogia's time at Dartmouth can be mainly summed up as a fascination with the intersection point of language and politics. To the political side, she works in the Rockefeller Center both in the Policy Research Shop and in the Peer Mentoring Program. To language, she not only reads whenever she gets the chance, but she also serves as a mediator through Mediation@Dartmouth, where language is the key (if not only) gateway to understanding others in new ways. Currently, she is studying Hemingway as a political philosopher, examining how his war novels can answer the question "is war a product of patriotism?" While she will probably pursue something in public service or academia, Megan is unsure where this love of the two fields will take her after graduation and is excited for the adventure that the uncertainty holds.

2. Henry Frost '15

The Ethical Impacts of Autonomous War Machines

Hometown: Lincoln, Massachusetts

Government and Philosophy Double Major

Henry Frost is a senior studying government and philosophy, and concentrating in international relations, formal logic, and the philosophy of free will. This speech was born as a result of conversations sparked by a philosophy seminar on ethics and artificial intelligence. Between that course and his senior thesis on nuclear weapons, Henry has ended up spending much of his senior year discussing advanced weapons systems. At Dartmouth, he also conducts research in the government department and captains the men's ultimate (frisbee) team.

3. Kimberly Strauch '15

Vaccination: Our Best Shot Against Measles

Hometown: Scarsdale, New York

Computer Science Major

Kimberly Strauch wants to use technology to change the world. In her four years at Dartmouth, Kimberly has studied computer science in the hopes of making that goal a reality. In addition to academics, Kimberly is president of Women in Computer Science, serves as an undergraduate advisor, and is a bartender at BarHop. Kimberly has studied abroad in Berlin, Germany, and spent a term doing research in Auckland, New Zealand. She has interned as a software engineer and as a product manager. Anxious to escape the Hanover winters, Kimberly will be moving to warm and sunny California next year to join the IS&T rotational program at Apple.

BENJAMIN F. BARGE PRIZE CONTESTANTS, CONTINUED

4. Kelsey A. Stimson '15

Overqualified, but Underemployed

Hometown: Santa Barbara, California

English Major, Creative Nonfiction Writing Concentration

Kelsey Stimson is an aspiring storyteller from Santa Barbara, California. For her Creative Nonfiction Honors Thesis, she is currently telling the stories of female corrections officers working at the New Hampshire State Prison for Women. When she is older and wiser and can afford a tailored business suit, she is looking forward to life as a trial attorney -- like Johnnie Cochran, Anne Bremner, or Elle Woods.

5. Mohandass Kalaichelvan '15

Educating Girls

Hometown: Singapore

Economics and Government Major

Mohandass Kalaichelvan grew up on the sunny island-nation of Singapore and graduated from Raffles Junior College. Before coming to Dartmouth, Mohandass served in the military for two years where he was commissioned as a Lieutenant. At Dartmouth, Mohandass is an avid student of international economics and comparative political economy. Aside from academics, Mohandass is the founder of the Dartmouth Finance Society. Due to a strong interest in finance, business and policy-making, Mohandass has interned at Morgan Stanley, the Prime Minister's Office in Singapore, and at Harvard as a research assistant during the past few summers. After graduation, Mohandass will be returning to Singapore to work for the Boston Consulting Group as an Associate Consultant.

*Speaking order determined randomly.