

The 6th annual

Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr. Distinguished Lecture in the History of Psychology
presents David G. Myers, Ph.D.

“Psychological Science Engages the Post-Truth World”

May 17, 2018

5:30 pm - cash bar and hors d'oeuvres
6:00 pm - dinner
7:00 pm - lecture

at

The University of Akron Quaker Station
130 E. Mill Street, Akron, Ohio 44325

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW: For psychological scientists and educators, the spread of misinformation is troubling, as when public understandings radically diverge from reality—when U.S. citizens believe, contrary to evidence, that crime is rising, that new immigrants are often criminals, and that climate change is a hoax. Some misinformation is intentional fake news—“lies in the guise of news.” But there is also persuasive power to mere repetition, the availability heuristic, confirmation bias, statistical illiteracy, and group polarization. And there is counteracting, truth-supportive power to evidence-based scientific scrutiny, education into critical thinking, and the religious mandate for humility.



David Myers is a communicator of psychological science to college students and the general public. His scientific writings, supported by National Science Foundation grants and fellowships, have appeared in three dozen academic periodicals, including *Science*, the *American Scientist*, the *American Psychologist*, and *Psychological Science*. David has digested psychological research for the public through articles in four dozen magazines and through seventeen books, including general interest books and textbooks. His research and writings have been recognized by the Gordon Allport Prize, by an “honored scientist” award from the Federation of Associations in the Brain and Behavioral Sciences, by the Award for Distinguished Service on Behalf of Personality-Social Psychology, and by three honorary doctorates.



This lecture series honors Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr., an outstanding teacher, scholar, and researcher whose work has contributed significantly to our understanding of psychology and its history. The annual Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr. Lecture is hosted by the Cummings Center each year in May.

Registration Deadline is May 10, 2018

Complete this registration form and return by email, fax, or mail to the address at the bottom of the form. Secure online registration is also available through our website at www.uakron.edu/chp.

Registration Type: General \$50.00 Student \$25.00

Dinner Selection: Please select one from the following choices.

- Chicken Piccata** - Pan seared boneless chicken simmered with capers, parsley, white wine, lemon juice and butter, with white cheddar mashed potatoes and Italian green beans
- Vegetarian Ratatouille Stuffed Portobello Mushroom** - topped with an herb crust, white cheddar mashed potatoes and Italian green beans

Registration Information: (students must include or email copy of ID)

Name: _____ Preferred Title: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

(for confirmation)

Method of Payment: (checks payable to “The University of Akron”)

- MasterCard Visa Discover American Express Check

Credit Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Local Hotel Information:

Courtyard Marriott Downtown Akron, 1-800-321-2211. Request ‘Benjamin Lecture’ rate to receive UA discount or register through link on CCHP website. For other nearby hotels and Akron attractions, visit the Akron/Summit Visitors Bureau www.visitakron-summit.org.

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