

## Get To Know Our Global Summit XII Speakers

*Learn More About April Ryan*



White House Correspondent April Ryan has a unique vantage point as the only black female reporter covering urban issues from the White House – a position she has held since the Clinton administration. Her position as a White House correspondent has afforded her unusual insight into the racial sensitivities, issues, and political struggles of past presidents.

Her latest book, [“Under Fire: Reporting from the Front Lines of the Trump White House.”](#) is the focus of her presentation at Global Summit XII.

Ryan can be seen almost daily on CNN as a political analyst. She is also the Washington bureau chief on The Grio. Her work has been featured in Essence, Vogue, Cosmopolitan, and Elle magazines, and she is on the board of the White House Correspondents Association.

Ryan is the author of the award-winning book, [“The Presidency in Black and White,”](#) and [“At Mama’s Knee: Mothers and Race in Black and White \(December 2016\),”](#) in which she discusses race relations through the lessons and wisdom that mothers have given their children.

She is a graduate of Morgan State University.

**Front Row to History:  
Reporting from the Front  
Lines of the White House**

May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

**Register for Her Event  
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## *Read About Authors, Deborah and James Fallows, and Filmmakers, Jeanne Jordan and Steven Ascher*



James and Deborah Fallows, authors of the national bestseller “Our Towns” and national correspondents for The Atlantic, have teamed up with filmmakers Steven Ascher and Jeanne Jordan for a just-released HBO documentary based on the book.

The Fallows, frequent presenters and longtime supporters of the Jefferson, were named honorary Erie citizens by Mayor Joe Schember in 2018 as they were presented the Thomas B. Hagen Dignitas Award at Global Summit X. Their national coverage of news, culture, and trends included Erie as part of the “Our Towns” book that put a spotlight on America’s smaller cities, their struggles, and proactive efforts to reinvent themselves.

In addition to a storied career as a journalist, essayist, book author, commentator, and analyst for NPR’s “Weekend All Things Considered,” James Fallows was the chief speechwriter for President Jimmy Carter for two years.

Deborah Fallows, James’ wife and partner, is a Harvard graduate and later earned a Ph.D. in Linguistics. She researches and writes on many subjects, though primarily on education, and her work has appeared in The Atlantic, the former Atlantic Monthly, National Geographic, and Newsweek.

Together their work on “[Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America](#)” has been transferred to documentary film by Academy Award-nominated directors and producers Ascher and Jordan, who join them for the summit presentation.

**"Our Towns:" From the  
Pages to the Screen**

May 27 at 7:30 p.m.

**Register for Their Event  
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### *Global Summit XII Lineup*

Global Summit XII events in May will be live-streamed on Zoom. Go to the Jefferson’s website [here](#) for more information about each program and registration. **Though programs are free, registration is required.**

All programs begin at 7:30 p.m., except for Dr. Leana Wen's program, which begins at 1 p.m.

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**Week One**

Camille Busette and  
Rashawn Ray  
**May 10**  
President Biden adviser  
Ali Zaidi  
**May 11**  
Avi Loeb  
**May 12**  
Rev. Jeffrey Brown  
**May 13**  
Nile Gardiner  
**May 14**

**Week Two**

Gerald Seib  
**May 17**  
Dr. Michael Saag  
**May 18**  
Susan Page  
**May 19**  
Karen Tumulty  
**May 20**  
Dr. Leana Wen  
**May 21**

**Week Three**

David Ignatius  
**May 24**  
Former Assistant  
Secretary of State  
Christopher Hill  
**May 25**  
CNN Political Analyst  
April Ryan  
**May 26**  
James and Deborah  
Fallows, Steven Ascher,  
and Jeanne Jordan  
**May 27**

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