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7:00 p.m.

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PROGRAM

JONAH GOLDBERG

Syndicated Political Columnist; Co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of The Dispatch; Former National Review Senior Editor; Author

EZRA KLEIN

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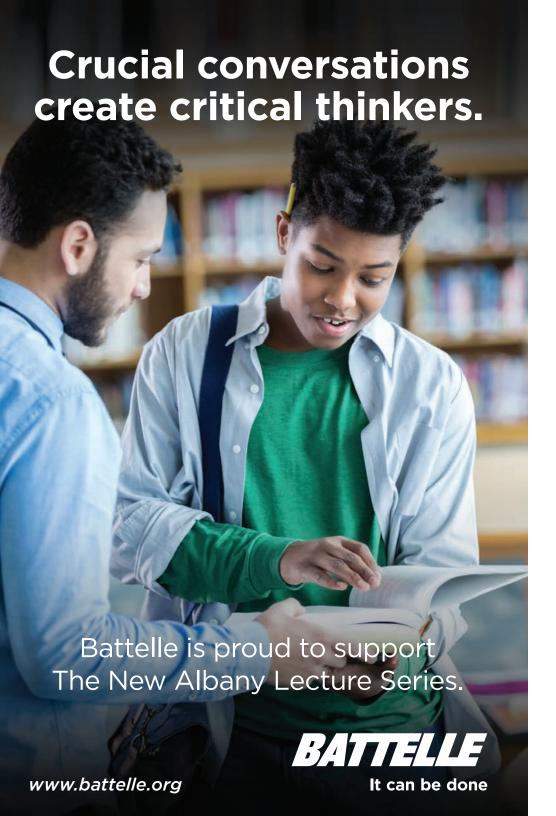
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Thomas Jefferson said, "An informed citizenry is at the heart of a dynamic democracy."

When The New Albany Community Foundation launched its lecture series 11 years ago, our motivation was to promote community dialogue on important issues and to present different perspectives from leading thought leaders. Ultimately, our hope is that this makes us all better informed citizens. Tonight we continue with that mission by hosting respected authors and columnists, Jonah Goldberg and Ezra Klein, who will share their perspectives on any number of policy matters.

This is part of the "Civil Discourse and Debate" programs established by the Foundation and the Derrow family. Barb and Phil Derrow have generously supported the series since its inception and we are grateful to them. We are proud of the series and the caliber of speakers we have been able to bring to New Albany and central Ohio through the generosity of our sponsors and donors.

This lecture series is one of the best in the country thanks to forward-thinking visionaries and our sponsors.

We also are proud that more than 33,000 students representing 50 area schools have interacted with some of the most influential thought leaders of our time.

We've hosted Nobel Prize winners, Pulitzer Prize winners, respected diplomats, military leaders, economists, mental health advocates and more.

Earlier today, Goldberg and Klein met with area students who had the unique opportunity to ask questions and have an enriching discussion.

The Foundation is grateful to all of the sponsors and donors whose generosity makes this all possible. We look forward to seeing all of you again at the remaining programs as part of the 2023-2024 season.

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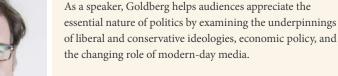


JONAH GOLDBERG

Syndicated Political Columnist; Co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of The Dispatch; Former National Review Senior Editor; Author of three New York Times Bestsellers

One of America's top political commentators, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of *The Dispatch* and the former senior editor of *National Review* magazine, Jonah Goldberg stimulates audiences with bold, provocative critiques of today's

highly polarized political landscape.



A fellow at the National Review Institute and the American Enterprise Institute, Jonah is the author of three New York Times bestsellers: Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left from Mussolini to the Politics of Meaning; The Tyranny of Clichés: How Liberals Cheat in the War of Ideas; and, most recently, Suicide of the West: How the Rebirth of Tribalism, Populism, Nationalism, and Identity Politics is Destroying American Democracy. A nationally syndicated columnist, Jonah is also a weekly columnist for the Los

Angeles Times and host of the popular podcast The Remnant with Jonah Goldberg.

A former FOX News and CNN contributor, Goldberg frequently appears as a commentator on network television. Named one of the Top 50 Political Commentators in America by *The Atlantic* magazine, Jonah is known for nuanced, informed, and thoughtful perspectives that spark indispensable dialogue and debate. Whether discussing the intellectual history of the Left, the hazards posed by political clichés, or the challenges of populism and identity politics, he scrutinizes prevailing opinions and generates new insights.

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EZRA KLEIN

New York Times Columnist; "Ezra Klein Show" Podcast Host; Bestselling Author

Using his trademark depth of policy knowledge and academic research, Ezra Klein gives audiences a systematic look at why American politics is so polarized, and what that polarization has done to electoral institutions, policymaking, and the media.



Klein is a columnist on the New York Times opinion page, host of the award-winning "Ezra Klein Show" podcast, and author of the bestselling book, "Why We're Polarized."

Before that, he was the founder, editor-in-chief, and then editor-at-large of Vox, the explanatory news platform, which has won a bevy of awards and now reaches more than 50 million people each month. He was also a creator and executive producer of its hit Netflix show, "Explained."

Prior to starting Vox, Klein founded and led The Washington Post's Wonkblog. He is also a columnist for Bloomberg News and a regular contributor/policy analyst for MSNBC.

The Economist named him one of the "Minds of the Moment." In 2011, TIME named his blog one of the 25 best financial blogs and the Society of American Business Editors and Writers named Klein as their 2011 Opinion Columnist of the Year. In 2012, GQ named him to their 50 Most Powerful People in Washington list and Esquire named him to their 79 Things We Can All Agree On list saying, "Ezra Klein gives economics columnists a good name." ~



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LEILA FADEL

Host, Morning Edition and Up First

LEILA FADEL is a host of *Morning Edition*, as well as NPR's morning news podcast *Up First*.

As a national correspondent, Fadel consistently reported on the fault lines of this



divided nation. She flew to Minneapolis in the midst of the pandemic as the city erupted in grief and anger over the killing of George Floyd. She's reported on policing and race, on American Muslim communities and on the jarring inequities the coronavirus laid bare in the healthcare system. Her "Muslims in America: A New Generation" series, in collaboration with *National Geographic*, won the prestigious Goldziher Prize in 2019.

Previously, she was NPR's international correspondent based in Cairo and covered the wave of revolts in the Middle East and their aftermaths in Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, and beyond. Her stories brought listeners to the heart of a state-ordered massacre of pro-Muslim Brotherhood protesters in Cairo in 2013 when police shot into crowds of people to clear them and killed between 1,000 and 2,000 people. She told the

tales of a coup in Egypt and what it is like for a country to go through a military overthrow of an elected government. She covered the fall of Mosul to ISIS in 2014 and documented the harrowing tales of the Yazidi women who were kidnapped and enslaved by the group. Her coverage also included stories of human smugglers in Egypt and the Syrian families desperate and willing to pay to risk their lives and cross a turbulent ocean for Europe.

She was awarded the Lowell Thomas Award from the Overseas Press Club for her coverage of the 2013 coup in Egypt and the toll it took on the country and Egyptian families. In 2017 she earned a Gracie award for the story of a single mother in Tunisia whose two eldest daughters were brainwashed and joined ISIS. The mother was fighting to make sure it didn't happen to her younger girls.

Before joining NPR, Fadel covered the Middle East for *The Washington Post* as the Cairo Bureau Chief. Prior to her position as Cairo Bureau Chief for the Post, she covered the Iraq war for nearly five years with Knight Ridder, McClatchy Newspapers, and later *The Washington Post*. Her foreign coverage of the devastating human toll of the Iraq war earned her the George. R. Polk award in 2007. In 2016 she was the Council on Foreign Relations Edward R. Murrow fellow.

Fadel is a Lebanese-American journalist who speaks conversational Arabic and was raised in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon.∼



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~ John Trenchard and Thomas Gordon Cato's Letters(1720-23)

Six years ago, our family began our sponsorship of this programming through the New Albany Center for Civil Discourse and Debate and related programming three years ago with the Center for Ethics and Human Values at The Ohio State University.

It was clear to us then and even more so now, just as it was in those letters published decades before our nation's founding, that the right of free speech — a right foundational to all the others — is increasingly threatened. Just as worrisome, our government, educational, and cultural institutions were failing to teach or promote the skills of reasoned argument and debate in favor of one-sided narratives, the other side being deemed unworthy of consideration or voice.

John Stuart Mill wrote of "the deep slumber of decided opinions" and the necessity of free speech to break its stranglehold on the public, particularly when it is enforced by government. The veracity of any particular perspective is less important than who gets to decide it. We believe robust

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public debate backed by objective evidence rather than technocratic diktats is ultimately the best way to do so. Those who believe government should have the power to decide what is mis-, dis-, or true information must first decide they would be comfortable with their ideological opponents having that power with the next election.

Our guests tonight have made their careers influencing public opinion, often on opposite sides of most issues of the day. We are grateful they have agreed to join us tonight to debate on our stage. Please join us in welcoming accomplished authors, columnists and opinion leaders Jonah Goldberg and Ezra Klein, moderated by Leila Fadel.

Phil, Barb, and Anna Derrow, Founders New Albany Center for Civil Discourse and Debate





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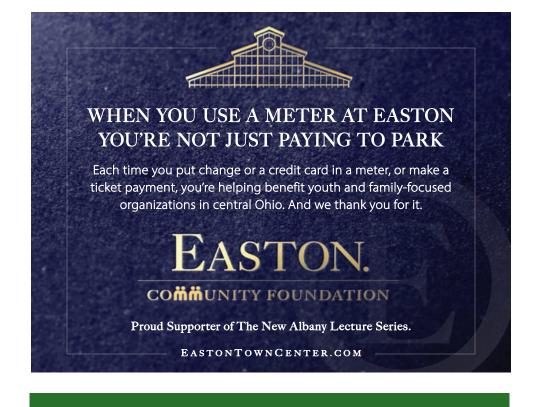


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~Jane Austen



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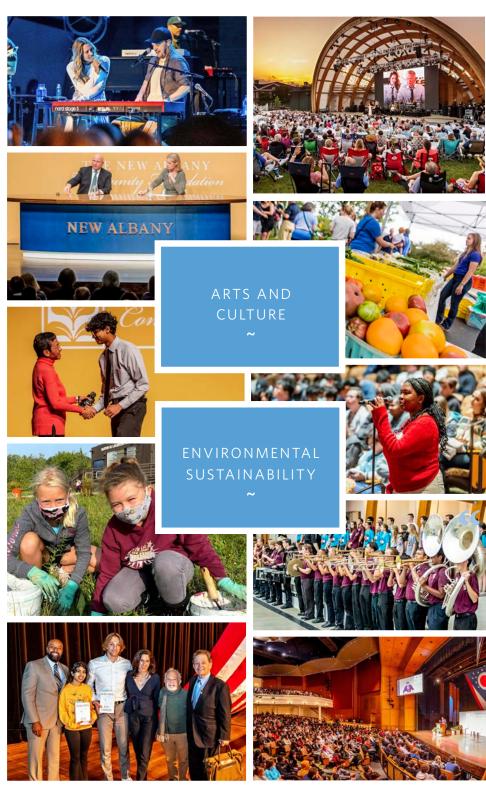
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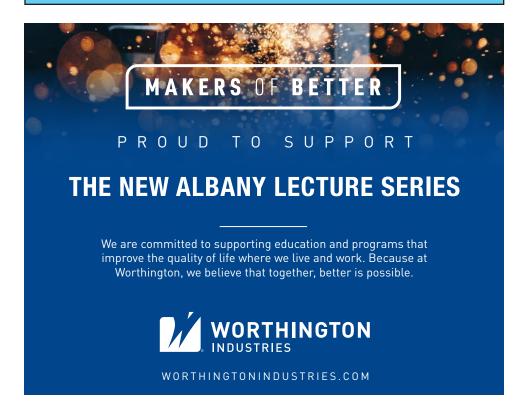
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STUDENT LECTURE

More than 33,000 students from New Albany and 50 other central Ohio schools have interacted with Foundation speakers as part of **The New Albany Lecture Series.**

In October the Foundation hosted students at a lecture featuring actress and cancer advocate, Laura Linney, interviewed by NPR's Neda Ulaby. This afternoon students participated in a lecture featuring Jonah Goldberg and Ezra Klein in a discussion moderated by NPR's Leila Fadel. In the final student lecture of the season Misty Copeland, Principal Dancer with American Ballet Theatre, will be interviewed by BalletMet Artistic Director Edwaard Liang in February. The lectures are live streamed allowing hundreds of additional central Ohio students to participate virtually from their schools.

In response to its donors' desire to support The Student Lecture Series,
The New Albany Community Foundation established **The Lifelong Learning Circle**.
Visit newalbanyfoundation.org to become a member of The Lifelong Learning Circle
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If you are interested in establishing a fund or simply making a contribution to The New Albany Lecture Series Endowment Fund, please contact Craig Mohre at 614-939-8150 or craigmohre@newalbanyfoundation.org to support The New Albany Community Foundation's programming.

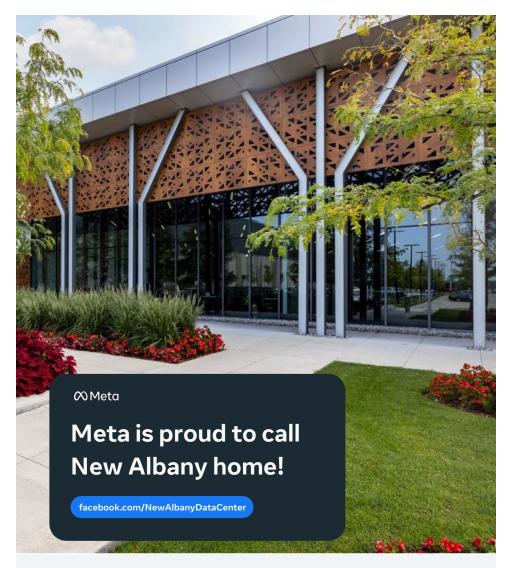






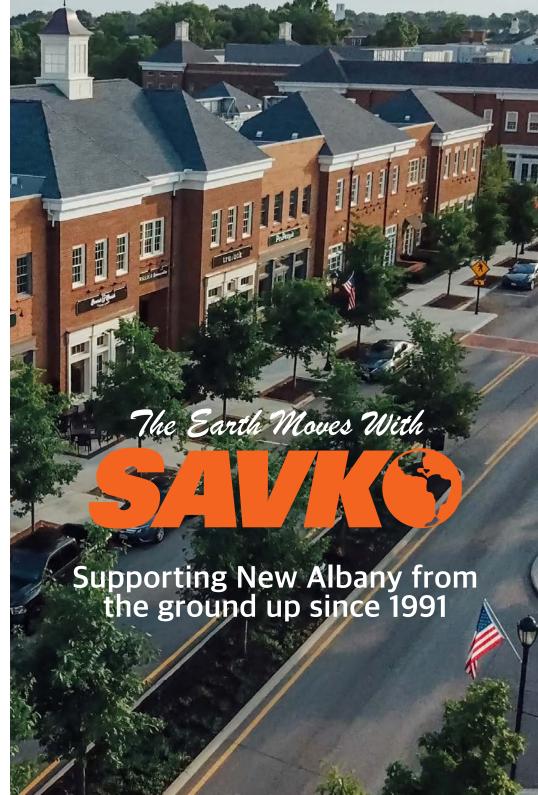






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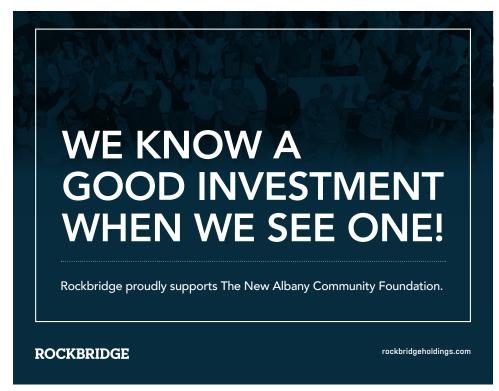




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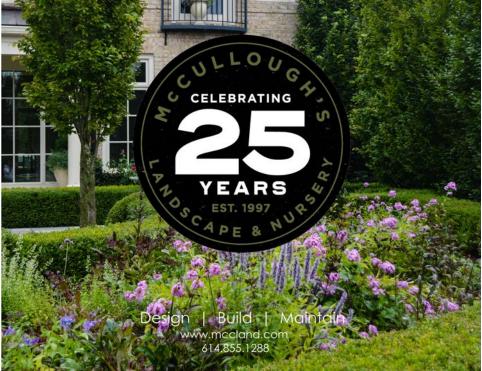


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