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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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“Physics of the Future”

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 7 p.m.
Wright State University Nutter Center

LUNCHEON SPEAKER Registration required

Sam Sifton

New York Times
National Editor

“The Future of Journalism”

Thursday, March 20, 2014
12:30 p.m.

Student Union Apollo Room
Wright State University

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March 19–20, 2014

Wednesday, March 19

7:00 p.m.

Keynote Address (Registration not required)

“Physics of the Future” by Michio Kaku, Ph.D.

In this presentation based on his newest book, *Physics of the Future*, Michio Kaku offers a stunning and provocative vision of the future. Based on interviews with over 300 of the world's top scientists, Kaku's forecasts present the revolutionary developments in medicine, computers, energy, quantum physics, and space travel that will change our lives and alter the course of civilization itself.

Thursday, March 20

8:30–9:00 a.m.

9:00–9:15 a.m.

9:30–10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

12:30–1:45 p.m.

Symposium on Visions of the Future

(Advanced registration required)

Check-in and Continental Breakfast

Welcome

Breakout Sessions I

- A Conversation with Sam Sifton
- Big Data and Smart Healthcare
- Envisioning Flight in the Wright Brothers Era

Breakout Sessions II

- The Future of Higher Education
- Is Sustainability Possible?
- Literary Visions of the Future

Luncheon Address: “The Future of Journalism” (Registration required) by Sam Sifton

We once got our news from newspapers thrown onto our front lawns. Increasingly, though, news arrives via text message, airport televisions, laptops or tablets, and phones. Sam Sifton, a senior editor at *The New York Times*, talks about the future of journalism in a digital world and how *The Times* is responding to it.

The Honors Institute Symposium is free and open to the public, but you must REGISTER IN ADVANCE to attend the symposium and luncheon. Registration begins January 15, 2014, at www.wright.edu/honorsinstitute

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MICHIO KAKU, PH.D., IS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY in two areas. The first is Einstein’s unified field theory, which Kaku is attempting to complete. The other is to predict future trends affecting business, commerce, and finance based on the latest research in science. He is one of the most widely recognized science figures in the world. He currently holds the Henry Semat Chair in Theoretical Physics at the City University of New York (CUNY) and has been a professor at CUNY for almost 30 years. His goal is to complete Einstein’s dream of a “theory of everything” to derive an equation, perhaps no more than one inch long, which will summarize all the physical laws of the universe. He is the co-founder of string theory—a major branch of theoretical physics—which is the leading candidate today for the theory of everything. He is the author of international bestsellers *Hyperspace* and *Visions: How Science Will Revolutionize the 21st Century*, and his *New York Times* bestselling book *Physics of the Impossible* was the top-rated science book in the United States. He has appeared on *Nightline*, *60 Minutes*, *Good Morning America*, CNN, ABC-TV, and PBS.

Michio Kaku’s keynote address is presented with support from the Office of the President in conjunction with the Presidential Lecture Series. The Wright State University Presidential Lecture Series was established to advance human justice and promote the university’s commitment to creating a diverse university community and learning environment.



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SAM SIFTON BECAME THE NATIONAL EDITOR of *The New York Times* in October 2011. Before that, he was the newspaper’s restaurant critic for two years and its culture editor from 2005 until 2009. He joined *The Times* in 2002 as deputy dining editor and became dining editor later that year. In 2004 he was named deputy culture editor. Before joining *The Times*, Sifton was a senior writer and editor at *Talk* magazine, where he worked from 1995 to 1998. He also worked as a critic, reporter, and managing editor of the *New York Press*, an alternative weekly based in Manhattan. Sifton previously taught social studies in New York City public schools and was also an assistant editor at *American Heritage*. Sifton graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College with an A.B. degree in history and literature in 1988. He is the author of *Field Guide to the Yettie: Stalking the Dot-Com Geek*, a satirical guide to the new economy. He is married to Tina Fallon, an independent theater producer. They have two daughters.

Sam Sifton’s participation in the Honors Institute Symposium is courtesy of the New York Times inEDUCATION program, sponsored at Wright State University by First Year Programs, University College.

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