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FRANK ABAGNALE

About

2023-2024 membership cards and patron guest passes have been mailed, please be on the lookout for them to arrive!

Please bring your membership card and patron guest pass (if using) to all lectures

New Lecture Admission Policy:

Confirmed members that do not have their membership card and patron guest pass (if using) will be seated at 10:15 a.m.

The number of members that are without their membership card and patron guest pass has grown and become an issue. Thus we have instituted this new policy to help our entire volunteer board on lecture days

Thank you for understanding the importance of confirmed membership to all paying members of Omaha Town Hall

Frank Abagnale
Wednesday, September 27, 2023
10:30 a.m. (doors open at 9:30 a.m.)

Renowned cybersecurity and fraud prevention expert, bestselling author and subject of *Catch Me If You Can*, Frank Abagnale is one of the world's most respected authorities on forgery, embezzlement, and secure documents. For over 40 years he has worked with, advised, and consulted with hundreds of financial institutions, corporations and government agencies around the world. Abagnale's rare blend of knowledge and expertise began more than 50 years ago when he was known as one of the world's most famous con men. His riveting story provided the inspiration for Steven Spielberg's 2002 film, *Catch Me If You Can*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Abagnale and Tom Hanks as the FBI agent fast on his heels. The Tony-Award winning musical, *Catch Me If You Can*, directed by the legendary Jack O'Brien, opened on Broadway at the Neil Simon Theatre.

"I chose to immortalize him on film because of what he's done for the country for more than 30 years."

-Steven Spielberg

Abagnale has been associated with the FBI for over 40 years. He lectures extensively at the FBI Academy and for the field offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is a faculty member at the National Advocacy Center (NAC) which is operated by the Department of Justice, Executive Office for United States Attorneys. More than 14,000 financial institutions, corporations and law enforcement agencies use his fraud prevention programs. In 1998, he was selected as a distinguished member of "Pinnacle 400" by CNN Financial News - a select group of 400 people chosen on the basis of great accomplishment and success in their fields. In 2004 Abagnale was selected as the spokesperson for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA). He has also written numerous articles and books including *The Art of the Steal*, *The Real U Guide to Identity Theft* and *Stealing Your Life*.

"Abagnale's lecture may be the best one-man show you will ever see."

-Tom Hanks

Abagnale refuses to accept payment for any of his government work. Today, the majority of his income is derived from consulting with major corporate clients such as LexisNexis, Intuit, AARP, and Experian and his public speaking engagements. Abagnale has conducted over 3,000 seminars on identity theft, cyber crime and fraud worldwide. Abagnale works as an advisor to a number of print and technology companies around the world. He spent 20 years as an advisor to the Standard Register Company, creating security features for negotiable instruments, car titles, etc. He spent 10 years as an advisor to the 41st Parameter which developed fraud detection technology, now used in 80 countries around the world and recently purchased by Experian.

In his latest book, *Scam Me If You Can: Simple Strategies to Outsmart Today's Rip-off Artists*, Abagnale continues helping his audience by revealing what the world's most skilled scammers are up to - and how you can stop them in their tracks.

Luncheon at Champions Run

with

Frank Abagnale

Immediately following the lecture and featuring an informal Q & A session

Champions Run

13800 Eagle Run Drive

Cost \$28 - advance reservations required

Reservations **MUST BE POSTMARKED** on or after **Tuesday, September 5th**

We will **STOP** accepting reservations on **Monday, September 18th**

Seating is assigned as reservations are received

For group reservations (2-10), please submit only one check, and include all names in your group to avoid double seating. Tickets for each group will be under the name of the individual who made the reservations

Make checks payable to: **OMAHA TOWN HALL LECTURE SERIES**

Mail to:

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Please Note:

- Include your email and phone number on your check
- Pick up all tickets at the luncheon table at the lecture and distribute to your group
- No tickets will be sold the day of event
- If your luncheon plans change, your ticket may be used by a friend
- There are no cancellations or refunds

Questions? elaineanderson28@hotmail.com or 402-686-8571

President's Letter

Dear Omaha Town Hall Members,

Welcome to the 2023-24 season of Omaha Town Hall. It is so wonderful to have your support of our mission to inform, inspire and be in touch with the world.

Our board wants to welcome all of our returning members and newly added members from our waitlist. I also want to welcome our Pilot Virtual Online members. The goal of our Pilot Virtual Online Program is to find out if this is a program that we can continue to offer in the future and to extend our community reach for those who may not be able to join us in person.

A special thank you to our Gold, Silver and Bronze Patron members. The support you provide enables Omaha Town Hall to continue to offer premier speakers to the community. Many of our members have continued to support Omaha Town Hall for

over 20 years, we want to thank you for your continued patronage to our program.

Beverly Westerberg
President, Board of Directors, 2023-24
omahatownhalllectureseries@gmail.com



Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series is pleased to collaborate with The Bookworm, an independent family-owned bookstore in Loveland Centre, to offer book sales at our lectures and luncheons. The Bookworm contributes a percentage of sales back to OTH, helping us continue the tradition of providing outstanding lecturers.

Frank Abagnale's book, *Scam Me If You Can: Simple Strategies to Outsmart Today's Rip-off Artists*, will be available for purchase at the lecture.

Paperback, \$20.50+tax

Mr. Abagnale will be signing books following the lecture

The Bookworm Omaha | info@bookwormomaha.com | 402-392-2877
2501 S. 90th St., Omaha, NE, 68124

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Candice Millard

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Candice Millard is the author of four *New York Times* bestselling books. Her first book, *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*, was a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection and a Book Sense Pick, won the William Rockhill Nelson Award, was a finalist for the Quill Awards, and has been published in multiple foreign editions. *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine & the Murder of a President*, won the Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime, the PEN Center USA award for Research Nonfiction, the One Book-One Lincoln Award, the Ohioana Award, and the Kansas Notable Book Award. *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape and the Making of Winston Churchill*, was an Indie Next pick, a top ten critics pick by the *New York Times* and named Amazon's number one history book of 2016. Millard's most recent book, released in May of 2022, is *River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile*. She is the recipient of the 2017 BIO Award, and her work has appeared in the *New York Times Book Review*, *Washington Post Book World*, the *Guardian*, *National Geographic* and *Time* magazine. She lives in Kansas City with her husband and three children.



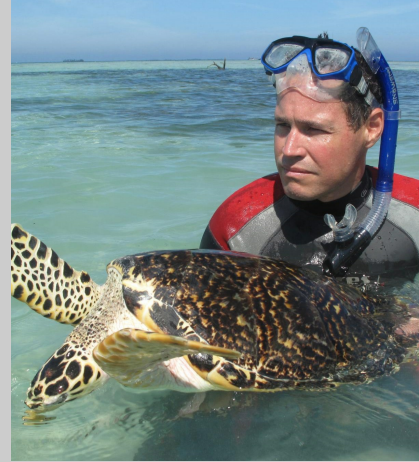
[More About Candice Millard](#)

Jeff Corwin

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

For nearly three decades, Jeff Corwin has been telling stories of wildlife and nature to a global audience through his many celebrated television series on ABC, NBC, Travel Channel, Food Network, Disney Channel, and Discovery Networks. Corwin is currently the creator, executive producer, and presenter of the groundbreaking television series *Wildlife Nation*, broadcasted on ABC. *Wildlife Nation* explores the remarkable story of North American conservation, highlighting

heroes working to save endangered species and wilderness, while forging a strong bond between the audience and the natural resources they depend upon. The mission is to empower a diverse community with stories of environmental stewardship, conservation, and the plight of imperiled wildlife. *Wildlife Nation* is produced in partnership with Defenders of Wildlife, a leader and pioneer in wildlife conservation. Corwin's television work has been awarded with multiple Emmys and the top broadcast industry awards. His very first TV series was the wildly successful *Going Wild with Jeff Corwin* on Disney Channel. His *Animal Planet* series the *Jeff Corwin Experience* was a global sensation. Corwin is also the creator and co-presenter of CNN's groundbreaking documentary *Planet in Peril*, hosted alongside Anderson Cooper and Sanjay Gupta. Corwin is Executive Producer and host of ABC's *Ocean Treks*, five seasons of powerful and compelling stories exploring journeys of culture, adventure, and nature around the globe. Corwin is an Executive Producer and Presenter for the giant screen film *Expedition Chesapeake* and the Narrator for David Attenborough's powerful, cinematic documentary *Galapagos, NaturesWonderland*. During the Gulf oil spill, Corwin served as an environmental correspondent for both CBS and NBC News. In April 2020, Corwin created and executive produced the critically acclaimed TV series *Alaska Animal Rescue* for Nat Geo Wild, now on Disney Plus.



Beyond television, Corwin's acclaimed NBC documentary and book, *100 Heartbeats*, engaged both the readers and broadcast audience in the 21st Century plight of endangered species. Corwin is also the author of 10 books on wildlife and nature, including *Living on the Edge*, *Amazing Relationships in the Nature World*. Corwin is a leader in conservation, recognized through his work as a television host, producer, journalist, author, explorer, and wildlife biologist. Corwin's education includes Bachelor of Science Degrees in Anthropology and Biology from Bridgewater State University and a Master of Wildlife and Fisheries of Conservation from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Corwin is the recipient of numerous Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Education and Environmental Science. His lifelong global exploration, academic training, and partnerships with top scientists allow Corwin exclusive access to the compelling stories from the battlefield of conservation. Corwin's love for adventure and discovery has fueled his life-long career. He has been striving to change the world one species at a time and leave a vital legacy for future generations.

"We cannot protect what we do not cherish, and we will not cherish what we do not know..."
- Jeff Corwin

[More About Jeff Corwin](#)

Molly Bloom

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Molly Bloom is an inspirational keynote speaker, entrepreneur, and bestselling author of *Molly's Game*. She is best known for her memoir, *Molly's Game*, which was adapted into an award-winning film of the same name by Aaron Sorkin. Bloom's memoir chronicles her journey from college student to LA waitress to building and operating the largest and most notorious private poker game in the world. Her games featured hundreds of millions of dollars and players like Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire, Alex Rodriguez, and Ben Affleck.

Bloom began her career as a world-class skier. While training as a pre-teen she was diagnosed with severe scoliosis and had to undergo surgery that the doctors said would end her athletic career. A year later, fully recovered, she was back on the slopes. She later joined the U.S. Ski Team and at 21 years old was ranked No. 3 in North America in moguls, but her Olympic dreams would go unrealized as she left the team to pursue other projects. This led her to what she thought would be a one-year sabbatical in LA. Bloom was finishing her degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado – Boulder, and was in the process of applying to top tier Law Schools, when her assistant job turned her into an accidental entrepreneur, running one of the most exclusive, high-stakes underground poker games in the world, pulling in as much as \$4 million per year. What happened next is where her story truly begins.



Some of Bloom's engagements include Fortune 1000 and strategic clients such as Comcast and US Bank. The film *Molly's Game*, written and directed by Aaron Sorkin, stars Academy Award winner for Best Actress, Jessica Chastain (as Molly), Idris Elba, Kevin Costner, Michael Cera, Brian d'Arcy James, and Chris O'Dowd. Featured on Daily Hive and the New York Times as a 'must watch' movie, *Molly's Game* is now available to stream on YouTube TV.

Bloom has appeared on numerous shows and in media outlets such as *Ellen*, *Vice*, *The Los Angeles Times*, NPR, *Vulture*, and has been asked to speak at *Fortune's* Most Powerful Women, for companies like Blackrock Financial, SiriusXM Radio, and delivered the 2018 commencement speech at Colorado State University.

Currently, Bloom is focusing her energy on uplifting and mentoring other women after having been the mentee of amazing, dynamic women herself. In 2020, she launched the One World Group to support women facing various challenges, especially those exacerbated by the global pandemic. In 2022, she launched TORCHED, a new podcast about Olympic controversies.

Molly's Game Movie
Trailer

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ATTEND IN PERSON

- The Omaha Town Hall membership card is the one you received by mail in early September. It is YELLOW and will be the card accepted for entry
- Patron guest pass is needed for guest entry
- Confirmed members that do not bring their membership card and patron guest pass (if using) will be seated at 10:15 a.m.
- Omaha Town Hall's legal contract **prohibit recording** of this year's lectures

WATCH VIRTUALLY ONLINE

- For those who would like to watch virtually, **please email Beth Wooster at woosterne@gmail.com by Friday, September 22nd** to reserve your space
- **If you do not receive a confirmation email within 48 hours, please email your request again**
- Last minute virtual viewing requests are very difficult to accommodate
- *Please **check your email Tuesday evening after 8:00 p.m** for the unique link assigned to you for the lecture. **Be sure to check your junk folder.** If you have not received an email from Omaha Town Hall, please email Beth Wooster*
- Omaha Town Hall's legal contract with our speakers **prohibit recording** of lectures and must viewed live, in real time

SEAT SAVING

Saved seats are limited to **one per person**. Large groups must enter the lecture together.

KEEP MEMBERSHIP CARDS ON HAND

Many members find seats early and then leave the lecture hall to purchase a book, visit with friends, or use the restroom. **Ushers check membership cards each time a person enters the lecture hall.**

HEARING IMPAIRED

St. Andrew's has a comfortable room at the back of the lecture hall with volume control.

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