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Roster of Heritage Weekend Panelists

Science & Medicine

DR. NIKOLAOS BOURBAKIS is Distinguished Professor of Information Technology and Director of both the Information Technology Research Institute and the Assistive Technologies Research Center at Wright State University. He is also the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal on Artificial Intelligence Tools*.

DR. DEEPAK CHOPRA, MD is the founder of *The Chopra Foundation* and co-founder of *The Chopra Center for Wellbeing*, as well as a world-renowned pioneer in integrative medicine and personal transformation. He is the author of 85 books translated into over 43 languages, including 25 *New York Times* bestsellers.

DR. GEORGE COTSARELIS is the Chair and Professor of Dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania. He also serves as Director of the Program of Epithelial Regeneration and Stem Cells and is the University of Pennsylvania's Hair and Scalp Clinic and Regenerative Medicine Director.

DR. SAVAS DIMOPOULOS is a particle physicist and the Hamamoto Family Professor at Stanford. He is the winner of the prestigious J.J. Sakurai Prize in Theoretical Physics for his groundbreaking work on supersymmetry, extra spatial dimensions and related theoretical work being tested at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.

DR. MENAS KAFATOS is a physicist, professor writer, and co-author with Dr. Deepak Chopra of the *New York Times* bestseller, *You are the Universe*. He has served as a professor at George Mason University, where he was Director of the Center for Earth Observing and Space Research. His research has focused on cosmology, astrophysics, quantum mechanics, quantum biology, natural hazards, climate change, Earth system science, and remote sensing.

GREG LAVENDER is the Global Chief Technology Officer of CitiGroup, overseeing the bank's complement of global enterprise efforts. Lavender was an early pioneering engineer of the internet and served as an executive at Cisco, Oracle, and Sun Microsystems. He also served as a Computer Science professor at Virginia Tech and the University of Texas. Lavender currently serves on the board of directors of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

Heritage & Culture

DR. JOHN CAMP began working at the Acropolis World Heritage Site, specifically the Athenian Agora, in 1966. He is now Director of the Agora Excavations and a Mellon Professor at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens and the Niarchos Professor of Classics.

DR. ERIC CLINE is a Professor of Classics and Anthropology and Director of the Capitol Archaeological Institute at the George Washington University. He is an archeologist and ancient historian, specializing in biblical archaeology and the military history of the Mediterranean world from antiquity to present.

DR. DIANE CLINE is an Associate Professor of History and Classics at the George Washington University. She is an ancient Greek historian and is the author of National Geographic's The Greeks: An Illustrated History (2016). She teaches ancient Greek history, as well as digital history and digital humanities at GW.

DR. FREDRIK HIEBERT is an archaeologist, explorer, and National Geographic's principle archeologist. He has lead excavations at ancient Silk Road sites across Asia. He works with the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Institute for Nautical Archaeology, and Robert Ballard's Institute for Exploration.

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

GIORGIOS KORRES is the Chairman of the Board at Korres S.A. Natural Products and has served as its Chief Executive Officer, President, and Managing Director. Korres' homeopathic complement of products is now found in retail stores throughout the world, including the proprietary Korres stores in the United States and Europe.

WOMEN'S FORUM

KELLY VLAHAKIS-HANKS is President and CEO of Earth Friendly Products, maker of over 200 environmentally friendly products found in store shelves throughout the country. Vlahakis-Hanks has been recognized for her highly effective leadership and influential voice in the green movement and in corporate social responsibility. She serves as a key strategic advisor to large corporations, including Walmart, on their sustainability and conservation efforts.

NIKI LEONDAKIS is CEO of Equinox Fitness Clubs and former CEO of Kimpton Hotels, Commune Hotels, and Two Roads Hospitality. Leondakis is highly respected for her strong focus on workplace quality, diversity, and cultural enrichment, consistently earning national accolades as one of Fortune Magazine's "100 Best Places to Work" and Bay Area's "Most Admired CEOs."

HELEN MAROULIS is a Greek American freestyle wrestler and gold medalist from the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, becoming the first American woman to win the title. She was a gold medalist at the 2015 World Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas, as well as the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. She is presently training at the United States Olympic Education Center at Northern Michigan University.

DORETTA MISTRAS is a graduate in finance at the prestigious Wharton School of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Mistras currently serves as a Managing Director of Goldman Sachs, specializing in healthcare investment banking.

Democracy Forum

CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL BILIRAKIS served the United States House of Representatives serving for 26 years. His committee assignments included membership on the Energy and Commerce Committee and Chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. He played a key role in enactment of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act and re-authorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act. He was the lead congressional sponsor of The Nurse Reinvestment Act of 2002 and authored the Organ Donation Improvement Act. National Journal's Almanac of American Politics called him one of the most "legislatively productive" members of Congress. Since 2007, Bilirakis' son, Gus, represents Florida's 9th District.

GOVERNOR MICHAEL DUKAKIS served as the 65th and 67th Governor of Massachusetts. He was nominated as the Democratic Candidate in the Presidential Election of 1988 losing to President George Bush. Dukakis serves as a Professor of Political Science at Northeastern University, visiting professor in the Department of Public Policy at the Luskin School of Public Affairs at UCLA, and is still involved in national Democratic Party policy.

CONGRESSMAN GEORGE GEKAS represented Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional district from 1983 to 2003. He also served as assistant district attorney for Dauphin County and the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the Pennsylvania State Senate.

DR. JOSIAH OBER is a Professor of Political Science and Classics at Stanford University. Ober specializes in historical institutionalism and political theory, focusing on the political thought and practice of the ancient Greek world and its contemporary relevance. He is the author of several books and a frequent guest on television and documentaries.

SENATOR PAUL SARBANES began his political service as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, and then went on to be a member of the United States House of Representatives. He first served on the Judiciary Committee, where he introduced the first Article of Impeachment against President Richard Nixon. Sarbanes was elected to the Senate and is renowned for the act bearing his name, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which reformed federal securities laws. He served as ranking member of several Senate Committees, including the Banking, Foreign Relations, and Budget.