

THE 2009-2010 SEASON



DR. NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON
AN OUT OF THIS WORLD EVENING
NOVEMBER 14, 2009

Called the “Carl Sagan of the 21st century,” astrophysicist Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson is a big brain with an even bigger personality who will take us on an enthusiastic journey out of this world. Dr. Tyson is the director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History, host of PBS’s *NOVA ScienceNow* series, author of *Death by Black Hole* and *The Pluto Files*, and explainer of all things cosmic.



GREG MORTENSON
ONE PERSON CAN CHANGE THE WORLD
JANUARY 9, 2010

Following a failed attempt to climb the highest peak in Pakistan in 1993, an exhausted Mortenson was taken in by the residents of a small village. To repay their kindness, Mortenson promised to return to build a school for their children, even though he would be sleeping in his car upon his return to the States. Today, he has built over 60 schools in the most remote and volatile areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan, at great risk to his own personal safety. Mortenson will share his inspirational story, made famous in *Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*, which has become both a best seller and a State Department must-read. Mortenson’s much anticipated follow-up book is scheduled for release in December.



DAVID PLOUFFE
THE FUTURE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN A TWEETING WORLD
FEBRUARY 6, 2010

As campaign manager for Barack Obama, David Plouffe is credited with building the most innovative presidential campaign in U.S. history, boldly using Internet-based technologies to set new records for fundraising and grassroots mobilization. Now he brings to the Forum his perspective on the future of the American democratic process in a world of tweeting senators, blogging constituents, social networks for every special interest and policy position, and untold new ways for administrations to communicate directly with citizens, bypassing the media. Plouffe will explore how these new technologies, combined with shifting national demographics could reshape the political process in America.



STEVE FORBES
THE WORLDS OF ECONOMICS, BUSINESS, AND POLITICS
MARCH 6, 2010

As Chairman and CEO of Forbes Inc. and Editor-in-Chief of *Forbes Magazine*, Steve Forbes is front and center on matters of the economy, business, and politics. Through his frequent appearances on CNN, MSNBC, and FOX News and his recent report, *How Capitalism Will Save Us*, Forbes has become a voice of calm in these turbulent economic times. A two-time presidential candidate and longtime proponent of the flat tax, Forbes will bring his timely insights to The Forum.



CONDOLEEZZA RICE
THE U.S. AND THE WORLD
APRIL 10, 2010

Condoleezza Rice will provide a sweeping look at global affairs during her tenure as secretary of state and national security advisor in the Bush administration. By sharing compelling stories of her experiences, she will illuminate the interrelationship of global events and leaders during a time of unprecedented and tumultuous world affairs and controversial U.S. policies.