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BRIAN GREENE

String Theorist, Physicist, Author

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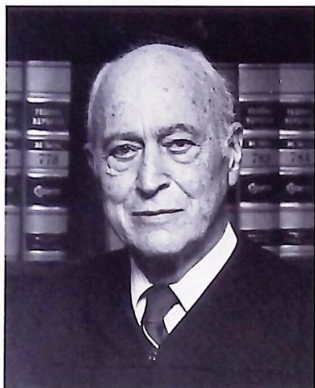
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for the Performing Arts*



THE HONORABLE MAX ROSENN

(1910-2006)



THE HONORABLE MAX ROSENN
Senior Judge - United States Court of Appeals

Judge Max Rosenn's long career as a public servant spanned many fields, including law, philanthropy, public welfare, health and religion. He made innumerable contributions to the enhancement of northeastern Pennsylvania, to state government, and to the federal judiciary. Following the Hurricane Agnes Disaster of 1972, he played a vital role in the rehabilitation of Greater Wilkes-Barre and its many neighboring communities as chairman of the Flood Recovery Task Force for Wyoming Valley.

After receiving an undergraduate degree from Cornell University and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Judge Rosenn commenced his legal career. He interrupted that career to enter military service in World War II. After several years in the South Pacific, he returned to his wife and sons and resumed the practice of law. He entered state government in 1966 as secretary of public welfare for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As secretary, Judge Rosenn also served as a member of the cabinet of Governor William W. Scranton and in the cabinet of his successor, Raymond Shafer, and as chairman of the Governor's Council for Human Services. Following his resignation as secretary and resumption of the practice of law, he served as chairman of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and chairman of the Legislative Executive Task Force to Restructure Human Services for Pennsylvania. He also served as a member of the 1968 Governor's Commission to Revise the Public Employee Laws of Pennsylvania. President Nixon appointed him to the United States Court of Appeals in 1970.

He and his late wife, Tillie, lifetime residents of the Wyoming Valley, have two sons, Professor Keith and Dr. Daniel, and six grandchildren.

In recognition of his exceptional contributions and his warm relationship with them, Judge Rosenn's former law clerks and former law firm Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, with the assistance of his family and friends, established in 1980 the Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities.

GUEST SPEAKER

BRIAN GREENE

String theorist and author of *The Elegant Universe*

String theorist and author of *The Elegant Universe*, Brian Greene is one of the world's leading theoretical physicists and a brilliant, entertaining communicator of cutting-edge scientific concepts. *The Washington Post* described him as "the single best explainer of abstruse concepts in the world today."

Greene's national bestseller, *The Elegant Universe*, which recounts the theories of general relativity and quantum mechanics, transformed our understanding of the universe and introduced string theory, a concept that might be the key to a unified theory of the universe. The book sold over a million copies and became an Emmy and Peabody Award-winning NOVA special that Greene hosted.

His second book, *The Fabric of the Cosmos*, spent six months on The New York Times Best Sellers list and was adapted into a NOVA miniseries on PBS. Greene's latest bestseller, *The Hidden Reality: Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos*, was published in January 2011.

His illustrated novella, *Idiot at the Edge of Time*, retells the Greek myth in a futuristic light. Greene and David Henry Hwang adapted the story to be a film and symphonic performance in collaboration with composer Philip Glass; the world debut was in the spring of 2010.

Brian Greene co-founded The World Science Festival in 2008. As the WSF Chairman, Greene made it the Festival's mission to take science out of the laboratory, making the esoteric understandable and the familiar fascinating to the general public. In 2014 Greene and the World Science Festival launched World Science U, a series of free online courses led by Greene.

Called "a charismatic speaker" by *Publishers Weekly*, he considers lecturing "a form of performance," and according to *Newsweek*, "Greene's theatrical lectures — which include lots of metaphors, cool 3-D visuals and dry humor — routinely draw hundreds." Greene has a knack for explaining complex theories in plain language and brings narrative tension and passion to his storytelling.

A Harvard graduate and a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, Greene is a professor in Physics and Mathematics at Columbia University. His work has been published in *Wired Magazine* and *The New York Times*. Greene appeared as himself in a 2011 episode of CBS' *The Big Bang Theory*. He has been a guest on *Charlie Rose*, *Nightline*, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, and *The Colbert Report*.



"It gives me pleasure to offer an encomium to the Law and Humanities Lecture Series that was established by the late Max Rosenm 25 years ago. Certainly I enjoyed speaking at Wilkes University in 2001, and it caused no pain that I was in the company of such previous lecturers as Justice John Paul Stevens, Doris Kearns Goodwin and the late Senator Paul Simon. The finest moment was, however, meeting Judge Rosenm. What an exceptional and distinguished man he was."

— The late Norman Mailer, Novelist, Biographer, Historian

"Judge Rosenm was a very special man who had a great passion for the truth, not only in the law. He was clearly an inspiration to those fortunate young lawyers on his staff. I was enormously touched by the affection between the judge and generations of men and women who worked with him and learned from him."

— Robin Wright, Author and Chief Diplomatic Correspondent for *The Los Angeles Times*

"Judge Rosenm was a remarkable man — a real star! I knew him through his son, Dan, who is also a star — how about that for genetics? He was intensely interested in babies and families. He joined me in his fervent desire to understand and do well by them. Our talks together over the years inspired me to try to live up to this remarkable man. He was a beacon of passionate involvement for all of us. I was surely honored to be a lecturer in his name."

— T. Berry Brazelton, M.D., Author, Educator, Renowned Pediatrician

"I remember the evening at Wilkes as if it were yesterday. The love that everyone had for Judge Rosenm made the lecture one of those unforgettable experiences. His warmth and openness was truly contagious and everyone had a wonderful time. His memory will forever grace this special lectureship."

— Doris Kearns Goodwin, Ph.D., Author, Historian, Political Analyst

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LECTURE IN LAW & HUMANITIES

WELCOME

Dr. Patrick Leahy
President Wilkes University

INTRODUCTION OF BRIAN GREENE

James Sandman, Esq.
President Legal Services Corporation

LECTURE

Brian Greene
"Science Matters: Inspiring the Next Generation of Maverick Thinkers"

Q & A

CLOSING

Dr. Patrick Leahy

Book Signing and Reception to follow in upper lobby

1982–2014 GUEST LECTURERS

Anthony Lewis
Columnist, *New York Times*

Edwin Newman
Correspondent, *NBC News*

Joseph J. Sisco
Former Undersecretary of State in Political Affairs

Richard Schifter
Former U.S. Ambassador to United Nations

Henry Steele Commager
Historian, Professor of Law, *Amherst College*

Bettina Gregory
Senior Correspondent, *ABC*

Malcolm Toon
Former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union

Nina Totenberg
Legal Affairs Correspondent,
National Public Radio

Ambler Moss
Dean, *School of International Studies*,
University of Miami

John Paul Stevens
Justice, *U.S. Supreme Court*

T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.
Author, Educator, Renowned Pediatrician

Leslie H. Gelb, Ph.D.
Author, Journalist, *New York Times* Columnist

Tom J. Farer, J.D.
Director, *International Relations Program*, *American University*

Doris Kearns Goodwin, Ph.D.
Author, Historian and Political Analyst

Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.
Chief Judge Emeritus,
United States Court of Appeals

Senator Paul Simon
Retired United States Senator, *Illinois*

Morris S. Dees, Jr.
Chief Trial Counsel,
Southern Poverty Law Center

Abner J. Mikva
Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law and
Senior Fellow, *IGPA, University of Illinois*

David Halberstam
Author, Journalist, Historian

Norman Mailer
Novelist, Biographer, Historian

Fareed Zakaria
Editor, *Newsweek International*

Robin Wright
Author and Chief diplomatic correspondent for
The Los Angeles Times

Amy Chua
Author and Yale Law School Professor

Irshad Manji
Award-winning journalist and author

Bob Woodward
Assistant Managing Editor of
The Washington Post

Christopher Dillon Quinn
Award winning documentary film director

John Bul Dau
one of *The Lost Boys of Sudan*, featured in the
film *God Grew Tired of Us*

Richard Leakey
Paleoanthropologist, Conservationist, Activist

Zanny Minton-Beddoes
Economics Editor, *The Economist*

Greg Mortenson
Humanitarian and Co-Author, *Three Cups of Tea*

Michelle Rhee
Founder and CEO of *StudentsFirst*

Cory Booker
Mayor of Newark, N.J.

Noah Feldman
Bemis Professor of International Law at Harvard
University

Senator Richard Lugar
Distinguished Former Senator, Senior Statesman
& Authority on Foreign Affairs

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