

FACULTY PROGRAMMING

Rice University is proud of the many recognized and passionate faculty members that are global leaders in teaching, research, and innovation. The possibilities are limitless when it comes to ways for alumni and friends to connect with Rice faculty members. From dinners to book signings or lectures to receptions, events that feature faculty members are some of the most successful programs sponsored by the Association of Rice Alumni.

In order to connect some of Rice's top faculty members with alumni, parents, and friends, the Rice Alumni Faculty Speakers Bureau has been designed to serve as a resource for alumni groups and others to identify potential speakers for events, programs, and other educational initiatives. The Faculty Speakers Bureau is not an exhaustive list of possible speakers and the Office of Alumni Relations is happy to partner with volunteer leaders when considering other speakers for programming.

ACCESSING THE SPEAKERS BUREAU

The list of faculty members who are part of our Faculty Speakers Bureau can be found at: <http://alumni.rice.edu/learning-travel/faculty-speakers-bureau/speakers-bureau-members>.

REQUESTING FACULTY / UNIVERSITY SPEAKERS

If your group would like to request a Rice Faculty Member to participate in your event, please talk with your Office of Alumni Relations staff partner to ensure such a program would be appropriate for your group. Then, complete the Request a Speaker form (<http://alumni.rice.edu/Media/Default/LearningTravel/AlumniSpeakersBureauRequestForm-Fillable.pdf>) at least three months before your anticipated event date in order to ensure adequate time for coordinating with potential faculty members.

Once the Office of Alumni Relations receives your request form, it will review the request with the group to determine feasibility and ensure it is in alignment with the goals of the group and university. If it is agreed that a faculty member would be a suitable speaker for an event, the Office of Alumni Relations will contact the desired faculty member(s). If the desired faculty member(s) are interested in learning more about your event and are open to the possibility of participating, the Office of Alumni Relations will facilitate a conversation between the sponsoring group and the faculty member(s). Once the faculty member(s) has/have had the opportunity to connect with the sponsoring group, the faculty member will, in partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations, make the determination of whether or not s/he is able to participate in your event. At that point, the Office of Alumni Relations will work in partnership with the sponsoring group and faculty member(s) on all necessary arrangements, including marketing and event logistics.

In the event that the requested faculty member(s) is not available or opts not to participate, the Office of Alumni Relations may propose alternative faculty members for your consideration. Please note that requesting a faculty member does not guarantee their participation until a final confirmation is sent by the Office of Alumni Relations.

FACULTY BUREAU MEMBERS

The faculty speakers bureau is an evolving resource that is built based on recommendations from campus partners and alumni. If you have a recommendation for additional faculty members who should be considered for this, please email stypa@rice.edu.

