

ABOUT APS

American Public Square at Jewell is a community organization working to improve the tone and quality of public discourse so that communities can find actionable common ground for today's most challenging and polarizing issues.

Our supporters play an integral role in reconnecting American communities and creating a stronger nation equipped to deal with the social, economic and political issues of our time.

American Public Square at Jewell's work involves:

- Convening groups and creating space for civil, fact-based dialogue.
- Educating about the importance of working together this way and how to do it well.
- Engaging diverse audiences to ensure multiple perspectives are explored and considered.

APS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

THE SIGNATURE

SERIES

Complex issues explored through probing questions and expert dialogue.

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SQUARE

Dialogue and deliberation centered on hometown issues.

THE DISCUSSION

GROUP

Community members engaging together to discuss complex or timely topics.

COCKTAILS &

POLITICS

Cocktails and conversation with those directly involved in policies and politics of interest.

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American Public Square at Jewell, along with host committee co-chairs
Dr. Valerie Chow, M.D. & Judge Jon R. Gray (ret.) and Regina & Bill Kort,
is pleased to present

EVENING AT THE SQUARE 2024

hosted at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

FEATURED GUEST



BRET STEPHENS

Opinion Columnist,
The New York Times

MODERATOR



DEVAL PATRICK

Former Governor of
Massachusetts and APS
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FOUNDER'S CIVILITY AWARD



SALLY & RAMÓN MURGUÍA

Attorneys, community activists,
philanthropists

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



AMB. ALLAN KATZ (RET.)

Founder and board chair of
American Public Square; former U.S.
ambassador to Portugal

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Community director,
American Public Square

ROVING REPORTER



CLAIRE BISHOP

Executive director,
American Public Square

A note from
CLAIRE BISHOP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Good Evening, and welcome to the 9th Annual APS Evening at the Square!

Given the current political climate and the divisiveness that continues to plague our society, we must continue finding opportunities to listen to people with whom we disagree. American Public Square remains committed to providing a space for different points of view.

With that in mind, a conversation between Bret Stephens and Deval Patrick seems appropriate at this time and we are delighted to welcome them tonight. They join us to engage in a candid discussion about the state of our democracy, what a new administration means for our nation, journalism's role in shaping public perspective, and where we go from here.

We are also so pleased to honor long-time friends of American Public Square, Ramón and Sally Murguía, with the 2024 Founder's Civility Award. Not only have Ramón and Sally supported APS since the beginning, they have selflessly blended their legal expertise with grassroots volunteerism to make considerable impacts across Kansas City and with Hispanic communities in particular.

Tonight, we also have a special opportunity to honor ten years of APS. We will do so by recognizing our founder and Board Chair, Amb. Allan J. Katz (ret.), for his many, many accomplishments and his ongoing commitment to the ideals upon which American Public Square was founded.

On behalf of our Host Committee co-chairs and the staff at American Public Square, we are thrilled you are here this evening. As patrons of American Public Square and programs such as these, you are playing an important role supporting our work, and we thank you. Welcome and enjoy!

Claire Bishop

Claire Bishop, APS Executive Director

**OUR LEAD SPONSOR AND ACADEMIC HOME:
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In alignment with the ideals set forth by American Public Square, APS' academic partner William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, seeks to educate their community to ask reflective questions, apply critical thought, and act with purpose. Together, APS and William Jewell College offer joint programming, deliver educational opportunities, and foster civic engagement.

Musical entertainment by
WILLIAM JEWELL JAZZ COMBO



The William Jewell Jazz Combo is a small ensemble with a focus on improvised music in a variety of styles including jazz, blues, funk, bossa nova, and more.

Evening at the Square's featured musicians include Ryan Beck (trombone), Jonas May (vibraphone), Alex Mallett (bass), and Langston Hemenway (piano).

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FOUNDER'S CIVILITY AWARD

The Founder's Civility Award is intended to honor the accomplishments of a remarkable leader who has demonstrated a commitment to bringing together Kansas City's diverse community to engage in civil, fact-based dialogue.

SALLY & RAMÓN MURGUÍA

Attorneys, community activists, philanthropists



Ramón and Sally Murguía, residents of the Argentine neighborhood in Kansas City, Kansas, exemplify a shared commitment to community service and social progress. This power couple combines legal expertise with grassroots volunteerism to make a lasting impact on their local community and beyond.

Ramón, owner of Murguía Law Office, has provided legal services to small businesses and individuals for nearly four decades. A trailblazer in Latino philanthropy, Ramón chairs the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund (HDF), which he helped establish. Under his leadership, HDF has awarded over \$10 million in scholarships to more than 5,000 scholars, primarily first-generation college students. Ramón's influence extends nationally through his 18-year tenure on the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Board of Trustees and his role in organizing an alliance of major Latino-led foundations across the country.

Sally, formerly a partner at Dietrich Davis et al., has dedicated herself to grassroots volunteer work since 1996. She currently chairs the board of the Argentine Betterment Corporation and volunteers with various public school and community programs. Sally's efforts were instrumental in creating the Argentine Neighborhood Development Association, which she chaired from 2004 to 2013.

Together, Ramón and Sally led a volunteer community effort to raise \$2 million for a new \$6 million public library, which opened in 2012. Their collaborative spirit extends to their professional lives, with both holding leadership positions on various non-profit and corporate boards. Ramón serves on the boards of Country Club Bank, W.K. Kellogg Company, Union Station Kansas City, and the Kansas University Endowment Association, while Sally has experience as a board member and chair for organizations like Foxwood Springs Living Center and Country Club Christian Church.

Both fluent in Spanish and graduates of prestigious institutions, Ramón and Sally continue to reside in the Argentine neighborhood where Ramón grew up and where they raised their now-adult children, R. Miguel and Amalia. Their unwavering dedication to community development, education, and social equity has left an indelible mark on Kansas City.

FEATURED GUEST

BRET STEPHENS

New York Times Opinion Columnist

Bret Stephens is an opinion columnist for The New York Times and the founder and editor-in-chief of SAPIR, a new quarterly devoted to issues of Jewish concern. He has previously served as editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Post and as foreign-affairs columnist of the Wall Street Journal, where he was also deputy editorial-page editor. He is also a founder, with chess champion Garry Kasparov, of the Renew Democracy Initiative, a non-profit dedicated to defending democratic institutions at home and abroad.



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Bret was raised in Mexico City and educated at the University of Chicago and the London School of Economics. He is the author of "America in Retreat: The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder" (2014). His awards and honors include the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary, the 2019 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and three honorary doctorates. In 2022, the government of Russia banned him for life.

He lives near New York with his wife, Corinna da Fonseca-Wollheim, a music critic. They have three children.



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MODERATOR

DEVAL PATRICK

Former Governor of Massachusetts and APS National Advisory Board Member

Deval Patrick is Senior Advisor to The Vistria Group, a private investment firm that invests for both financial return and positive social impact. He is also the David R. Gergen Professor of the Practice of Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School.

From 2022 to 2024, he was Co-Director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Kennedy School. He is the founder and, from April 2015 to December 2019, was Managing Partner of Bain Capital Double Impact, a similar impact investment fund.

From January 2007 to January 2015, he served as Governor of Massachusetts. He has been a senior executive in two Fortune 50 companies, a partner in two Boston law firms, and by appointment of President Bill Clinton, the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights in the United States Justice Department. He is a Rockefeller Fellow, a Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute, and the author of two books. Mr. Patrick earned an AB cum laude from Harvard College and a JD from Harvard Law School.



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Celebrating 10 Years

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

THE AMB. ALLAN J. KATZ INTERNSHIP FUND

In celebration of our 10-year anniversary, American Public Square has established a new fund to honor the accomplishments of our founder, Amb. Allan Katz.

Today, APS operates a highly-sought internship program through its Civics Engagement Initiative.

During the academic school year, collegiate interns participate in and oversee the APS Student Committee with support from the APS Civics Education Associate. Students work together to increase civic engagement throughout their student body by hosting events and offering their peers opportunities to convene and discuss pressing local, regional, and national issues. Additionally, summer interns partner with APS staff in hands-on work that spans a number of aspects of organizational operations, including marketing, program planning, development, and more.

The Internship Fund will ensure the continuity and growth of this valuable program, providing opportunities for students while supporting the mission of American Public Square. Should you wish to contribute to the Internship Fund, please contact Alana Muller, APS Community Director, at alana@americanpublicsquare.org or (816) 601-1001.



TEN-YEAR REFLECTIONS

Past Evening at the Square Featured Guests and Moderators:

- 2024 - Bret Stephens, New York Times columnist
Moderator: Deval Patrick
Founder's Civility Award: Sally and Ramón Murguía
- 2023 - David Axelrod and Michael Steele, Political Strategists
Moderators: Amb. Allan Katz and Margaret Talev
Founder's Civility Award: SuEllen Fried
- 2022 - Robert Costa, CBS News Correspondent
Moderators: Claire Bishop and Amb. Allan Katz
Founder's Civility Award: Leo Morton
- 2021 - Robert Putnam and Shaylyn Romney-Garrett, authors
Moderators: Claire Bishop and Shaun Stallworth
Founder's Civility Award: Mayor Peggy Dunn & Mary Bloch
- 2020 - The Lincoln Project
Moderators: Amb. Allan Katz and Rosy Gonzalez Speers
Founder's Civility Award: Rev. Adam Hamilton
- 2019 - Andrew Gillum, Former Mayor of Tallahassee
Moderators: Mayor Peggy Dunn and Amb. Allan Katz
- 2018 - David Frum, Author and commentator
Moderator: Amb. Allan Katz
- 2017 - Matthew Dowd, American political assistant
Moderator: Amb. Allan Katz
- 2016 - Kathleen Parker, *Washington Post* columnist
Moderator: Amb. Allan Katz
- 2015 - Launch year



IN MEMORIAM

In 2024, American Public Square bid farewell to one of its earliest champions, SuEllen Fried (1932-2024). SuEllen was a long-time APS Advisory Board Member and recipient of the 2023 Founder's Civility Award. The impact she had on our organization and on the community at large will live on for many generations to come. She is dearly missed.

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THE APS APPROACH

The topics covered during APS programs often elicit strong emotions, whether for panelists or members of the audience. We believe that it is important to create a space where discussions of these issues can address different points of view while ensuring they are substantive, respectful and based on facts. We use “Civility Tools” to help keep things on track even when the dialogue gets challenging. They include:



MODERATED DISCUSSIONS

APS events are moderated by objective facilitators who ensure panelists are given time to represent their positions on tough but fair questions.



FACT SHEETS

APS compiles a fact sheet in advance of each panel, which is reviewed beforehand by the panelists and distributed to the audience.



ROVING REPORTER

Our Roving Reporter, usually a representative from a credible local media outlet, is engaged during the program to gather and curate audience questions.



FACT CHECKERS

Programs feature real-time Fact Checkers to confirm the validity of comments made during the program.



CIVILITY BELLS

The Civility Bell is a symbol for engaging the community in our mission—to improve the tone and quality of civil discourse. These are provided to audience members to ring and “reset” when panelists wade into false, overly dramatic, or hyper-emotional territory.



SO WHAT? NOW WHAT?

At the end of each event, panelists are given the opportunity to make closing statements in the form of answers to these questions. This allows our experts to restate their position on the topic at hand in a way that is actionable for the audience.



NO APPLAUSE

No applause is allowed during a program except at the beginning and end of the event. This ensures perspective is not swayed one way or another in the midst of the discussion.

APS MEMBERSHIP

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

American Public Square at Jewell Members join a community that finds value in engaging in fact-based, civil discourse about issues important to American communities. A Membership directly supports APS’ efforts to offer free programming showcasing fact-based insights and exposure to diverse and divergent perspectives.

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- One (1) annual Membership
- Priority registration
- Access to Members-Only events
- Monthly Members-Only newsletter

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- One (1) annual Membership
- Priority registration
- Access to Members-Only events
- Monthly Members-Only newsletter
- Annual Report recognition

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- Two (2) annual Memberships
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- Access to Member-Only events
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- Annual Report recognition

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- Two (2) annual Memberships
- Priority registration
- Access to Member-Only events
- Monthly Members-Only newsletter
- Annual report recognition
- APS website recognition

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- Priority registration
- Access to Member-Only events
- Monthly Members-Only newsletter
- Annual report recognition
- APS website recognition

CIVILITY CHAMPION - \$2,500

- Six (6) annual Memberships
- Priority registration
- Access to Member-Only events
- Monthly Members-Only newsletter
- Annual report recognition
- APS website recognition



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To learn more, please contact APS Executive Director - Claire Bishop at claire@americanpublicsquare.org.

A Look Back: 2024 PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS



LEFT: APS Members kicked off the New Year with a "Let's Talk Politics" dinner party. Guests received APS' 10 year commemorative card deck, "Cards & Conversation" designed to spark meaningful conversations about tough topics. (January)



ABOVE & RIGHT: APS' annual student-produced program tackled the sobering topic of gun violence in Kansas City. Students led every aspect of the program production from topic identification to panel selection to hosting the public for this important conversation. (April)

BELOW: Hosted at the WWI Museum and Memorial, author Adam Hochschild joined APS founder and Board Chair, Allan Katz, in conversation about his book, "American Midnight." (April)



LEFT: APS hosts a booth at TEDxKC, inspiring guests to create a future worth having. (August)

RIGHT: Cocktails & Politics with Esther George (July)

2024 PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)



ABOVE & RIGHT: In a partnership with Kansas City PBS, APS hosted a program marking the 10th anniversary of the Ferguson, MO riots. Panelists discussed how the events influenced the police profession and citizen views of police. (August)



LEFT: "The Influential Watchdog" program brought journalism experts together to discuss the U.S. free press and its impacts on American democracy and elections. (October)



LEFT: Presidential debate watch party with celebratory treats. (June)

Discussion Group with Lindsey Cormack, author of "How to Raise a Citizen." (September)

RIGHT: APS' post-election forum with Jason Kander and Kevin Yoder. (November)



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