

## Huffington, "Martian" author featured in Lecture Series

Arianna Huffington, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Huffington Post Media Group, and Andy Weir, author of *The Martian*, the basis for the 2016 Best Picture Oscar-nominated film, are featured in the line-up for the Institute for Leadership Studies' Spring Leadership Lecture Series at Dominican University of California.

Award-winning actress Kate Hudson opened the [ILS Spring Lecture Series](#) on Wednesday night in front of a capacity crowd of more than 800. She is followed in the ILS Spring Lecture Series by *New York Times* bestselling nature writer and professional falconer Helen MacDonald on March 30, Huffington on April 9, and Weir on April 13. Weir's appearance will be a One Book One Marin presentation that is free to the public.

All lectures are open to the public and will be held in [Angelico Concert Hall](#) on the Dominican campus starting at 7 p.m. Doors open one hour prior to the programs. Free parking is available on campus in the nearby Conlan Center parking lot at the intersection of Acacia and Grand avenues.

The [speaker series](#), a cooperative effort between [Dominican's ILS](#) and Book Passage, features some of the country's leading figures from the worlds of business, politics, entertainment, academia, and literature. The series has entertained and educated thousands of Marin County and San Francisco Bay Area residents.

On Wednesday, Kate Hudson, who in 2001 was nominated for an Academy Award and won the Golden Globe for best supporting actress in *Almost Famous*, appeared at Dominican in conversation with A Band of Women's Christine Bronstein to discuss her first book, *Pretty Happy: Healthy Ways to Love Your Body*. The daughter of Bill Hudson and Academy Award-winning actress Goldie Hawn, she recently voiced the character of Mei Mei in *Kung Fu Panda 3* and will appear next year in Garry Marshall's *Mother's Day*.

On Wednesday, March 30, Helen MacDonald, daughter of acclaimed photographer Alisdair MacDonald, will discuss her bestselling memoir *H is for Hawk*, which won the 2014 Samuel Johnson Prize and Costa Book Award. Her poetry collection, *Shaler's Fish*, also was recently republished. MacDonald is a writer, illustrator, and historian as well as an affiliated research scholar at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge.

Tickets for the MacDonald event at Dominican are \$25 and include a signed copy of *H is for Hawk*.

On Saturday, April 9, Arianna Huffington, whose book *Thrive* was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller in 2014, comes to Dominican with her new book, *The Sleep Revolution*. Huffington, a syndicated columnist and president of *The Huffington Post*, has authored four bestselling books. She has been named to *Time Magazine's* list of the world's 100 most influential people and the Forbes Most Powerful Women list.

Tickets are \$35 for the Huffington event at Dominican and include an autographed copy of *The Sleep Revolution*.

On Wednesday, April 13, Andy Weir will appear at Dominican in conversation with KQED's Michael Krasny to discuss his debut novel, *The Martian*. The science fiction book was turned into a 20th Century Fox film starring Matt Damon that has been nominated for seven Academy Awards. Weir was first hired as a programmer for a national laboratory at age 15 and has been working as a software engineer ever since. He is also a lifelong space nerd and a devoted hobbyist of subjects like relativistic physics, orbital mechanics, and the history of manned spaceflight.

The Weir event at Dominican is free as part of the annual One Book One Marin presentation. *The Martian* has been selected as the 2016 honoree for One Book One Marin, now celebrating its 10th anniversary of building a stronger, enriched community through community dialogue, and the exploration of literature and culture.

For more information or to purchase any of the above-mentioned books, contact Book Passage in Corte Madera by calling (415) 927-0960 extension 1 or visiting [bookpassage.com/dominican](http://bookpassage.com/dominican).

The Institute for Leadership Studies 2016 Spring Leadership Lecture Series is sponsored by Private Ocean, the oldest and largest privately-held wealth management firm in Marin County. Private Ocean's commitment to community service has been a driving force behind its support of the lecture series.

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