SHERYL WUDUNN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 7:30 P.M.
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half the sky: female equality

the forum
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Sheryl WuDunn, the first Asian-American reporter to win a Pulitzer Prize, is a business executive who works with entrepreneurs in new media, media technology and social enterprise at a small investment banking boutique in New York City. She and her husband, columnist Nicholas Kristof, are the authors of *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* (2009). The New York Times Bestseller focuses on the challenges facing women around the world and how Americans are building direct connections with social entrepreneurs to help create solutions for women in the developing economy. Half the Sky inspired a PBS documentary series in 2012. WuDunn and Kristof received the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for their coverage of China’s Tiananmen Square democracy movement in 1989, becoming the first married couple ever to receive a Pulitzer Prize for journalism. Named one of *Newsweek*’s 150 Women Who Shake the World (2011) and *Fast Company* magazine’s League of Extraordinary Women (2012), WuDunn was included in the 2013 PBS program, *Makers: Women Who Make America*.

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the international bank of bob

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Bob Harris

*The International Bank of Bob*

Bob Harris is an author, comedian and *Jeopardy!* champion who was hired in 2008 by *Forbes Travel Guide* to help compile its annual list of the world’s finest accommodations. Overwhelmed by the contrast between rich and poor, Harris found his way to Kiva.org, a portal through which individuals make microloans all over the world. For as little as $25 and $50, businesses are financed and people are uplifted. Astonished at the 99% repayment rate, Harris re-loaned the money to others over and over again. His original $20,000 has now been loaned and repaid more than six times over, helping fund more than 5,200 businesses from Peru and Bosnia to Rwanda and Cambodia. After making hundreds of microloans online, Harris wanted to see the results first-hand. His 2013 book, *The International Bank of Bob*, introduces some of the world’s most inspiring and enterprising people while illuminating day-to-day life — political and emotional — in much of the world that Americans never see. Speaking with humor and compassion, Bob Harris brings the world to our doorstep and makes it clear that each of us can, actually, make it a better place.

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mentoring and role models: two things students cannot live without

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Alan Page
*Mentoring and Role Models: Two Things Students Cannot Live Without*

Minnesota’s first African-American Supreme Court Justice, Alan Page was elected to the court in 1992 after serving as an assistant attorney general. He was reelected in 1998 and 2004. Previously he was an associate with the Minnesota law firm Lindquist and Vennum. Page is renowned for his former career as a professional football player, particularly for his defensive efforts with the Minnesota Vikings in the 1970s. While playing football, he became a full-time law student at the University of Minnesota and earned his Juris Doctor in 1978. He used his 1988 induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame to launch the Page Education Foundation, which encourages minority and other disadvantaged youth to pursue postsecondary education. Financial assistance is granted to college students who, in return, work with elementary school students as tutors, mentors and role models. “These college students send the message to young ones that education is important,” Page says, “at a time when they are still impressionable, before they make the decision about which path they will take in life.”

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Temple Grandin

*Different Kinds of Minds*  
*Contribute to Society*

A passionate and influential advocate for the humane treatment of animals, Temple Grandin is the world’s most accomplished and well-known adult with high-functioning autism. The 2010 HBO movie based on her life, starring Claire Danes, received seven Emmy Awards. Grandin thinks in pictures rather than words and is hypersensitive to noise and other sensory stimuli. She did not talk until she was nearly four years old, communicating instead by screaming, peeping and humming. Blessed with determined parents and good teachers and mentors, she was placed in a structured nursery school and, later, a special boarding school with dairy cows and horses. “Animals saved me,” Grandin says. She went on to academic success, earning a degree in psychology and a doctorate in animal science. Professor of animal science at Colorado State University since 1990, Grandin has used the insights gained from her autism to revolutionize the livestock industry. In 2010 *Time* magazine included Grandin on its list of the world’s 100 most influential people, in the “Heroes” category.

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Mark Lynas is a British author, journalist and environmental activist who frequently speaks about climate science and policy. His books include Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet (2007), winner of the Royal Society Prize for science writing, translated into 22 languages and adapted for a National Geographic Channel special. His most recent publication is the Kindle Single e-book, Nuclear 2.0: Why a Green Future Needs Nuclear Power (2013), which topped the nonfiction sales chart in the United Kingdom. Lynas parted company with many in the environmental community in 2010 when he became an advocate for genetically modified crops that he believes offer benefits to health, food security and environmental susceptibility. In October 2013 he was appointed a visiting fellow at Cornell University’s Office of International Programs at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, advising the university’s work on public sector biotechnology in developing countries to support environmental and food security improvements.