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American Academy of Arts and Sciences Elects its 2014 Class of Members

The American Academy has announced its 2014 class of new members, which includes leaders in the sciences, social sciences, humanities, arts, business, public affairs, and the nonprofit sector. A press release announcing the election of the class is below. The complete list of new members is located at <https://www.amacad.org/members>.

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Press Release

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. | April 23, 2014 – The American Academy of Arts and Sciences today announced the election of 204 new members. They include some of the world's most accomplished scholars, scientists, writers, artists, and civic, corporate, and philanthropic leaders.

The list of the new members is located at <https://www.amacad.org/members>.

One of the nation's most prestigious honorary societies, the Academy is also a leading center for independent policy research. Members contribute to Academy publications and studies of science and technology policy, energy and global security, social policy and American institutions, and the humanities, arts, and education.

"It is a privilege to honor these men and women for their extraordinary individual accomplishments," said **Don Randel**, Chair of the Academy's Board of Directors. "The knowledge and expertise of our members give the Academy a unique capacity – and responsibility – to provide practical policy solutions to the pressing challenges of the day. We look forward to engaging our new members in this work."

Members of the 2014 class include winners of the Nobel Prize; the Wolf Prize; the Pulitzer Prize; National Medal of the Arts; MacArthur, Guggenheim, and Fulbright Fellowships; and Grammy, Emmy, Oscar, and Tony Awards.

Scientists in the new class include: astrophysicist **Neta A. Bahcall**, who combines observational data from large-scale surveys to determine the structure in the universe; theoretical computer scientist **Jennifer Tour Chayes**, known for her work on phase transitions; **Jerry F. Franklin**, leading visionary in forest ecology and conservation; author of the influential book *Langlands Correspondence for Loop Groups*, **Edward Frenkel**; **Tamás F. Freund**, who discovered new molecular pathways in nerve cell communication; epigenetics researcher **Shiv Grewal**; computer scientist **Daphne Koller**, cofounder of Coursera; **Stephen Quake**, whose research seeks to improve biological measurement techniques; **Dan Shechtman**, winner of the 2011 Nobel Prize in Chemistry; **Richard Silverman**, inventor of Lyrica™; epidemiologist **Jaime Sepulveda**; and theoretical physicist **Anthony Zee**, a leader in particle theory.

Social scientists in the new class include: **Deborah Loewenberg Ball**, a leader in teacher education development with a focus on mathematics teaching; University of California, Berkeley's former Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost **George W. Breslauer**, a scholar in Soviet and post-Soviet studies; **Raj Chetty**, among the most cited young economists in the world, who works on tax policy, social insurance, and education policy; **Timothy Earle**, an archaeologist who specializes in the study of chiefly societies and ancient kingdoms; **Michael Greenstone**, former Chief Economist for President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers; political scientist **Paula D. McClain**, the recognized authority on race and racism in America; Judge **Lee Rosenthal**, leader in civil justice reform; sociologist **Sherry Turkle**, who explores human relationships with technology; and **Janet Werker**, a psychologist who focuses on understanding the roots of language acquisition.

In the humanities and the arts, new members include: Pulitzer Prize winners **Jules Feiffer** and **Annie Proulx**; scholar of American religious history **Catherine L. Albanese**; artist **Chris Burden**; **James Chandler**, a scholar of British literature; philosopher **John B. Cobb**; Renaissance literature scholar **Margaret W. Ferguson**; poet **Linda Gregerson**; curator **Maxwell K. Hearn**; novelist and screenwriter **John Irving**; U.S. historian and *The New Yorker* writer **Jill Lepore**; choreographer **Tere O'Connor**; Jeffersonian scholar **Peter S. Onuf**; director and actor **Al Pacino**; short story writer **George Saunders**; science historian **Londa Schiebinger**; musician-composer **Ralph Stanley**; and novelist and English and comparative literature scholar **Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o**.

Elected in public affairs and journalism are: former U.S. Ambassador to Israel and current U.S. Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestine Negotiations **Martin S. Indyk**; **William Kling**, Founder and President Emeritus of American Public Media Group; Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **Ann Marie Lipinski**; former Secretary of Labor **Robert Reich**; and Chief Judge **Patti B. Saris**, Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Philanthropists and business leaders in the 2014 class include: **Charles F. Feeney**, Founding Chair of Atlantic Philanthropies; **Sherry Lansing**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Sherry Lansing Foundation; **Susan Woods Paine**, patron of the arts and education in the Boston area; **John W. Rogers, Jr.**, Founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of Ariel Investments; and **Jerry I. Speyer**, Chairman and Co-Executive Officer of Tishman Speyer, a global real estate

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The new class also includes leaders of educational, cultural, and philanthropic organizations, among them: **Anthony K. Cheetham**, Treasurer and Vice President of the Royal Society; **Nicholas B. Dirks**, Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; **Christopher L. Eisgruber**, President of Princeton University; **Adam Gamoran**, President of the William T. Grant Foundation; **Nathan O. Hatch**, President of Wake Forest University; **Irene Hirano Inouye**, President of the U.S.-Japan Council; **Risa Lavizzo-Mourey**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and **Michael S. McPherson**, President of the Spencer Foundation.

The Academy elected 16 Foreign Honorary Members from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Israel, Mexico, Spain, and the United Kingdom. They include: artist **Ei Anatsui**, economist **Manuel Arellano**, writer **A. S. Byatt**, and chemist **Peter P. Edwards**.

The new class will be inducted at a ceremony on October 11, 2014, at the Academy's headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Since its founding in 1780, the Academy has elected leading "thinkers and doers" from each generation, including George Washington and Benjamin Franklin in the eighteenth century, Daniel Webster and Ralph Waldo Emerson in the nineteenth, and Margaret Meade and Martin Luther King, Jr. in the twentieth. The current membership includes more than 250 Nobel laureates and more than 60 Pulitzer Prize winners.



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