Maryanne Wolf

**Thursday,
February 20
7 p.m.**

"Deep Reading's Contributions to Humanity in a Digital Culture"

Maryanne Wolf is a scholar, teacher and advocate for children and literacy around the world. She is currently the director of the Center for Dyslexia, Diverse Learners and Social Justice at UCLA in the School of Education and Information Studies. She has written more than 170 scientific publications, including "Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital Culture" (12 translations; HarperCollins, 2018). Wolf is also the creator of the RAVE-O Intervention Program for all struggling readers and has received multiple awards for her contributions to the neuroscience of reading. Most recently, she was elected a permanent member of the Pontifical Academy of Science.

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2025 Humanities Symposium
February 19–21

Living Digitally

12–12:45 p.m.
Can We Live Digitally and Love Our Neighbors?
Faculty lecture:
Chad Frey, convening coordinator (arts, culture and society)
Boyer 131

1–1:45 p.m.
Limited by Design: How Digital Tools Prevent and Promote Human Craft and Mastery
Student presentation: Owen Anderson
Sponsored by Timothy Schoettle (biblical, religious and philosophical studies)
Boyer 131

2–2:45 p.m.
Imago Dei: Spiritual Self–Portraits in a Digital Era
Faculty–student panel discussion
Sponsored by Tara Stillions Whitehead (communications)
Boyer 131

3–3:50 p.m.
Celebrating Faculty Research in the Humanities
Faculty flash session: Ryan Rickrode, Matt Roth, Timothy Shea (language, literature and writing), Robin Collins, Tim Schoettle (biblical, religious and philosophical studies)
Boyer 131

4–4:45 p.m.
Opening reception
Howe Atrium

5–5:45 p.m.
Harrisburg Historical: A New Digital App for Exploring the Stories of the Capital Region
Faculty–student panel discussion
Sponsored by David Pettegrew (history, politics and international relations)
Boyer 131

6–6:45 p.m.
Mindful Design in Hybrid Collaboration and Digital Interaction
Faculty–student panel discussion
Sponsored by Hong Huo (Graphic Design and Digital Media)
Boyer 131

7–7:45 p.m.
Loving to Read: Initiating Positive Reading Habits in a Digital Childhood
Faculty panel discussion: How do children learn to read and learn to love reading in a digital world? Literacy Education Professor Sarah Fischer, Ph.D., will introduce the science and scholarship surrounding learning to read. Then, a panel consisting of a parent, student and librarians will discuss the ways in which they have negotiated the challenges and rewards when helping.
Sponsored by Sarah Myers and Janet Vogel
Murray Library

10:30–11:15 a.m.
'To Post or Not to Post?' Gen Z Multilingual Students' Habits and Usages of Digital Tools and Digital Identity Construction During Pandemic
Faculty lecture: Oksana Moroz (language, literature and writing)
Boyer 131

11:55 a.m.–12:40 p.m.
Teaching and Learning with AI
Faculty panel discussion: Faculty members from different disciplines will explore insights from Bowen and Watson's "Teaching with AI: A Practical Guide to a New Era of Human Learning".
Sponsored by Teaching with AI Professional Learning Community
Boyer 131

1:20–2:05 p.m.
Spaces of Fear in a Photographic Archive: The Sakimura Family in Wartime United States, 7 December 1941 – 7 May 1942
Faculty Lecture: Bernardo Michael (history, politics and international relations)
Boyer 131

Faculty-Student Colloquium/ Faculty Teaching Workshop

2:45–3:15 p.m.
Digital Tools to Build/Maintain Community and Connection with Online and In–Person Learners
Sponsored by Lyndsay Grimm and Rachel Fleagle (grad: administration)

3:20–4 p.m.
Living Digitally: Strategies to Engage the Chronically Online
Sponsored by Karen Harrington (residence life)
Boyer 131

7 p.m.
Deep Reading's Contributions to Humanity in a Digital Culture
Symposium keynote address
Maryanne Wolf
Virtual lecture – QR code on back of brochure to register for webinar

12–12:45 p.m.
Thy Pixels Have I Hid in My Heart: Considering the Digital Bible
Faculty lecture: Brian Smith (biblical, religious and philosophical studies)
Boyer 131

1–1:45 p.m.
Pod Save the Humanities: Locations of the Liberal Arts in a Digital Age
Faulty lecture: Peter Powers (language, literature and writing)
Boyer 131

2–2:45
Reflections on C. S. Lewis' "The Abolition of Man"
Faulty lecture: Philip Graybill (engineering)
Boyer 131

3–3:50 p.m.
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Faculty flash session: Oksana Moroz, Stella Ye (language, literature and writing), John Fea (history, politics and international relations), Tara Whitehead (communications), Devin Manzullo Thomas (biblical, religious and philosophical studies)
Boyer 131

4 p.m.
Living Digitally: Responding Physically
Dance performance and discussion
Sponsored by Gregg Hurley (theatre and dance)
Free event, tickets required
Poorman Black Box Theater, Climenhaga Building

5 p.m.
Closing reception
Howe Atrium

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