

35th Annual  
ANNA FUNK LOCKEY  
LECTURE IN EDUCATION

Welcomes  
ANDREW SLACK



Presented by  
**Millersville University**  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
& HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, March 20 at 7pm, Winter Center  
(Biemesderfer Concert Hall)

## ANDREW SLACK

Mr. Andrew Slack is a pioneer in transforming storytelling into advocacy and fandom into a force for human rights and social change. As co-founder of the Harry Potter Alliance, he spent a decade inspiring over a million fans to become activists, using the power of shared stories to connect people across cultures, build empathy, and spark real-world action. From linking The Hunger Games to economic inequality, Superman to immigrant rights, and Star Wars to democracy reform, his innovative campaigns have won major victories and fostered grassroots movements in over 30 countries—earning him fellowships at Ashoka, the Nathan Cummings Foundation, and Civic Hall, as well as Millersville University's Distinguished Civic Leadership Award.

Andrew's work has been featured in over 100 major news outlets, from The New York Times and The New Yorker to Comedy Central and People Magazine. Beyond storytelling, Andrew has helped reshape major philanthropic and civic initiatives. His ideas influenced a \$65 million MacArthur Foundation initiative on digital learning and civic engagement, and he has advised organizations such as Ford Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies on using narrative strategy to advance human rights. He has served as a creative consultant with clients ranging from Netflix and the executive producer of a major Apple TV series to the Teamsters and a winning reproductive rights initiative in Europe.

As a narrative strategist for Avaaz, a global civic organization with over 69 million members, he mobilized Leonardo DiCaprio, Pedro Pascal, Meryl Streep, Mark Ruffalo, Don Cheadle, and Rosario Dawson, alongside political leaders, to champion pro-democracy, climate action, and human dignity. His advocacy for Indigenous peoples in the Amazon has not only drawn international media attention but also elicited responses from three sitting heads of state and helped prevent a "genocide bill" targeting Indigenous communities in Peru.



Andrew is also a content producer, with his videos reaching over 100 million views. He is the co-author of *Save Santa's Home*, a children's book that playfully inspires young people to advocate for climate action.

Ultimately, Andrew is dedicated to harnessing the power of stories, imagination, and human connection to build a more just and compassionate world.

He lives in Philadelphia, PA, with his wife and son.

*WELCOME, ANDREW SLACK!*

# PROGRAM

Welcome.....Dr. Lara Willox  
*Dean, College of Education and  
Human Services and School of Social Work*

Introduction of Lectureship and Speaker.....Dr. Laurie Hanich  
*Member, the Learning Institute Committee*

Presentation.....Mr. Andrew Slack  
*“Advocacy for Humankind”*

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## PROGRAM NOTES

*We appreciate your kind attention throughout the lecture.  
Please silence your cell phones for the duration of the  
presentation. There will be a question and answer time at  
the end of the talk.*

*Following the lecture, we kindly invite you to provide  
feedback by completing a **Brief Survey.**  
Survey will open at 8:30 PM.*

# ANNA FUNK LOCKEY LECTURE IN EDUCATION

Anna Funk Lockey, class of 1925, established an endowed lectureship in education at Millersville University in 1987. The purpose of the Lockey Lecture is to bring distinguished speakers to Millersville's campus to address future teachers, the educational profession, and the community.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Lockey and her family, who continue to support the good work of this lecture series.



## RECENT SPEAKERS:

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| 2024 - Todd M. Mealy, Ph.D.        | 2008 - James P. Comer, Ph.D.                              |
| 2022 - Dr. Richard Warren, Jr.     | 2007 - Alfie Kohn   |
| 2021 - Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy, Ph.D. | 2006 - Martin Haberman, Ph.D.                             |
| 2020 - Kari Kokka, Ph.D.           | 2005 - William Bennett, Ph.D. and<br>Richard Riley, Ph.D. |
| 2019 - Michael Eric Dyson, Ph.D.   | 2004 - Carl Glickman, Ph.D.                               |
| 2017 - Paul C. Gorski, Ph.D.       | 2003 - Karima Deane Alavi                                 |
| 2016 - Troy Hutchings, Ph.D.       | 2002 - James Loewen, Ph.D.                                |
| 2015 - Emily A. Greytak, Ph.D.     | 2001 - Marva Collins                                      |
| 2014 - Freeman Hrabowski, Ph.D.    | 2000 - William Dugger, Jr., Ph.D.                         |
| 2013 - Milton Chen, Ph.D.          | 1999 - Thomas Sergiovanni                                 |
| 2012 - Sir Ken Robinson, Ph.D.     | 1998 - Jonathan Kozol                                     |
| 2011 - Rachael Simmons             | 1997 - Elliot Eisner                                      |
| 2010 - Temple Grandin, Ph.D.       | 1996 - Jacqueline Jordan Irvin                            |
| 2009 - William C. Ayers, Ph.D.     | 1995 - Diane Ravitch                                      |



# The Learning Institute Committee

*Special thanks to the faculty members who comprise the Learning Institute Committee for screening potential speakers for this year's lecture.*

*Amanda Ampascher (Admin. Assist., Dean's Office, EDHS)*

*Heather Girvin, Ph.D. (Social Work)*

*Abdulsalami Ibrahim, Ed.D. (Educational Foundations)*

*Lara Willox, Ph.D. (Dean, College of EDHS)*

*Laurie Hanich, Ph.D. (Educational Foundations)*

*Laura Granruth, Ph.D. (Social Work)*

*Karen Rice, Ph.D. (Social Work)*

*Kazi Hossain, Ed.D. (Early, Middle, & Exceptional Ed.)*

*Thomas Neuville, Ph.D. (Special Education)*

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