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David Brooks

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— David Brooks, an acclaimed New York Times journalist and political and cultural commentator, will present the 29th address in the Adlai E. Stevenson Memorial Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24 in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington). A Q&A will close the lecture titled, "Eisenhower, Marshall and American Grand Strategy" and a reception will follow. The event is free and open to the public.

Brooks became a *New York Times* op-ed columnist in September 2003. Previously, he was senior editor at *The Weekly Standard* and a contributing editor at *Newsweek* and the *Atlantic Monthly*. He is currently a commentator on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)'s *"The Newshour with Jim Lehrer."* Brooks has written *"Bobos In Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There"* and *"On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense,"* both published by Simon & Schuster. His most recent book published by Random House in March 2011, *"The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement,"* debuted at the top of the *New York Times* bestseller list.



The Stevenson Lecture Series, initiated in 1965 as a memorial to the political leader and Chief U.S. Delegate to the United Nations who was raised in Bloomington, is co-hosted by Illinois Wesleyan and Illinois State University.

Previous Stevenson lecturers have included Ken Burns, acclaimed documentary filmmaker; Mary Robinson, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the first woman president of Ireland; Lech Walesa, former president of Poland; Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State; and Sir Edward Heath, former prime minister of Britain.

The board of the Stevenson Memorial Lecture Series, chaired by the presidents of Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University, consists of 23 members who organize presentations designed to perpetuate the work of Stevenson by "promoting his ideals and furthering the cause of world peace and good will among peoples," as established by the founding members in 1965.

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