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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. –Nobel Peace Prize winner Mohamed ElBaradei will be the Adlai E. Stevenson Memorial Lecture's 50th anniversary speaker. A lifelong advocate of democratic leadership and nuclear disarmament, ElBaradei will present a master class Sept. 30 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Illinois Wesleyan University's Hansen Student Center. ElBaradei will also speak at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 in Illinois State University's Center for Performing Arts.

ElBaradei served as the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for 12 years. He and the agency were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 for "their efforts to prevent nuclear energy from being used for military purposes and to ensure that nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is used in the safest way possible."

A pro-democracy leader and advocate of nuclear disarmament, ElBaradei played a leadership role in the Arab Spring of 2011. ElBaradei was also vice president of Egypt for a short time in 2013. He resigned following a crackdown led by security forces on supporters of deposed Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi.



Mohamed ElBaradei

At Illinois State, ElBaradei's talk is entitled "Preventing a Nuclear Nightmare." The 7 p.m. event is free and open to the public.

Initiated in 1965, the Stevenson Lecture Series is as a memorial to Stevenson, a Bloomington native, who served as the Chief U.S. Delegate to the United Nations. The lecture series is co-hosted by Illinois Wesleyan and Illinois State University.

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