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Wagner College Announces the 9th Annual Kaufman-Repage Lecture

I'm pleased to announce that on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Spiro 2, the winner of the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction "A new classic of science reporting" — *The New York Times* and Associate Professor and Director of the Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program at New York University, Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, Dan Fagin, will be the 9th Kaufman-Repage Lecturer. A generous endowment gift of Trustee, Louise Repage Kaufman and Dr. Peter Kaufman supports this annual lecture in their name.

A science journalism professor at New York University, Dan Fagin is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who writes frequently about environmental science. His book, *Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation*, was recently awarded the 2014 Pulitzer for General Nonfiction. Before joining the NYU faculty in 2005, Dan was the environmental writer at *Newsday* for 15 years, during which time he was twice a principal member of reporting teams that were Pulitzer finalists. He has also won both of the best-known science journalism prizes in the United States: the Science Journalism Award of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Science in Society Award of the National Association of Science Writers. His recent publications include *The New York Times*, *Scientific American*, *Nature* and *Slate*, and he is a former president of the 1,400-member Society of Environmental Journalists.

At NYU, Dan is an associate professor of journalism at the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute and the director of the masters-level Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program (SHERP), one of the oldest and best-regarded science journalism training programs in the world.

A native of Oklahoma City, Dan attended Dartmouth College, where he was the editor-in-chief and president of the college newspaper. He spent two years at the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* before joining *Newsday*, where he covered local and state politics before assuming the environment beat, which he covered for 15 years before joining the NYU faculty in 2005.

He has been a Templeton-Cambridge Fellow in Science and Religion at the University of Cambridge and has also had fellowships at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, and the Institute of Arctic Biology in Toolik Lake, Alaska.

Dan is a former president and a proud member of the 1,400-member Society of Environmental Journalists, the oldest and largest association of journalists dedicated to improving the quality, accuracy and visibility of environmental coverage.

Dan lives on Long Island with his wife, the legal journalist Alison Frankel. They have two grown daughters and a surfeit of cats.

I hope you will attend and I encourage all faculty members, students and staff to attend. Many of our Trustees will be on campus for this important event. The Kaufman-Repage Lecture is not only an event built around the particular speaker in any given year, it is a celebration of Wagner College's commitment to scholarly work and open inquiry. I have attached Dan Fagin's biography for you to read about more of his many accomplishments.



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