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DEMOCRACY IN ACTION: BUILDING BRIDGES



*Curiosity is about
seeking what unites us
rather than clinging to
what divides us."*

~ Scott Shigeoka



*Conversation not only
helps us think and reason
through problems, but
see, hear, and respect
each other and our
shared concerns. "*

~ Yasemin Sari



SCOTT SHIGEOKA

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 | LANGLEY



YASEMIN SARI

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 | COUPEVILLE

2026 SPEAKERS

YASEMIN SARI

Together: The Promise of Democracy

Saturday, March 14 | Coupeville Library

2:00 pm - Democracy in Action Resource Fair

3:00 pm - Public Lecture



Discover the vital role everyday conversations between community members play in a democratic system. These conversations can happen anywhere—a public park, a library, a place of worship, or even the beach. In this conversation with Professor Yasemin Sari, explore ways we can bridge this gap and create a world where the promise of democracy is brought fully to life. This event is a partnership with Humanities Washington.

Yasemin Sari is an assistant professor of philosophy at Seattle University. Her work focuses on the relationship between human rights, recognition, and equality, and investigates the questions of political agency through belonging in a democracy. Yasemin lives in Seattle.

SCOTT SHIGEOKA

Curiosity is a Bridge for Connection

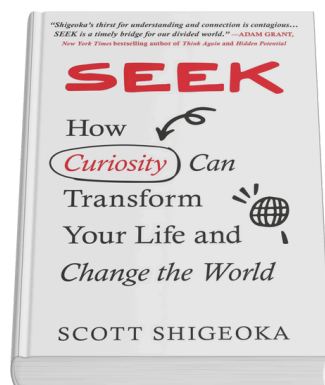
Friday, March 20 | Whidbey Island Center for the Arts

5:30 pm - Sponsor Reception

7:30 pm - Public Lecture

Friday, March 20 | South Whidbey High School

12:45 pm - Student Lecture



Scott Shigeoka is an internationally recognized curiosity expert, TED speaker, and the award-winning author of *SEEK: How Curiosity Can Transform Your Life and Change the World*. His lecture will center on the practice of curiosity as a force for connection and transformation. Scott will share stories and concrete tools that anyone can apply to introduce more curiosity into their lives and communities—especially in an era of disconnection and division.

Scott Shigeoka has appeared on The Today Show, PBS, New York Times, NPR, BBC, Psyche, Harvard Business Review, The Guardian, and other global outlets to spread what he calls the "gospel of curiosity." Learn more about Scott at www.scottshigeoka.com.

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We invite you to become a sponsor of the 2026 lecture series and help underwrite our forthcoming presentations by Yasemin Sari & Scott Shigeoka. As a sponsor, you will enjoy the following benefits:

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- Up to 8 reserved seats at the March 20 reception and lecture, 4 complimentary copies of *SEEK*
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ABOUT TRUDY

Presented by the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation, the lecture series honors Trudy Sundberg, a beloved Whidbey Island teacher and civic leader, by annually presenting eminent speakers in one of Trudy's many areas of interest.



Since 2016, the series has covered a wide range of topics and perspectives, inspired by Trudy's lifetime commitment to discovery, exploration, and exchange of information, ideas, and opinions. The unique viewpoints of our speakers encourage audiences to think about education, literature, history, the arts, civic engagement, and politics.

To meet Trudy was to enter into a rich relationship with an exceptional woman who appreciated life and was determined to make a difference. As a teacher, she inspired. As a community member, she engaged people to learn, converse, and support diverse community efforts. As a wife and mother, she supported exploring ideas, encouraging possibilities, and finding joy in every day. As an artist, historian, and author, she looked for ways to contribute. Trudy was ever curious and celebrated learning new ideas and stretching her horizons. This tiny bundle of energy was an amazing dynamo who achieved and fostered much for the common good.

After Trudy passed away in 2013, her family and friends founded the lecture series as the most appropriate tribute to keep her spirit alive in our community. The series carries on Trudy's legacy and encourages us to expand our worldviews and be open to new ideas. To learn more about Trudy, come join us at the lectures!

PAST SPEAKERS

- 2025 - Shane & Hannah Burcaw, disability advocates: [INTERABLED: True Stories About Love and Disability](#)
Kimber Cross, adaptive climber: [CAN'T. WILL. DID.](#)
- 2024 - Lyla June, Indigenous scholar: [Architects of Abundance](#)
John Halliday, Native American artist
- 2022 - Wade Davis, anthropologist: [Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World](#)
- 2021 - Mona Hanna-Attisha, M.D., pediatrician: [What's in Your Water?](#)
- 2020 - Bob Williams, Ph.D., astronomer: [Probing the Distant Universe with the Hubble Telescope](#)
- 2019 - Chris Jordan, filmmaker: [The Albatross on Midway Island](#)
- 2018 - Jill Tietjen, engineer: Her Story: [The Women Who Changed America](#)
- 2017 - Xiuhtezcatl Martinez & KC Golden, climate activists: [Climate Action: What Now?](#)
- 2016 - Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning author: [Who Stole the American Dream?](#)

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