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**Civic Engagement  
and the Arts**  
*with*  
**Edward Hirsch**

Poet & President of the  
John Simon Guggenheim  
Memorial Foundation

Thursday, June 8th, 2017  
NYC | 9:00 A.M. EDT

[alumni.state.gov/live](https://alumni.state.gov/live)



**About the Program:** This will be a live, interactive discussion featuring Edward Hirsch, renowned poet and President of the **John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation**.

**Web chat URL:** <https://alumni.state.gov/live>

**Facebook Event:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/986292388168470/>

### Sample Tweets

Join Edward Hirsch, President of @GuggFellows & poet for a chat about the role of art in civic engagement June 8 @ 9AM EDT #AskEdHirsch

Learn more about the career and published works of renowned poet & President of @GuggFellows, Edward Hirsch June 8 @ 9 AM EDT #AskEdHirsch

Tune in to [alumni.state.gov/live](https://alumni.state.gov/live) now! For a chat w/ poet & President of @GuggFellows, Edward Hirsch. Ask your ?'s using #AskEdHirsch

### Sample Facebook Post

Come join a global alumni discussion with @GuggFellows President and poet, Edward Hirsch. He will be online June 8th at 9 am EDT to answer your questions about his distinguished career in poetry, his current role as President of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, and the intersection of civic engagement and the arts. Ask questions via Twitter using #AskEdHirsch or via the program chat space on <https://alumni.state.gov/live>.

### About our Speaker

**Edward Hirsch** a MacArthur Fellow, has published nine books of poems, including *The Living Fire: New and Selected Poems* (2010), which brings together thirty-five years of work. His work *Gabriel: A Poem* (2014), which *The New Yorker* calls "a masterpiece of sorrow," won the National Jewish Book Award for poetry. He has also published five books of prose, among them, *How to Read a Poem and Fall in Love with Poetry* (1999), a national bestseller, and *A Poet's Glossary* (2014). A passionate advocate for poetry, he held a 17-year career as an English professor at the University of Houston and wrote the long-running "Poet's Choice" column in the *Washington Post*. He was awarded a **Guggenheim Fellowship** in poetry in 1985. Since 2002, he has served as a trustee of the **John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation** and in 2003 he became the fourth President. He holds seven honorary degrees.