

## **FALL 2018 SPEAKER SERIES**





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## **Leadership as Improvisation**

By Carol J. Geffner



What do actors and business leaders have in common? They both need to improvise. This workshop helps bring together participants of all ages and backgrounds, inspiring and empowering them to create positive change in their personal lives, their communities and the world. "Leaders today are operating in organizations that face tremendous uncertainty, an accelerated pace of change and disruption. The days of stable and predictable organizations are, for the most part, behind us," said Geffner. "The willingness to experience discomfort and learn continuously are essential in rapidly changing environments. Improvisation, which comes from the discipline of drama and theater, is designed to put people in situations in which they must be present, feel vulnerable, and learn in the moment."

"As you move up a hierarchical organization, you have to find your voice and learn how to use it effectively to inspire and lead others."

Carol J. Geffner, Ph.D. is Professor of the Practice of Governance, Management and Policy at the Sol Price School of Public Policy and Director of the Executive Master of Leadership Program. Dr. Geffner is well known for her thought leadership and advisory work with multi-sectorial organizations on improving human and organizational performance and the capacity for sustainable success.

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Lunch will be served

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