

Keynote Speaker

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“I have always found my attention drawn to many different disciplines: science, history, literature, systems thinking, organizational behavior, social policy, cosmology and theology. I value what I’ve learned from each of these fields, because no discipline, institution, or specialization can answer the questions that now confront us. We all must draw from many different perspectives to reweave the world.”



Biography

Dr. Margaret Wheatley writes, teaches, and speaks about how we might organize and accomplish our work in chaotic times. She invites us to attend to the quality of relationships to weather the increasing turbulence. She knows that whatever the problem, community is the answer. Dr. Wheatley has been an organizational consultant and researcher since 1973 and a dedicated global citizen since her youth. Her first work as a Peace Corps volunteer in Korea and a public school teacher and urban education administrator in New York. She has been Associate Professor of Management at the Marriot School of Management, Brigham Young University, and Cambridge College, Massachusetts.

Dr. Wheatley is co-founder and President emerita of The Berkana Institute, a charitable global foundation that works in partnership with a rich diversity of people around the world who strengthen their communities by working the wisdom and wealth already present in their people, traditions and environment. The Institute has worked in dozens of countries, most of them in the Third World, and has discovered that the world is blessed with tens of thousands of courageous, life-affirming leaders. They are young and old, in all countries, working in all types of organizations and communities.

Dr. Wheatley's path-breaking book, *Leadership and the New Science*, was first published in 1992, and has been translated into more than 20 languages. This book is credited with establishing a fundamentally new approach to how we think about organizations. It is a standard text in many leadership programs, and has won notable awards, including "Best Management Book of 1992" in *Industry Weekly*, Top Ten Business Books in the 1990s in *CIO Magazine*, and Top Ten Business Books of all time by Xerox Corporation. Dr. Wheatley's other publications include *Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future*, and *Finding Our Way: Leadership in an Uncertain Time*. She also co-authored a book with Myron Rogers, *A Simpler Way*.

Dr. Wheatley received her doctorate from Harvard University's program in Administration, Planning and Social Policy. She holds an M.A. in Communications and Systems Thinking from New York University and a B.A. in History from the University of Rochester. She has received several awards and honorary doctorates. In 2003, The American Society for Training and Development honored her for "distinguished contribution to workplace learning and development" and dubbed her "a living legend". In April 2005, she was elected to the Leonardo Da Vinci Society for her contribution to the development of the field of systems thinking.

Dr. Wheatley resides in Utah, where she relishes her family, the mountains, her horses and life.