

**The 11th annual Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr.
Distinguished Lecture in the History of Psychology**

Daniel T. Willingham, PhD

**"Improving the Use of Psychological Science
in K-12 Education"**

May 15, 2025

5 p.m. – cash bar and hors d'oeuvres ■ 6 p.m. – dinner ■ 7 p.m. – lecture

Portage Country Club
240 N. Portage Path
Akron, Ohio 44303

Presentation Overview:

How well-informed are American teachers about principles of psychology relevant to classrooms? Relevant data are scarce, but discouraging. In this talk, Dr. Willingham will suggest that the core problem is that teachers are taught this content as though they were future researchers, not future practitioners. Dr. Willingham will discuss changes to teacher preparation that could improve the use of psychology in K-12 education, and boost student achievement..

Registration Deadline is May 9, 2025

Complete the registration form and return by email or mail to the address at the bottom. Secure online registration is available at www.uakron.edu/chp or by scanning the QR code below.

Registration Type: ☐ General \$45.00 ☐ Student \$25.00

Dinner Selection: Please choose one of the following options.

Unless otherwise noted, all entrees served with a vegetable, starch, salad, rolls and butter, tea and coffee.

- ☐ Chicken Piccata - with lemon caper sauce
- ☐ Braised Beef Short Rib - with natural pan sauce
- ☐ Broiled Salmon - with smoked tomato creme
- ☐ Chick Pea Cake - vegan
- ☐ I have food allergies/dietary restrictions - Email gruich@uakron.edu

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**Daniel T.
Willingham**

is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Virginia, where he has taught since 1992. Until about 2000, his research focused solely on the brain basis of learning and memory. Today, all of his research concerns the application of cognitive psychology to K-16 education.



He is the author of several books, including the best-selling *Why Don't Students Like School?*, and most recently, *Outsmart Your Brain*. His writing on education has appeared in twenty-three languages.

In 2017 he was appointed by President Obama to serve as a Member of the National Board for Education Sciences.

Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr.

is an outstanding teacher, scholar, and researcher whose work has contributed significantly to our understanding of psychology and its history. The annual Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr. Lecture is hosted by the Cummings Center each year in May.



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