

The Seventh Annual Presentation in the
JAY NATHAN, PH.D. VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE SERIES

Iceland: History. Culture. Environment.

A Panel Discussion with a Cultural Performance and Reception to Follow

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 • 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Moskovitz Theater, The DeNaples Center
The University of Scranton, Pennsylvania

At the conclusion of the Panel Discussion, there will be a performance by classical violinist Eva Ingólfssdóttir.

A reception will follow the performance.

The evening is free of charge and open to the public but reservations are encouraged.

Please register at scranton.edu/JayNathanLecture or call Kym Balthazar Fetsko at 570.941.7816.

The Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture Series

The Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture Series invites international scholars from emerging democracies and countries in political and economic transition to visit The University of Scranton to address issues that will enlighten and benefit students, faculty and the community-at-large. Its purpose is to enrich the intellectual life or share a cultural exposition in the arts or music for both The University of Scranton and our Northeastern Pennsylvania community.

This annual lecture initiative highlights the research and contributions of guest scholars of international repute who visit the University to discuss timely and timeless subjects. While visiting campus, scholars deliver presentations on topics of interest to the academic community and meet informally with attendees, students and faculty.

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BERGDÍS ELLERTSDÓTTIR

Iceland Ambassador

Born in Iceland in 1962, Bergdís Ellertsdóttir attended the University of Freiburg in Germany where she studied German (1982–1983) followed by political science, English and history (1983–1985).

She went on to study political science and English at the University of Iceland graduating in 1987. She also holds a master's in European studies from the University of Essex in Britain.

In 1991, Bergdís Ellertsdóttir joined Iceland's Ministry for Foreign Affairs where she was first secretary in the trade department. She then joined the Icelandic Embassy in Bonn, Germany, where she was deputy head of mission. From 2000 to 2003, she was deputy director of the political department dealing with security issues, NATO, OSCE and bilateral relations with the United States, Canada and Russia. In 2003, she became deputy director general in the foreign affairs ministry's trade department, becoming director-general for international security and development in 2007.

The same year she was appointed deputy secretary general of EFTA in Brussels, serving until 2012. She was the chief negotiator in the Iceland-China Free Trade Agreement in September 2012. In September 2014, she was appointed head of the Icelandic Mission to the European Union as well as ambassador of Iceland to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland and San Marino.

In August 2018, Bergdís Ellertsdóttir was appointed Iceland's permanent representative to the United Nations. The following October it was announced that she would be Iceland's ambassador to the United States from 1 August 2019. Bergdís Ellertsdóttir became ambassador of Iceland to the United States on September 16, 2019. She is married with four children.



EVA INGÓLFSDÓTTIR

Eva Ingólfsdóttir is a classical violinist, animator and composer. Eva comes from a leading musical family in Reykjavik, Iceland. She began to study violin at a young age where she gained early recognition for her outstanding musical talent, including her beautiful tone and artistic interpretation.

After studying at the Conservatory of Reykjavik, Eva left Iceland to study with some of Europe's finest violin pedagogues. Her playing has been greatly influenced by the spirit of both Russian and East-European violin institutions.

Eva was a student of Professor Leon-Ara at the Conservatory in Brussels, later continuing her education with Professor Corrado Romano at the

Conservatory of Geneva and Professor István Párkányi at the Sweelinck Conservatory in Amsterdam. During those years, she received multiple awards and scholarships to further her education with world known pedagogues such as Ștephan Gheorghiu, Victor Pikaizen, Zachar Bron and Tibor Varga.

Eva has held numerous solo recitals in well-known concert halls across the world including Iceland, Japan, United States, Russia and Europe. Some of the most known concert halls include Carnegie Hall, Trinity Church in New York City and the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Eva Ingólfsdóttir is an enthusiastic advocate of contemporary music. She has premiered over 100 contemporary pieces for solo violin and received a grant from the NYWC for her performances in 2014. Eva has composed several pieces for violin that reflect on her home country, Iceland.

Eva currently resides in New York City where she is preparing to publish her very first album with her own compositions.



DR. JAY NATHAN

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Dr. Jay Nathan is a Fulbright Scholar, author, editor and professor, past-president of the Global Awareness Society International, a life-time member of the Fulbright Association and a director on the Fulbright Association National Board. In July of 2019, Dr. Nathan was part of a Fulbright Insight Trip to Iceland. The participants included native Icelanders, former ambassadors, professors and former deans from the United States of America.

