

Speech Advance Story

A Washington Post reporter, David Farenthold, will speak virtually over Zoom at 7 p.m. in the annual Penn State Foster-Foreman conference on Tuesday.

Farenthold attended Harvard University and graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in history. While there, he wrote for The Harvard Crimson student newspaper.

Currently, Farenthold is the main Washington Post reporter covering the Trump family and its business interests. He has been covering this topic since 2016.

He started his career covering the D.C. police department and crime in the city. He then served as the Washington Post's New England correspondent and covered environmental issues before transitioning in 2010 to his current position on the political staff. In addition, he has covered news on Congress and the federal bureaucracy. Farenthold is also an on-air contributor to NBC News and MSNBC.

Regarding the news and how it has rapidly evolved through social media, Farenthold has said, "We are in the era when I go home and have dinner with my kids and put them to bed, and hours later I go to Twitter, and the world has changed." (BrainyQuote.com)

In 2017, Farenthold was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting. According to the Pulitzer Prize Board, he was recognized for "persistent reporting that created a model for transparent journalism in political campaign coverage, while casting doubt on Donald Trump's assertions of generosity towards charities."

Farenthold is married to Elizabeth Lewis, whom he met while attending Harvard, and they have two daughters together. He also enjoys hiking and the outdoors and is a significant face on Twitter (@Farenthold) with nearly 1 million followers.

Farenthold's speech is part of the Foster-Foreman Conference of Distinguished Writers which is an annual conference that regularly attracts some of the best writers in the country to work closely with students in the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications. The conference has attracted 41 Pulitzer Prize winners since its origination and 10 Penn State graduates have also been speakers in the series.

The conference will also host a South Florida Sun-Sentinel writer and member of the Pulitzer Prize-winning team that covered the Parkland school shooting, Megan O'Matz, on Wednesday, at 7 p.m.

Those interested in listening can log on using the Zoom link (<https://psu.zoom.us/j/93034854682>) to participate.