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PULITZER RECIPIENT HEDRICK SMITH TO SPEAK AT USFSP MARCH 15

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Hedrick Smith will speak at USF St. Petersburg at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15. Smith, whose 1971 expose of the Pentagon Papers altered America's role in the Vietnam War, will discuss populism, protests and political promises.

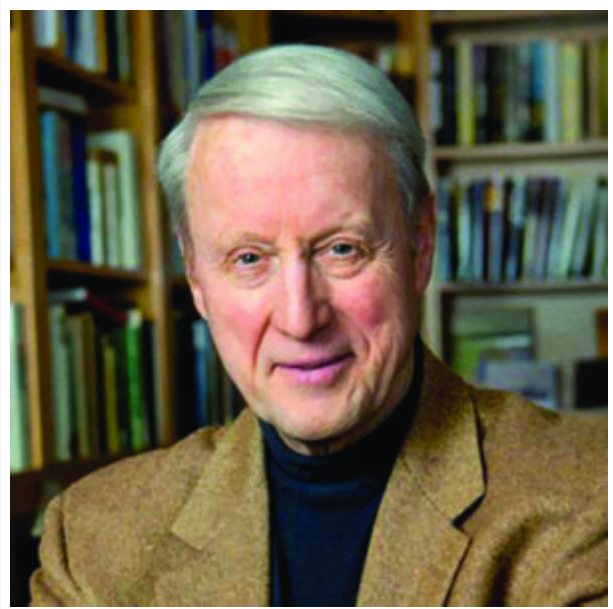
Smith will serve as the Aresty Speaker in a forum presented by the Open Partnership Education Network. After his talk, Smith will be joined on stage by Katie Sanders, deputy editor of PolitiFact, and Suzanne Benton, organizer of the St. Petersburg Women's March.

"Hedrick's talk could not be more timely," said Deni Elliott, chair of the USFSP Department of Journalism and Media Studies and an ethics scholar. Elliott will serve as the panel moderator for the event. "Hedrick

is known for his writing on national politics, terrorism, Wall Street, and Russia. He has wisdom to share about how citizens can exercise their power. Anyone concerned about what our elected officials are doing in our name needs to hear this presentation."

The forum will be presented by OPEN, the USFSP Department of Journalism and Media Studies, and the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at St. Petersburg College. The OPEN Partnership Education Network is sponsored by the Aresty Family Foundation.

A networking session will precede the talk at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the auditorium of Lynn Pippenger Hall, 700 Fourth St. S. The event is free but [advance registration](#) is required.



Hedrick Smith. Photo credit: Hedrick Smith.