

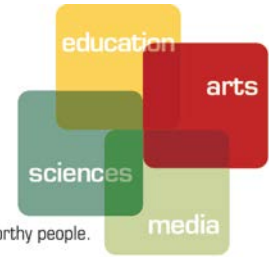
**MEDIA ALERT**  
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**PUBLIC SQUARE**  
**Speakers Series**

Public conversations on meaningful topics with noteworthy people.



**WSRE PUBLIC SQUARE SPEAKERS SERIES PRESENTS  
MARINE SCIENTIST AND AUTHOR ELLEN PRAGER**



**WHO:** Ellen Prager, Ph.D., marine scientist and author

With her ability to make science fun and understandable for people of all ages, Ellen Prager has built a national reputation as a spokesperson on earth and ocean science issues. She has appeared on the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, CNN, CBS, NPR, The Discovery Channel and more. She has participated in research expeditions to locations such as the Galapagos Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and throughout the Caribbean. Formerly the chief scientist at the world's only undersea research station in the Florida Keys, she now acts as the science advisor to the Celebrity Cruise ship *Xpedition* in the Galapagos.

**WHAT:** The WSRE Public Square Speakers Series will present Ellen Prager for a free evening lecture based on her book, "Sex, Drugs and Sea Slime."  
NOTE: Earlier the same day, Prager will meet with students from King Middle School at Pensacola State College as part of their field trip to the see the film "Into the Deep" at the Pensacola State College planetarium (10 a.m.). WSRE is providing each student with a copy of "The Shark Whisperer," Prager's first book in the "Tristan Hunt and the Sea Guardians" series written for middle school readers. Prager will also meet with Marine Science Academy students at Washington High School at 11:30 a.m.

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Thursday, February 23; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** WSRE Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio at Pensacola State College

**WHY:** The Public Square Speakers Series is an educational outreach initiative of WSRE, PBS for the Gulf Coast, to promote the joy of discovery and learning.

**HOW:** Admission is free. Registration is requested at [wsre.org/speakers](http://wsre.org/speakers).

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