



## August Right Angle Speaker Bios

**Doug Pugliese** started as a mergers and acquisitions advisor in NY and London, where he worked as a managing director for Bear Stearns for a dozen years. Most recently he serves as an advisor in a multifamily office within the investment and asset management firm, SEI. Doug has spent the past year or so studying cognitive biases and believe it is a fascinating topic for exploration.

**Peter Conn** was named Executive Director of The Athenaeum of Philadelphia in January 2016. He retired from Penn as Vartan Gregorian Emeritus Professor of English and Professor of Education, and was a member of the graduate groups in the history of art and American civilization, a member of the urban studies and Asian-American studies faculties, and an affiliated member of the Center for East Asian Studies. His publications include among others, *The Divided Mind: Ideology and Imagination in America, 1898-1917* (Cambridge University Press, 1983; paperback editions, 1988 and 2008), and *Literature in America* (Cambridge University Press, 1989), which was a main selection of Associated Book Clubs (UK). [\*Pearl S. Buck: A Cultural Biography\*](#) (Cambridge, 1996; Paperback 1998), was chosen as a "New York Times Notable Book," was listed among the best 25 books of 1996 by *Publishers Weekly* and among the best books of the year by *Library Journal*, was included among the five finalists for the National Book Critics Circle award in biography, and received the Athenaeum Award.

**Duane C. McCarthy** is a graduate Landscape Architect from Pennsylvania State University and the founder of Land Design & Construction Mgrs., Inc. (LDC). During the past 30 years Duane's company (LDC) was a major exhibitor in the Philadelphia Flower Show, has built rooftop landscapes in New York City and has been recognized for numerous awards during his career.