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Hillsdale College Pulliam Fellow Alex Berenson Delivers Public Lecture

Author of “Pandemia: How Coronavirus Hysteria Took Over Our Government, Rights, and Lives” spoke on the current crisis

Hillsdale, Mich. — Journalist and author Alex Berenson gave a public lecture on Oct. 11 titled “Truth, Science, and the Coronavirus.” Berenson is this fall’s Eugene C. Pulliam Distinguished Fellow in Journalism. In his lecture, Berenson excoriated the media for failing to report the truth about the coronavirus, public health measures, and COVID-19 vaccines.

“Journalists have allowed their partisanship to overcome their pursuit of the truth,” Berenson said. “And pursuing the truth only when it will hurt Donald Trump does not make you a good journalist or good for our politics.”

Berenson discussed his research into the risks associated with the virus, the manipulation of vaccine safety data, the futility and danger of forcing vaccines onto otherwise healthy people — especially children — and the likelihood of the Chinese lab-leak theory. Despite the grim news, Berenson encouraged those listening and said that there are many who remain interested in factual reporting.

As a Pulliam Fellow, Berenson taught a one-credit course, titled “Reporting the Truth,” to students of the Dow Journalism Program.

“Mr. Berenson is one of the most courageous reporters in the country right now, taking on the people and issues that we aren’t supposed to question,” said senior Ben Wilson, a student in Berenson’s class. “His class offered invaluable insights into his career and inspired us to pursue the art of truth telling.”

About Alex Berenson

Alex Berenson is a graduate of Yale University with degrees in history and economics. He began his career in journalism in 1994 as a business reporter for the Denver Post, joined the financial news website TheStreet.com in 1996, and worked as an investigative reporter for The New York Times from 1999 to 2010, during which time he also served two stints as an Iraq War correspondent.

In 2006, Berenson published the first book in his John Wells series, “The Faithful Spy,” which won the 2007 Edgar Award for best first novel from the Mystery Writers of America. He has published numerous additional novels and nonfiction books, including “The Number: How the Drive for Quarterly Earnings Corrupted Wall Street and Corporate America;” “Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence;” and, most recently, “Pandemia: How Coronavirus Hysteria Took Over Our Government, Rights, and Lives.”

Find photos [here](#). Find a link to the lecture [here](#).

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