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# COURAGE AWARDS

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## **CROSSCUT ANNOUNCES COURAGE AWARDS HONOREES**

Crosscut Courage Awards breakfast October 12, 2017, celebrates bold leadership in public service, culture, business, tech and elected office.

SEATTLE— They have spoken truth to power, brought the arts and economic opportunity to communities that have been sorely lacking, fought to build housing for people who desperately need it and joined forces to empower communities of color. These are the winners of the 2017 Crosscut Courage Awards. They are local public service, political, cultural, business and tech leaders whose personal and professional dedication is making our region more vital, equitable and inclusive.

The winners will be honored on October 12 at the Crosscut Courage Awards breakfast, an event that brings together civic, business and cultural leaders to honor those that make Washington an exceptional place to call home.

This year's keynote speaker will be *Rolling Stone* contributor and author **Matt Taibbi**, whose latest book, "I Can't Breathe," a work of riveting literary journalism, traces the recent history of U.S. policing policy via the life of Eric Garner, who died in a police chokehold in 2015.

"The Courage Awards breakfast provides a unique opportunity to connect with local business and community leaders," said Executive Editor of Crosscut and KCTS 9 Greg Hanscom. "It's a way for all of us to recognize and celebrate individuals who display grit and courage in addressing our community's, and our region's, most pressing issues."

Nominations for the Courage Awards are made by Crosscut readers, with the finalists chosen by a council of civic, business and cultural community leaders. This year, 60 compelling, risk-taking innovators were nominated from a diverse range of backgrounds including public figures, community organizers, idealists, immigrants and industry leaders. Learn more about the honorees: [www.crosscut.com/2017/08/meet-the-winners-of-the-2017-crosscut-courage-awards/](http://www.crosscut.com/2017/08/meet-the-winners-of-the-2017-crosscut-courage-awards/)

### **The 2017 Courage Award Honorees:**

**Lifetime Achievement:** Bill Ruckelshaus

**Courage in Culture:** Pat Graney

**Courage in Public Service:** The Gang of Four: Bob Santos, Roberto Maestas, Bernie

Whitebear and Larry Gossett

**Courage in Business:** Doris Koo

**Courage in Technology:** David Harris

**Courage in Elected Office:** Attorney General Bob Ferguson



The Crosscut Courage Awards breakfast will be held October 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 1400 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Seattle, WA 98101. Individual tickets are now available for \$75. Tables are \$750.

More information at: [www.crosscut.com/courageawards](http://www.crosscut.com/courageawards). For event and registration questions, please contact Kaila Trout at [kaila.trout@crosscut.com](mailto:kaila.trout@crosscut.com) or 206.443.4851.

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#### **About Matt Taibbi**

Matt Taibbi, author of *The New York Times* bestsellers "Insane Clown President", "The Divide", "Griftopia", and "The Great Derangement", is a contributing editor for *Rolling Stone* and winner of the 2008 National Magazine Award for columns and commentary.

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