Daniel Okrent
6 p.m. Hospitality hour
7 p.m. Dinner and program
Arsht Hall
University of Delaware, Wilmington

The featured speaker will be Daniel Okrent, much respected American writer and editor who served as the first “Public Editor” of The New York Times. He is the author of several books, most recently Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition.

Last Call served as a major source for the 2011 Ken Burns/Lynn Novick miniseries entitled Prohibition. In November 2011, Last Call won the Albert J. Beveridge prize awarded by the American Historical Association for the year’s best book of American History.

Last Call is “A remarkably original account of the Prohibition era, a 14-year orgy of lawbreaking that permanently transformed American social life . . . A narrative delight,” stated the New York Times Book Review.

In addition to Last Call, Daniel Okrent has published six other books including Great Fortune: The Epic of Rockefeller Center (2003) and Public Editor #1 (2006) which was a finalist for the 2004 Pulitzer Prize in History. He has appeared as an actor in two feature films, Woody Allen’s Sweet and Lowdown and Lasse Håastron’s The Hoax.

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