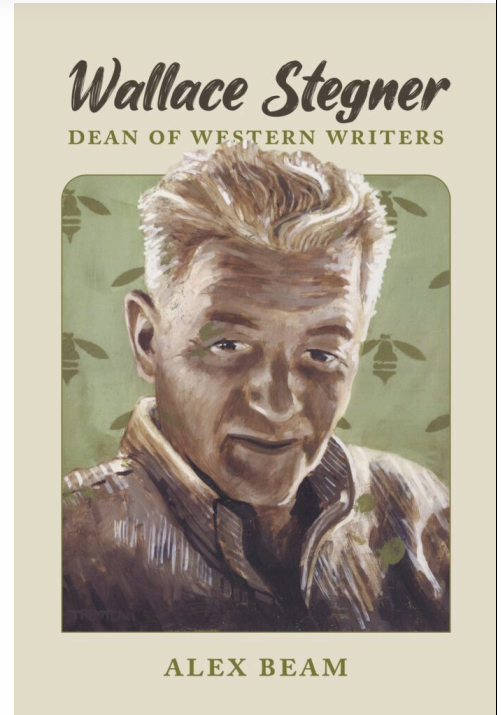
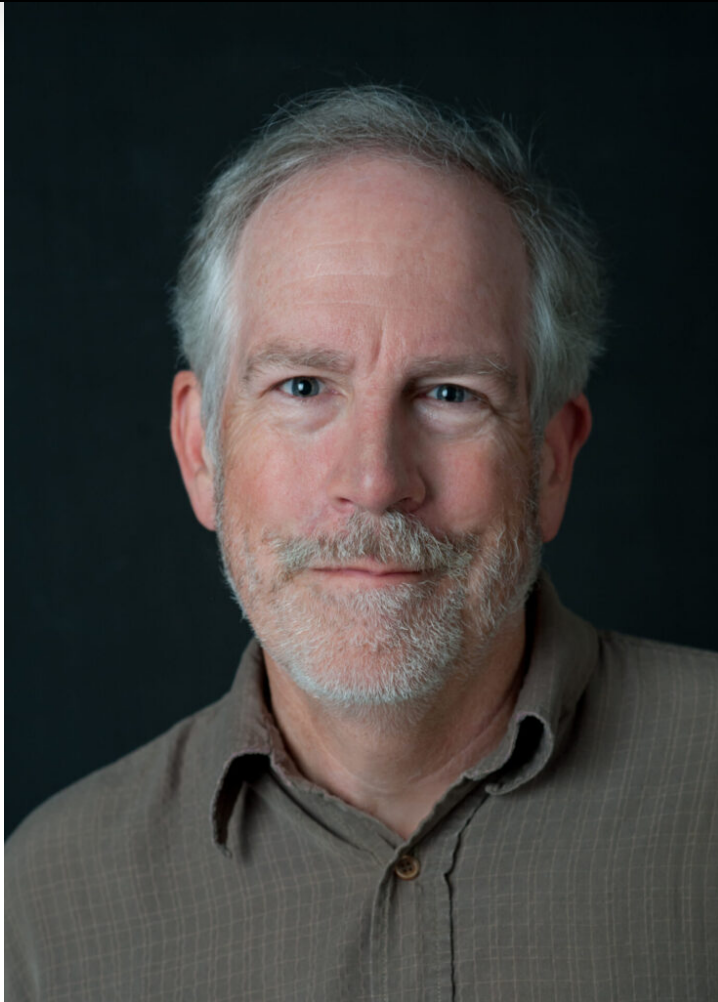




Alex Beam, author of *Wallace Stegner: Dean of Western Writers*

Date & Time: Monday, October 20, 2025

3:00pm

Location: Marriott Library, Learning Space 2753

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American writer and journalist Alex Beam will speak about his new biography, *Wallace Stegner: Dean of Western Writers*, published by Signature Books.



the Stegner Writing Fellowship, and his work with the Sierra Club and the U.S. Department of the Interior, including the authorship of the influential “Wilderness Letter” on the importance of open spaces. It also addresses the controversies and debates surrounding his career, including a plagiarism dispute over his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Angle of Repose*. Stegner was a student at the University of Utah, graduating in 1930.

Beam has written extensively on literature, history, and culture. A longtime columnist for *The Boston Globe*, he has also worked for *Newsweek* and *BusinessWeek*. His nonfiction works include *American Crucifixion: The Murder of Joseph Smith and the Fate of the Mormon Church* (PublicAffairs); *The Feud: Vladimir Nabokov, Edmund Wilson, and the End of a Beautiful Friendship* (Pantheon); and *Broken Glass: Mies van der Rohe, Edith Farnsworth, and the Fight Over a Modernist Masterpiece* (Random House). His writing has also appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Slate*, and *Forbes*.

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