Purdue Agriculture is pleased to host yet another nationally prominent speaker to keynote the Ag Fish Fry. Steve Inskeep is the host of National Public Radio’s (NPR) Morning Edition.

A native of Carmel, Indiana, Inskeep has been a part of the NPR team since 1996. He is known for his probing questions to presidents, warlords, authors, and musicians, but his passion is the untold stories of the less famous.

Inskeep joined NPR’s Morning Edition in 2004, and has since traveled the globe, asking insightful questions to people from all backgrounds. Inskeep is the author of Instant City: Life and Death in Karachi, published in 2011 by The Penguin Press, a story of ordinary, often heroic people and their struggles to build one of the world’s great megacities.

On days filled with bad news, Inskeep is often inspired by the Langston Hughes book, Laughing to Keep From Crying. Of hosting Morning Edition during the 2008 financial crisis and Great Recession, he told Nuvo magazine when "the whole world seemed to be falling apart, it was especially important for me ... to be amused, even if I had to be cynically amused, about the things that were going wrong. Laughter is a sign that you’re not defeated.”

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