

# Paul Loeb

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Author and lecturer on civic engagement

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## Description

Paul Rogat Loeb has spent forty years researching and writing about citizen responsibility and empowerment—asking what makes some people choose lives of social commitment, while others abstain, and exploring how to find the hope to stay engaged despite all the frustrations and barriers. *The Impossible Will Take a Little While: Perseverance and Hope in Troubled Times* (Basic Books), was named the #3 political book of fall 2004 by the History Channel and American Book Association, won the Nautilus Award for best social change book, and was one of six books selected for the Sierra Club’s new common reading groups. *The Impossible’s* new edition was published May 2014. *Soul of a Citizen: Living with Conviction in Challenging Times* (St Martin’s Press) has over 150,000 copies in print with a wholly revised edition published in April 2010. Paul is also the author of *Generation at the Crossroads: Apathy & Action on the American Campus*, *Nuclear Culture*, and *Hope in Hard Times*. He’s written for the New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, Psychology Today, Utne Reader, Mother Jones, The Nation, Redbook, Huffington Post, the International Herald Tribune and the Christian Science Monitor, been interviewed on CNN, NPR, C-SPAN, NBC news, CBC, and the BBC, and lectured at 400 colleges throughout the country and numerous national and international conferences. He founded and runs the national nonpartisan Campus Election Engagement Project, which helped 500 colleges and universities in engage their students in the election in 2008, 750 in 2012, and is now engaging students in mid-term elections. See <http://www.paulloeb.org> or <http://www.campuselect.org>

Loeb has spoken at over 400 colleges and universities.

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## Availability

Keynote

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## Industry Expertise

Public Policy, Writing and Editing, Education/Learning, Political Organization, Environmental Services, Non-Profit/Charitable

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## Topics

Citizen Activism, Community Involvement, Political Hope, Students, Youth Involvement, Democratic Participation, Political Participation, Social Movements, Protest Movements, Climate Change

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## Affiliations

Campus Election Engagement Project, Huffington Post

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## **Sample Talks**

### **Writing and Social Change**

For journalism or writing classes, a discussion of Paul Loeb's evolution as a writer, the kinds of issues that arise when trying to write about social change movements, and the moral responsibility of writers when dealing with larger public issues.

### **Community Service and Change**

Ways participants in service projects can balance their desires to help in concrete, one-on-one ways, while addressing root social structures that cause problems like hunger, illiteracy, and homelessness.

### **Leadership and Responsibility**

Ways student government members and leaders of campus organizations can support greater student involvement and awareness.

### **Teaching For Engagement**

How to teach social commitment to America's future citizens.

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## **Past Talks**

### **Election 2014 – "Getting Your Students Engaged"**

The National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE®)

### **The Impossible Will Take a Little While: Finding Hope in Difficult Times**

The National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE®)

### **Keynote**

NACAS (National Association College Auxiliary Services)

### **Keynote**

Colorado Conference on Volunteerism

### **Keynote**

Phi Theta Kappa National Conference

### **Keynote**

Teens in Public Service

### **Keynote**

International Association of Volunteer Administrators

## **Featured Speaker**

American Democracy Project Conference

**Featured Speaker**

National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in the Academy

**Featured Speaker**

Atlantic Conference for Learning Communities

**Featured Speaker**

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators

**Round Table Participant**

US Department of Education, Higher Education Civic Engagement Round Table

**Keynote**

Massachusetts Community Action

**Keynote**

Phi Theta Kappa National Conference

**Featured Speaker**

American Association of Colleges & Universities

**Keynote**

League of Alaska Cities/Alaska Municipal League

**Keynote**

National Society of Experiential Learning

**Keynote**

League of Minnesota Cities

**Featured Speaker**

Unitarian General Assembly

**Keynote**

American Bar Association Access to Justice Conference

**Keynote**

National 4-H Clubs Conference

**Keynote**

Teach for America Regional Conference

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**Education**

## Accomplishments

### Nautilus Award for Best Social Change Book

Awarded for the revised edition of Soul of a Citizen

### #3 Political Book of 2004

Awarded for The Impossible will Take a Little While by the American Book Association and the History Channel

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## Testimonials

### Millard Fuller

"Paul Loeb brings hope for a better world in a time when we so urgently need it."

### Josette Sheeran

“When my daughter asked from college how to be an effective grassroots citizen, I gave her Paul's books.”

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