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Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and guests are encouraged to be seated by 8:45 a.m. [Security screening](#) is in place. Guest tickets are not required for this event. Seating is general admission. If the venue reaches capacity, guests will be directed to a simulcast location. The ceremony will also be live streamed at [smu.edu/live](http://smu.edu/live).

## Road to R-1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence

- Faculty members Aaron Boyd, Chair of Strings/Director of Chamber Music, and Pierre Lapointe, Adjunct Associate Professor of Viola, will be performing [Bach at Lincoln Center](#) this evening.

### **New reports available from SMU DataArts**

SMU Data Arts released two research reports this week, one on the Ford Foundation's \$250M inclusivity investment and the [Arts Vibrancy Index](#), revealing the large, medium and small cities around the country with the most vibrant arts communities.

### **Simmons' math education expert speaks to *Dallas Morning News* about recent national drop in K-12 math scores**

New national math scores reflect a steep drop in K-12 math performance since 2020. Math comprehension is key for those entering STEM careers, math education expert Candace Walkington told the [Dallas Morning News](#).

Sincerely,

Elizabeth G. Loba, PhD