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2026

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EPSTEIN FAMILY PLAZA (E-QUAD) | MAY 15



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DANNY STRONG

Danny Strong is an Emmy and Golden Globe-winning writer, director, actor, and producer. He is the creator, showrunner, writer and director of the award-winning Hulu series *Dopesick*. He was also the co-creator, executive producer, writer, and director for the hit FOX series *Empire*. He wrote the screenplays for the films *Recount*, *Game Change*, *The Butler*, *Rebel in the Rye* (which he also directed), and co-wrote *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 & 2*. For theatre, he wrote a new book to the iconic musical *Chess* which opened on Broadway at the Imperial Theater in the fall of 2025, and the book to the new musical *Galileo* that will open on Broadway in December 2026 at The Shubert Theater. As an actor, he's appeared in major roles in several iconic TV shows and films including *Billions*, *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Mad Men*, *Justified*, *Girls*, *Gilmore Girls* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. He's won many awards including two Primetime Emmy Awards, a Golden Globe, two WGA awards, two Peabody awards, a PGA award, the Pen USA Literary Award, the Scriptor Award, a DGA nomination and the NAACP Image Award.



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DEAN EMILY ROXWORTHY

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