

# ACADEMIC SPEAKER SERIES

## 2011-12

All speakers begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Watkins Auditorium of the Boling University Center unless otherwise noted. The lectures conclude with a brief question and answer period. All lectures are free, and the public is invited to attend.

### Tuesday, October 11



**Geoff Calkins** is an award-winning sports columnist for The Commercial Appeal, in Memphis, Tenn. He has twice been named Best Sports Columnist in the country by the Associated Press Sports Editors, and has won the Green Eyeshade Award as the Best Sports Columnist in the south three times. Calkins also writes one metro-section column a week for The Commercial Appeal, makes daily radio appearances on the Gary Parrish Show with Geoff Calkins, and hosts the weekly television show, Sports Files with Geoff Calkins, on WKNO (Memphis PBS). *Co-Sponsor: Skyhawk Athletics*

### Thursday, October 27

**Dr. Albert Wiley, M.D., Ph.D.**, is the medical and technical director of radiation emergency medicine programs at Oak Ridge Associated Universities with overall responsibility for the medical care, continuing medical education courses and research conducted by the Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site. REAC/TS is a U.S. Department of Energy facility managed by ORAU. He is also head of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center at Oak Ridge. *Co-Sponsor: UT Martin Chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society*



### Wednesday, November 16



**Mark Whitaker** is the executive vice president and managing editor of CNN Worldwide. Whitaker is responsible for leading editorial coverage across CNN's multiple platforms and directing the overall approach, tone and scope of CNN's reporting. Whitaker most recently served as senior vice president and Washington bureau chief for NBC News, succeeding the late Tim Russert in July 2008. In that role, he was responsible for Washington-based programming for NBC and MSNBC,

including Meet the Press and the network's political coverage. *Co-Sponsor: Student Affairs*

### Tuesday, January 31

**Julie Hill**, director of percussion studies at the University of Tennessee at Martin, is highly regarded as a performer and pedagogue specializing in contemporary and world percussion. She has presented clinics and concerts for universities and state Day of Percussion festivals throughout the U.S. and is a frequent guest lecturer and performer on the topic of Brazilian percussion.



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Thursday, February 2 - (Paul Meek Library)

**Rick Bragg** is an American author and journalist known for his non-fiction books, especially those on his family in Alabama. Bragg won the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 1996 for his work at The New York Times. *Co-Sponsors: Paul Meek Library, Friends of Paul Meek Library and Martha C. Meek Endowment*



Thursday, February 23



**Michelle Alexander** is a highly acclaimed civil rights lawyer, advocate and legal scholar who currently holds a joint appointment at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Moritz College of Law at the Ohio State University. In 2005, she won a Soros Justice Fellowship, which supported the writing of her first book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (The New Press, 2010). *Co-Sponsor: Civil Rights Conference*

Thursday, March 22 - (Gooch/Humanities)

**Robert Gallucci** became president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation on July 1, 2009. He also served as dean of Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service for 13 years, and he has authored a number of publications on political-military issues. *Co-Sponsor: Center for Global Studies*



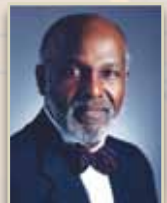
Thursday, March 29



**Dr. Jennifer Wiseman** is an astronomer, author and speaker. She has studied star-forming regions of our galaxy using radio, optical and infrared telescopes and currently serves as the senior project scientist for NASA's Hubble Space Telescope. Dr. Wiseman also has an interest in public science policy and has served as a Congressional Science Fellow of the American Physical Society, working with the staff of the Science Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Tuesday, April 3

**Dr. Wesley Harris** earned a bachelor of science degree (with honors) in aerospace engineering from the University of Virginia in 1964; a masters of arts and a doctor of philosophy degree in aerospace and mechanical sciences from Princeton University in 1966 and 1968 respectively. He has been recognized with membership in the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), Cosmos Club and Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin, and he has been awarded several honorary doctorate degrees. He currently holds the position of Charles Stark Draper Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Associate Provost for Faculty Equity and Director of the Lean Sustainment Initiative at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts. *Co-Sponsors: Sigma Xi Research Society, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences*



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