



# The University of Georgia

Office of the Senior Vice President  
for Academic Affairs and Provost

## Charter Lecturers

The Charter Lecture Series was established in 1988 to honor the high ideals expressed in the 1785 charter that created the University of Georgia as the nation's first state-chartered university.

### **2015-2016**

Sam Nunn and William Perry

Former U.S. senator and former Defense Secretary

"Preventing Nuclear Catastrophe in the Age of Terrorism"

### **2014-2015**

**Edward J. Larson**

Professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning Historian

"George Washington And America's Second Revolution"

### **2013-2014**

**Charlayne-Hunter Gault**

Award-winning journalist and UGA's first African-American woman graduate (ABJ '63)

"Reflections on Nelson Mandela"

**James R. Clapper**

U.S. Director of National Intelligence

"The Importance of Intelligence Integration"

### **2012-2013**

**Natasha Trethewey**

Poet Laureate of the United States (2012-2014)

Robert W. Woodruff Professor of English and Creative Writing at Emory University

Poetry Reading with Commentary

### **2011-2012**

**Lee R. Lynd**

Paul and Joan Queneau Distinguished Professor of Engineering, Dartmouth College

"The Sustainable Resource Transition: Systemic Change and Enabling the Improbable"

### **2009-2010**

**Paul Begala**

Political consultant and commentator

"Show Business for Ugly People: Why Politics Matters"

### **2008-2009**

**Robert Hazen**

Senior Research Scientist, Carnegie Institution of Washington's Geophysical Laboratory

"Genesis: The Scientific Quest for Life's Origin"

**2007-2008**

**Dennis Dimick**

Executive Editor, *National Geographic* magazine

“Changing Climate: Where Energy and Global Warming Meet”

**2006-2007**

**Kenneth Miller**

Professor of biology, Brown University

“God, Darwin, and Design: Thoughts about America’s Continuing Problem with Evolution”

**2005-2006**

**Taylor Branch**

Pulitzer prize-winning author and Civil Rights historian

“Democracy in Crisis: Martin Luther King and the Future”

**2003-2004**

**Hanna H. Gray**

Former President and Harry Pratt Judson Distinguished Service Professor Emerita of History at the University of Chicago

“History: Studying the Unpredictable Past”

**Lawrence M. Friedman**

Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law, Stanford Law School

“The One-Way Mirror: Law, Privacy, and the Media”

**David Sloan Wilson**

Professor of Biology and Anthropology, Binghamton University

“Darwin’s Cathedral: Evolution, Religion, and the Nature of Society”

**Richard Powers**

Professor of English, University of Illinois

“The Language of Life: A Rough Draft”

**2002-2003**

**Linda Gordon**

Florence Kelley Professor of History and Vilas Research Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin; and Professor of History, New York University

“Vigilantism and Childnapping in the Arizona Territory: Race and Family Values”

**Roger W. Ferguson, Jr.**

Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System

“One View from the Federal Reserve”

**Edward O. Wilson**

University Research Professor Emeritus, Harvard University

“The Future of Life”

## **2001-2002**

### **Lynn Margulis**

Distinguished Professor in the Department of Geosciences, University of Massachusetts

“The Face of Gaia: Earth's Microcosm”

### **James M. McPherson**

Professor, Department of History, Princeton University

“The Problem of Peace in the Midst of War, 1863-1865”

### **William Cronon**

Professor of History, Geography, and Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Humanist Environmentalism: A Manifesto”

## **2000-2001**

### **Jared M. Diamond**

Professor of Physiology, UCLA School of Medicine

“Why Did Human History Unfold Differently on Different Continents for the last 13,000 Years?”

### **Howard H. Baker, Jr.**

Former U.S. Senator from Tennessee

“What's Happening?”

### **Mary-Claire King**

American Cancer Society Research Professor

Department of Medicine and Genetics, University of Washington

“Genetics and Human Rights”

## **1999-2000**

### **Freeman Dyson**

Eminent Physicist-philosopher and author, Princeton University

“Gravity is Cool, or Why our Universe is Hospitable to Life”

### **Arthur Levine**

President and Professor of Education at Teachers College, Columbia

“The Remaking of the American University”

### **Rita Dove**

Former Poet Laureate of the United States

Commonwealth Professor of English at the University of Virginia

A Poetry Reading by Rita Dove

## **1998-1999**

### **Alex Kotlowitz**

Award-winning writer and speaker

“Writing on the Other America: Is Anybody Listening? Does Anybody Care?”

**David Kessler**

Dean of the Yale School of Medicine  
“The Tobacco Wars”

**Barbara Fields**

Historian, Columbia University  
“Race, Racism, and Identity”

**1997-1998**

**Mary L. Good**

Former undersecretary for technology for the technology administration in the U. S. Department of Commerce is managing member of Venture Capital Investors, Little Rock, Arkansas.  
“Higher Education as Part of the Global Enterprise”

**Roald Hoffman**

Nobel Prize winner, chemist, and poet, professor of chemistry at Cornell University Ithaca, NY  
“Chemistry’s Essential Tension: The Same and Not the Same”

**Martin Marty**

Pre-eminent Scholar on American Religion, and Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor of History of Christianity at the University of Chicago  
“The Dangers of Religion in America – The Dangers on NonReligion in America”

**1996-1997**

**Tony Kushner**

Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-Winning Playwright  
“Arts in the Current Political Climate”

**Ellis Cose**

Author on Race Relations in America and contributing editor for *Newsweek*  
“America’s Quest to Move Beyond Race”

**Deborah Leigh Blum**

Author and science writer at *The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee*; Pulitzer Prize winner for beat reporting in 1992 for a series on primate research, titled “The Monkey Wars”  
“Sex on the Brain”

**1995-1996**

**Jill Ker Conway**

Visiting Scholar, Program in Science, Technology and Society, Massachusetts Institute of Tech.  
“Myths, Memoirs and the Modern Consciousness”

**Paul Berg**

Department of Biochemistry, Stanford School of Medicine  
“Understanding our Genes: Opportunities and Concerns”

**Martin E. P. Seligman**

Kogod Professor and Director of Clinical Training in Psychology, University of Pennsylvania  
“Learned Optimism: Preventing Depression, Boosting Achievement, Improving Health”

**1994-1995**

**N. Scott Momaday**

Regents Professor of the Humanities, University of Arizona  
“The Mystery of Language: Native American Oral Tradition”

**Daniel Schorr**

Veteran reporter and commentator  
Last of Edward R. Murrow's legendary CBS team still fully active in journalism  
“Forgive Us Our Press Passes: Why all the Media Bashing”

**Larry L. Smarr**

Director, National Center for Supercomputing Applications  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
“The Creation of Cyberspace: How the Internet will Change your Life”

**Czeslaw Milosz and Wole Soyinka**

Nobel Laureates of Literature  
A reading from their works

**1993-1994**

**Robert Schrieffer**

University Professor of Physics, Florida State University  
“Superconductivity for Poets: From Quantum Physics to Tomorrow's Technology”

**Walter E. Massey**

Provost and Senior Vice President-- Academic Affairs, The University of California  
“Research Universities in the Post-Cold War Era: How much change is necessary? Possible?”

**Matt Williams**

Playwright, Film and Television Writer, Director, and Producer  
“The Responsibility of the Storyteller”

**1992-1993**

**Arthur L. Schawlow**

J.G. Jackson and C.J. Wood Professor of Physics at Stanford University  
“What Lasers Can Do”

**Gary L. Francione**

Professor of Law at Rutgers Law School-Newark  
“Animals, Property, and the Law”

**Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**

W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of the Humanities  
Professor of English, and Director of Afro-American Studies Harvard  
“The End of Civilization as We Know It”

**1991-1992**

**Drucilla L. Cornell**

Professor of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law  
“Sex, Gender, and Equivalent Rights”

**Michael Dorris and Louise Erdrich**

Award-Winning writers  
“Beyond Cliché, Beyond Politics: Multiculturalism and the Fact of America”

**1990-1991**

**Toni Morrison**

Robert F. Goheen Professor of Humanities, Princeton University  
“Studies in American Africanism: Gertrude Stein and the Difference She Makes”

**Árpád Göncz**

President of the Republic of Hungary  
“Politics and Literature: Politics in Literature”

**Paul R. Ehrlich**

Bing Professor of Population Studies, Stanford University  
“Human Population Growth and the Deterioration of the Environment”

**1989-1990**

**Peter H. Raven**

Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden Home Secretary National Academy of Sciences  
“Poverty, Politics, & Extinction in the Tropics--And Their Impact on Us”

**Robert Coles**

Professor of Psychiatry and Medical Humanities, Harvard University  
“The Moral Life of the Young”

**Wendy Wasserstein**

Pulitzer Prize-Winning playwright  
“A Life in the Theatre”