



**UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA**

Office of the 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.

2016-2017

Cynthia Kenyon

Vice President, Aging Research, Calico LLC, Former President, Genetics Society of America
“Aging and the Immortal Germline”

2015-2016

Senator Sam Nunn and Dr. William Perry

CEO, Nuclear Threat Initiative and Former U.S. Secretary of Defense
“Preventing Nuclear Catastrophe In An 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”