

Luminaries

Fall 2009 Series

Free Public Presentations Featuring
Provocative Thought Leaders

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Veena Das

"Passionate Performance: Terror, November 11, and Mumbai"

Thursday, October 15, 4 P.M. • Jones Room, Woodruff Library

Veena Das, Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of Anthropology at The Johns Hopkins University, is an internationally recognized scholar for her research and writing on gender, violence, social suffering, and the state. Das' research has focused on "the institutional processes through which violence and suffering are produced." Awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2009, Das is currently studying the entangled identities of Hindus and Muslims in India, arguing that intimacy can be produced in both solidarity and enmity. She calls this mutual creation of self and other "agonistic belonging." Das' presentation will explore the public performance of violence and the manner in which the notion of terrorism retains regional specificity despite its global circulation.

This presentation is cosponsored by the Center for Women at Emory.

Jonathan Yardley

"Flannery O'Connor's Last Masterpiece"

Thursday, November 5, 5 P.M. • Jones Room, Woodruff Library

A reception will follow.

Recipient of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Criticism, critic and author Jonathan Yardley will discuss the importance of the work *The Habit of Being: Letters of Flannery O'Connor* and the contributions of editor Sally Fitzgerald to literary studies. Yardley is the book critic for the *Washington Post*, a position he has held since 1981, and the author of six books. His presentation is part of a series of events celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of *The Habit of Being*.

The events are cosponsored by Creativity: Arts and Innovation and the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, which holds Fitzgerald's papers and other significant O'Connor materials.



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