



Event Speakers

Academic



David Andrews, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Human Ecology

Dr. Andrews is Dean of the College of Human Ecology and Interim Dean of the College of Education at The Ohio State University. A Professor of Human Development and Family Science, he has invested more than 20 years developing, implementing, evaluating, and administering programs designed to prevent problem behavior in adolescents and young adults. A nationally recognized researcher, he has been awarded more than \$4 million in research funding from federal and state institutions.

TOPICS: Contemporary issues in education; issues affecting children and families



Herb Asher, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus - Political Science

In his years at Ohio State Dr. Asher served as special assistant to the university president for government relations, counselor to the university president and founding director of the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy. As an author and political analyst, Dr. Asher is frequently called upon to provide political commentary for the media.

TOPICS: Ohio politics, campaigns and elections, public opinion, university happenings



Joe Branin

Director of University Libraries

The renovation of the William Oxley Thompson Library has emerged as the top capital priority for the University. The total project cost is estimated at \$100 million dollars. The renewed Main Library is the centerpiece of the plan to move Ohio State into the forefront of academic excellence by advancing Ohio State's academic reputation, improving the teaching and learning environment, and attracting top quality faculty and students.

TOPICS: Library renovation, future of books in a digital age; library services for alumni; importance of reading



Lawrence Brown, Ph.D.

Professor, Geography

Brown began a long and distinguished career in 1966, with his dissertation on innovation diffusion. This topic examined communications technology and the adoption and geographic spread of new products and techniques across the earth. His current work is concerned with frontier settlement, particularly in the Amazon Region of Ecuador. The focus of this work is change over time in population distribution and the transition of rudimentary trading centers to functionally mature components of a national urban system.

TOPICS: Geography; renaissance and modern geography.



David Frantz, Ph.D.

Professor, English

Frantz, who joined The Ohio State University faculty in 1968, has served in a variety of positions in both the College of Humanities and the College of English. He is also the secretary to the Board of Trustees, an honors advisor for the Undergraduate Committee and has served on numerous college and departmental committees. Frantz' topics include undergraduate education, intercollegiate athletics, faculty governance, and Renaissance literature.

TOPIC: Academic plan

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Mabel Freeman, Ph.D.

Assistant Vice President, Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience

Freeman directs the recruitment, admission, and enrollment process for all new freshmen and transfer students to the university. She also oversees the First Year Experience program. FYE is a university-wide collaborative effort benefiting all new students focusing on a successful transition into the university. The result is higher retention and graduation rates. Freeman had been administering a similar system in the honors program for more than 15 years.

TOPICS: University student profile; admissions updates; FYE program; retention efforts



Martha Garland

Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Studies

Garland earned her undergraduate degree from Tulane University and her graduate degrees from Cornell University and Ohio State. She has been a member of the History faculty since 1982 and involved in central administration since 1992, serving first as Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and since 1996, as Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Her research interests focus on modern British cultural and intellectual history.

TOPICS: Honors and scholars programs; Undergraduate Research Office; reorganization of academic support for athletes; FYE



Raimund Goerler, Ph.D.

Assistant Director of OSU Libraries; University Archivist

Goerler has been in charge of the Ohio State archives since 1978. Five years ago he assumed administrative responsibility for special collections and archives in the OSU Libraries including the papers of pioneer aviator and polar explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd and the John Glenn Archives. Goerler has received awards from the Ohio Library Foundation and from the Society of Ohio Archivists. He has written articles for the OSU magazine about the Thompson Library, President William Oxley Thompson, and the tradition of the cane rush.

TOPICS: University history; "Places of Heart and Time" focusing on historic campus sites



Bobby Moser, Ph.D.

VP, Agricultural Administration

Moser is charged with heading the College's academic program, Ohio State University Extension, the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster. Under Moser's leadership the College received a W.K. Kellogg grant to realign itself for the 21st century. He is nationally recognized for his skills as an agricultural administrator and researcher.

TOPICS: College of Agriculture; agricultural research; Ohio State University Extension



James L. Nichols

Treasurer, The Ohio State University

Nichols has responsibility for receipt, collection and distribution of University funds as well as several other functional areas. He has also served as Interim Chief Executive Officer of University Hospitals and as acting Vice President for Business and Administration. He has served on the boards of and volunteered for a number of groups, including the YWCA Women of Achievement, the United Negro College Fund, the Young Scholars Mentoring Program, and the Columbus Medical Association.

TOPICS: Investment operations and its impact on the University

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Alan Woods

Director, Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute

Director of the Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute, Woods has been on the faculty of the Department of Theatre since 1972. Woods is active in professional theatre as a dramaturg. A widely published scholar, he is internally known as a leader in researching theatre and aging, and is a Fellow of the Kennedy Center's College of the American Theater.

TOPICS: Treasures in Ohio State's Lawrence and Lee Theatre Research Institute; Theatre and Aging as the Baby Boomers become Senior Citizens



Jon Woods, Ph.D.

Director, The Ohio State University Marching Band

Woods has served as director of the marching band for more than 20 years, the longest of anyone to hold this position. A nationally known clinician on marching band techniques and show design, he frequently travels around the country serving as an adjudicator for band competitions. During his tenure as director, the band has been awarded the Sudler Trophy, was featured in USA Today and "Hang On Sloopy" was named the official rock song of Ohio. In addition to his position as director he is a full professor in the Music Education Department and also conducts the Concert

Repertoire Band. Woods will talk about his experiences as director of The Ohio State Marching Band.

TOPIC: Ohio State Marching Band

