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Prelude

ClazzMates

Presiding

Frank D. Rashid, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of English and Modern Languages, Marygrove College

Welcome

David J. Fike, Ph.D.
President, Marygrove College

Introduction of Marilyn Nelson

Mary Helen Washington, Ph.D.
Professor of English, University of Maryland

Reading

Marilyn Nelson, Ph.D.

Reception and Booksigning

Marilyn Nelson's courtesy car generously provided by DAIMLERCHRYSLER

After the reading, please join us for a dessert and coffee reception in Alumnae Hall. Books and T-shirts are for sale.
We ask that you form a single line for the booksigning, which will begin immediately after the reading.

Introducing the Marygrove College Urban Leaders Circle...

... An elite group of corporations with an economic and philosophical interest in the success of the City of Detroit and the institutions that support this success. ...An elite group of corporations that see the value of an educational institution rooted in its commitment to the City, dedicated to high quality, cutting-edge academic programs that prepare students for an ever-changing, challenging world, and unflinching in its activism and leadership on social justice and economic equity issues.

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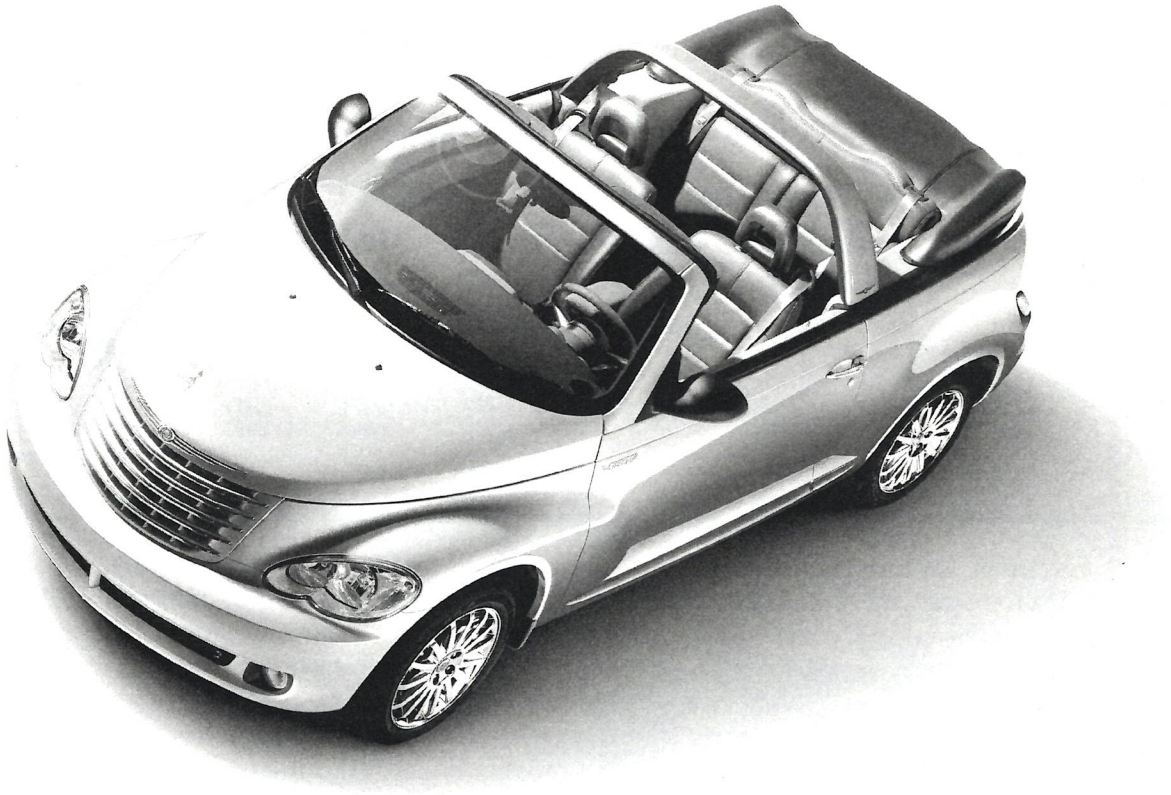

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Congratulations and best wishes to our friends at
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and to the award-winning poet **Marilyn Nelson**
on the occasion of your annual
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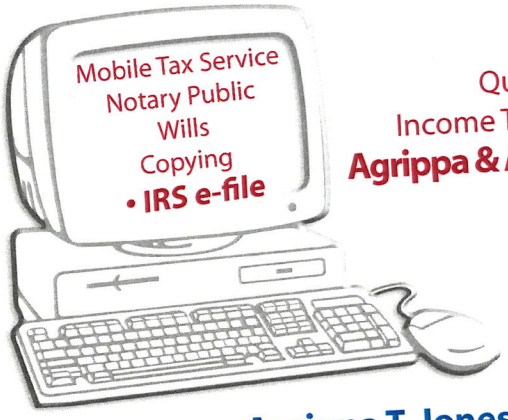

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Vivian Cone
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Michael Watkins

1990
Lu Jennings
Michelle McKinney
Ollie Mitchell
Royanne Smith
Lara Taylor

1991
Anita Ehrenfried
Joyce Holloway
Patience Raiford
Sharon Remington
Lara Taylor

1992
Marilyn Alvis
Shannon Barr
Kathy Calcatera
Kimberly Figgs
Michelle McKinney

1993
Kathy Calcatera
Kimberly Figgs
Beth Nester
Cheryl L. Pastor
Sharon Lee Remington

1994
Thomas Covington
Rita Edgeworth
Kimberly Figgs
Cheryl L. Pastor
Sharon Lee Remington
Mary Tomas

1995
Theresa Dyson
Rita Edgeworth
Karen Genaw
Marianne Karwowski Hoppel
Michael Martin
Cheryl Thompson
Nina Weis

1996
Rita Edgeworth
Vicki Hooks
Herb James
Michael Martin
Melanie Matthews

1997
Jewel R. Ausberry
Lillie R. Foster
Vicki Hooks
Michael T. Martin
Wendy Fortson McHarris
Ucal P. Miles

1998
Lillie R. Foster
Vicki Hooks
Carmel M. Jones
Michael Morley

1999
LaTonya Baldwin
Koya Graham
Rebecca Klein
Johnetta Mukes
Nancy White

2000
Gwendolyn Denham
Thomas Doherty
Rebecca Klein
Johnetta Mukes
Amy Sosnowski

2001
Alia Harvey-Quinn
Rebecca Klein
Meghan O'Rourke
Eric Toso
Denise S. Davis
Gwendolyn Denham

2002
Cassie Atkinson
Gwendolyn Denham
Jacklene Johnson
S. Theresa Jonsson
Bettina Morello

2003
Betty A. Avery
Alia Harvey-Quinn
Charonne Hightower
Jacklene Johnson
Laurie LePain Kopack
Caroline Spencer

2004
Margaret Allen
Cassie Atkinson
Laurie LePain Kopack
Shawn Kylman
Angela Simpson

2005
Alia Harvey-Quinn
Mariama Jenkins
Felicia Moore
Nathalie Mosley
Amy Pavlov

2006
Felicia Davis
Kerry Howell
Felicia Moore
Lauryn Pennington
Chimere Parker

2007
Mallory Draughn
Paula Grogan
Kerry Howell
Melanie Wallace
Briana Williams
Rachel Willis

Held in conjunction with the lecture series, The Amy S. McCombs/Frederick P. Currier Writing Award recognizes Marygrove students whose essays, short stories, or poetry best express the spirit of the visiting author's work. Just prior to tonight's reading, the 2007 winners were recognized at a dinner for Marilyn Nelson hosted by President David J. Fike.

The Bauder Contemporary American Authors Lecture welcomes

Marilyn Nelson

In her poems, Marilyn Nelson probes her family history, records her struggles with religious faith, complicates our assumptions about race relations in the past and present, and grapples with the disturbing manifestations of evil in the contemporary world. A sure-handed poet, she writes in several different poetic forms including sonnets and sonnet sequences, ballads, villanelles, and free verse. Her major volumes of poetry include *Mama's Promises* (1985), *The Homeplace* (1990), *Magnificat* (1994), *The Fields of Praise: New and Selected Poems* (1997), and *The Cachoeira Tales and Other Poems* (2005). Yusef Komunyakaa has written, "Rooted in the basic soil of redemptive imagination, the voices in Marilyn Nelson's poems seek a lyrical foothold in our daily lives. Her words teach us how to praise ourselves by praising each other."

Nelson's books of poetry for young people—among them *Carver: A Life in Poems*, and *A Wreath for Emmett Till*—have received high praise from critics and educators. About *Carver*, Herman Sutter writes, "The poems are simple, sincere, and sometimes so beautiful that they seem not works of artifice, but honest statements of pure, natural truths."

Marilyn Nelson is the author of thirteen books of poetry, six of which are written for children. Her work has received two Pushcart Prizes, two Coretta Scott King Book Awards, a Newbery Honor Award, the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, and the 1998 Poets' Prize. She has been a finalist for the National Book Award and the Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize. Nelson is professor emerita of English at the University of Connecticut and the former poet laureate of the state of Connecticut.

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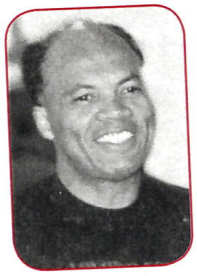
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Williams

Butler

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Danticat

1989

Gloria Naylor

Novelist
Winner of the National Book Award
The Women of Brewster Place; Linden Hills; Mama Day; Bailey's Café; The Men of Brewster Place

1990

Mary Helen Washington

Essayist, Scholar, Editor; Professor of English, University of Maryland
Recipient of the Lyndhurst Prize
Black-Eyed Susans; Midnight Birds; Invented Lives; Memory of Kin

1991

Paule Marshall

Novelist
Winner of the American Book Award and the John Dos Passos Award; MacArthur Fellow
Brown Girl, Brownstones; Reena and Other Stories; Praisesong for the Widow; Soul Clap Hands and Sing; The Chosen Place, The Timeless People; Daughters; The Fisher King

1992

John Edgar Wideman

Novelist, Essayist
Winner of the Pen Faulkner Award, MacArthur Fellow and the American Book Award
Brothers and Keepers; The Homewood Trilogy; Fever; Philadelphia Fire; All Stories are True; Fatheralong; The Cattle Killing; Two Cities; Hoop Roots; Sent for you Yesterday; God's Gym

1993

Sherley Anne Williams (1944-1999)

Poet, Novelist, Essayist
Some One Sweet Angel Chile; The Peacock Poems; Dessa Rose; Working Cotton

1994

Octavia E. Butler (1947-2006)

Novelist in the Science Fiction Tradition,
Winner of the Hugo, Nebula, MacArthur Fellow and Locus Awards
Wild Seed; Patternmaster; The Xenogenesis Trilogy; Kindred; Parable of the Sower; Bloodchild; Parable of the Talents; Lilith's Brood; Mind of My Mind; Adulthood Rites; Fledgling

1995

Jamaica Kincaid

Novelist, Essayist, Short Story Writer, Memoirist,
Finalist for the Pen/Faulkner Award; Lila Wallance-*Reader's Digest* Fund annual writer's award
At the Bottom of the River; Annie John; A Small Place; Lucy; The Autobiography of My Mother; My Brother; My Garden (Book); Talk Stories; Mr. Potter; Among Flowers: A Walk in the Himalaya

1996

Rita Dove

Poet Laureate of the United States, 1993-1995;
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize
Grace Notes; Museum; Thomas and Beulah; The Yellow House on the Corner; Through the Ivory Gate; Mother Love; The Darker Face of the Earth; On the Bus with Rosa Parks; American Smooth

1997

Virginia Hamilton (1936-2002)

Writer of Children's Literature
Newbery Medalist
Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales; The People Could Fly; M.C. Higgins the Great; The Planet of Junior Brown; Plain City; Brother Rush, Sister Moon

1998

Ernest J. Gaines

Novelist, Short Story Writer
Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award; MacArthur Fellow; Emmy Award; National Medal recipient
Mozart and Leadbelly; A Lesson Before Dying; Catherine Carmier; Of Love and Dust; Bloodline; The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman; A Long Day in November; In My Father's House; A Gathering of Old Men

1999

Merle Collins

Novelist, Poet, Short Story Writer
Angel; The Colour of Forgetting; Because th Dawn Breaks; Rotten Pomerack; Rain Darli Lady in a Boat

American Authors Lecture Series

Kincaid

Dove

Hamilton

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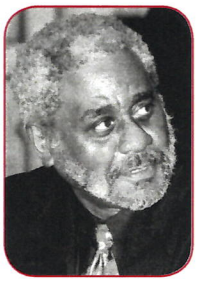
Johnson

2000

Lucille Clifton

Poet, Children's Writer

Winner of the National Book Award, and Emmy Award

Good Woman: Poems and a Memoir 1969-80; Next: New Poems; Quilting; The Book of Light; The Terrible Stories; Blessing the Boats: New and Selected Poems, 1988-2000; Mercy

2001

Toi Derricotte

Poet and Memoirist

Winner of the Pushcart Prize and Folger Shakespeare Library's Poetry Committee Book Award

The Empress of the Death House; Natural Birth; Captivity; Tender; The Black Notebooks: An Interior Journey

2002

Edwidge Danticat

Novelist, Short Story Writer

Finalist for the National Book Award; Winner of the Pushcart Prize for Short Fiction

Breath, Eyes, Memory; Krik? Krak!; The Farming of Bones; The Dew Breaker; Behind the Mountains; Anacaona; Golden Flower, Haiti, 1490; After the Dance: A Walk Through Carnival in Jacmel

2003

Cornelius Eady

Poet

Finalist for the National Book Award

Kartunes; Victims of the Latest Dance Craze; Boom Boom Boom; The Gathering of My Name; You Don't Miss Your Water; Brutal Imagination; The Autobiography of a Jukebox

2004

Pearl Cleage

Novelist, Playwright

We Don't Need No Music; Dear Dark Faces: Portraits of a People; One for the Brothers; Mad at Miles: A Blackwoman's Guide to Truth; The Brass Bed and Other Stories; Deals with the Devil: And Other Reasons to Riot; What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day; Blues For an Alabama Sky; I Wish I Had a Red Dress; Hymn for the Rebels; Duet for Three Voices; The Sale; puppetplay; Hospice; Good News; Essentials; Banana Bread; Porch Songs; Come and Get These Memories; Chain; Late Bus to Mecca; Flyin' West; Some Things I Never Thought I'd Do; Babylon Sisters; Baby Brother's Blues

2005

Edward P. Jones

Novelist, Short Story Writer

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the PEN/Hemingway Award, the O Henry Prize; MacArthur Fellow

Lost in the City; The Known World; All Aunt Hagar's Children

2006

Charles Johnson

Novelist, Short Story Writer, Essayist, Cartoonist

Winner of the National Book Award; the Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award from the Corporate Council for the Arts; MacArthur Fellow

Faith and the Good Thing; Oxherding Tale; Middle Passage; Dreamer; The Sorcerer's Apprentice; Soulcatcher and Other Stories; Dr. King's Refrigerator: And Other Bedtime Stories; Being and Race: Black Writings Since 1970; Turning the Wheel: Essays on Buddhism and Writing; Black Humor; Half-Past Nation Time

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We regret that we were unable to list their names.

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This year marks an auspicious occasion for Marygrove College with the Inauguration of Dr. David J. Fike as its 8th president. Urban Leadership: Expressions of Legacy, Commitment to Progress is the theme of the inaugural year, which anchors the College's strategic vision of fostering Urban Leadership.

Marygrove's Urban Leadership vision is rooted in a legacy of innovation, quality and dedication. As we look to the future, Marygrove is committed to:

Developing urban leaders. This means something special for students as it provides them the opportunity and preparation to apply classroom knowledge in an urban laboratory through practical application in the community, take leadership positions in America's urban centers and foster the return of graduating Marygrove students to the City of Detroit.

Serving as an institutional leader. This provides Marygrove the opportunity to convene forward-thinking political, economic, social, and cultural leaders to explore and positively contribute to a vibrant city, strategically partner with corporate and community leaders to improve the City of Detroit for businesses, residents, students and the region and create a new model of an engaged urban institution that attracts positive attention in other American cities.

Celebrating its past and its future, Marygrove has designated several campus events as Inaugural Events. The entire community is invited and welcome to attend the remaining events as scheduled. For information on the following Inaugural Events, please contact 313-927-1437, msamuels@marygrove.edu or www.marygrove.edu.

Friday, March 16—7:30 p.m.
Marygrove College Celebrates Women's History Month: An Evening Coffee House with Spoken Word Poets, presented by Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society; Madame Cadillac Building, Alumnae Hall; ticketed event.

Friday, March 30—9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Academic Symposium by Faculty and Students: "Urban Leadership: Expressions of Legacy, Commitment to Progress"; free event.

Friday-Sunday, April 13-15; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 & 8 p.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m.
No Street Shoes Annual Dance Department Concert; Marygrove College Theatre; ticketed event.

Thursday, April 12—7:30 p.m.
Defining Detroit Lecture Series; Madame Cadillac Building, Alumnae Hall – Sponsored by the Institute for Detroit Studies – features Angela Dillard, associate professor at The Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, discussing "True vs. False Religion: How Faith Mattered in Detroit's Radical History;" free event.

Friday, April 20, 8 p.m.
Contemporary American Authors Series featuring Poet Marilyn Nelson; Madame Cadillac Building, Alumni Hall; free event.

Sunday, April 22, 4 p.m.
Sacred Traditions: Marygrove College Chorale Concert; Liberal Arts Building, Sacred Heart Chapel; ticketed event.

May 3-15
Bachelor of Fine Arts Student Degree Show
Thursday, May 3, Opening Reception: 4:30 – 8 p.m.
Liberal Arts Building, The Gallery; free event.

Saturday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Inauguration; by invitation
Celebration of Mass and Missioning: 10:00 a.m., Liberal Arts Building, Sacred Heart Chapel
Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
Madame Cadillac Building, Main Dining Room
Installation of the President, 1:30 p.m., Liberal Arts Building, Marygrove College Theatre
Reception, Immediately following Installation, Madame Cadillac Building, Alumni Hall.

Date to be Announced
President's Blue Ribbon Panel on Urban Leadership; by invitation
Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and mayors of other major U.S. urban centers conduct a lively, informative and important discussion about various facets of urban leadership. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Detroit native, radio talk show host, Avalon Foundation Professor in the Humanities and professor of Religious Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

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