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Ronald Numbers, Hilldale professor of science and medicine at the University of Wisconsin and a former Seventh Day Adventist, is best known for his book *The Creationists: From Scientific Creationism to Intelligent Design*, which is considered the authoritative book on the historical roots of the creationist movement.

Numbers will speak on "Creationism and the Classroom" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the Science Center auditorium. He will speak about "Antievolutionism in America" that same day at 7 p.m. in the Sears Recital Hall with a reception to follow.

Both lectures are free and open to the public.

"Professor Numbers' visit to campus is a valuable opportunity to address and discuss the relationship between science and religion, in both its historical context, and as it pertains to contemporary educational policy," said University of Dayton history professor Bill Trollinger.

Numbers has written or edited more than two dozen books, including, most recently, *Darwinism Comes to America*, *Disseminating Darwinism: The Role of Place, Race, Religion, and Gender*, *When Science and Christianity Meet* and the forthcoming *Science and Christianity in Pulpit and Pew*. He is currently collaborating on multiple volumes on the history of science.

Numbers is a past president of both the History of Science Society and the American Society of Church History. In 2005, he was elected to a four-year term as president of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science/Division of History of Science and Technology.

The University of Dayton's history department is sponsoring Numbers' visit for its annual Beauregard-King Lecture. Co-sponsors include the biology department, the geology department, Sigma Xi and the College of Arts and Sciences dean's office.

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