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09.04.2007 | Culture and Society, Campus and Community A frequent speaker at college conferences about violence prevention, an internationally known biologist and a former Washington Post Baghdad bureau chief highlight this year's University of Dayton Distinguished Speakers Series.

Distinguished Speakers Series events are free and open to the public.

Gail Dines, a professor of sociology and women's studies at Wheelock College in Boston, kicks off the series at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the Kennedy Union ballroom with "Sex(ism), Love and Identity in a Pornographic Culture."

Dines, who is a regular guest on Entertainment Tonight, ABC News and National Public Radio, has worked with Hollywood studios to help create progressive images of women on national television.

The UD Women's Center, UD's women's and gender studies program and UD's department of sociology, anthropology and social work will co-sponsor Dines' appearance.

European Research Council President Fotis Kafatos speaks at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, in Science Center 114.

Kafatos helped develop cDNA synthesis and cloning, and invented the dot-blot, the precursor of DNA microarrays. Active in efforts to promote research and scientific education in the developing world, his current work is on malaria research.

Rajiv Chandrasekaran, a Washington Post national editor who served as Baghdad bureau chief at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, will discuss "Iraq's Elusive Peace: A Reporter's View from Inside the Green Zone" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Kennedy Union ballroom. His book, *Imperial Life Inside the Emerald City*, also details those experiences.

Before his Baghdad assignment, Chandrasekaran was The Washington Post's Cairo bureau chief, Southeast Asia correspondent and helped cover the war in Afghanistan. He now heads The Washington Post's Continuous News department, which provides breaking news stories to the paper's Web site.

For more information on the Distinguished Speakers Series or to request an interview with a speaker, please contact Shawn Robinson at 937-229-3391.