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NEWS RELEASE

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DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton's 30th Annual Distinguished Speakers Series has been announced by the UD Office of Student Activities. The series has featured such luminaries as Alex Haley, William Rehnquist, Stephen King, Erma Bombeck, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Martin Sheen.

All events begin at 8 p.m., take place in the Kennedy Union Ballroom on the UD campus and are open to the public with free admission.

- **Sept 11:** Former 2001 American Historical Association/NASA Fellow Dr. David Courtwright will speak on "The Worm Gets the Early Bird: The Wright Brothers, Glenn Curtiss and the Risky Status Sphere of Exhibition Flying." Courtwright, a professor of history at the University of North Florida was awarded the aerospace history fellowship to research the origins of aviation as a mass experience, as well as the social and environmental consequences of the expanding aviation frontier.
- **Oct. 2:** ACLU President Nadine Strossen will touch on the subject of "Current Challenges to Civil Liberties." Strossen has served as the organization's president since 1991, when she became the first woman to head the nation's largest and oldest civil liberties organization. The *National Law Journal* has twice named Strossen one of "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America," and in 1996, *Working Woman Magazine* listed her among the "350 Women Who Changed the World 1976-1996."
- **Oct. 24:** Manning Marable is Columbia University director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies and the newly established Center for Contemporary Black History. The Series is co-sponsoring Marable's visit on Oct. 24 with the Dayton/Miami Valley Community Summit on Racism, where he will be delivering the keynote address, also that day. Since 1976, he has written a political commentary series, "Along the Color Line," that appears in more than 400 newspapers and journals worldwide. He is featured regularly in national and international media and donates much of his time fundraising and speaking on behalf of prisoners' rights, labor, civil rights, faith-based institutions and other social justice organizations.
- **Jan. 29:** Columbia University Teachers College President Arthur Levine will present "Educational Reform and the University: How Should the University Community Be Involved in K-12 Reform?" He is published in the areas of college students and multiculturalism, college and university leadership, college curriculum and the history of higher education.

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For more information on the Distinguished Speakers Series at the University of Dayton, please contact Kathleen Norman at (937) 229-4114 or visit www.udayton.edu/~dss. To request an interview with one of the speakers, please contact Shawn Robinson in the University of Dayton Office of Public Relations at (937) 229-3391.

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