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The Vernon L. Pack Distinguished Lecture and Scholar-in-Residence program was established through a generous gift from alumnus **Vernon L. Pack**, a 1950 graduate of the University and resident of Westerville. In accordance with the terms of the endowment, a Distinguished Lecturer visits the campus every other year to address important current topics that allow the Otterbein community to reflect on ethical, spiritual and social issues. On alternating years, distinguished scholars are invited to campus to reside for up to one academic year as part of the Vernon L. Pack Scholar in Residence Series to enrich educational experiences for Otterbein students. This program rotates through five academic areas of the University, including arts, professional studies, science and mathematics, humanities and social sciences.

Distinguished Lecturers:

2014 – Sir Salman Rushdie, novelist and Booker Prize-winning author.

2012 – Dr. Steven Pinker, Johnstone Family Professor of Psychology at Harvard University, best-selling author, and Pulitzer Prize finalist.

2010 – Dee Dee Myers, White House press secretary under President Clinton from 1993-1994, political analyst and commentator, and author of *Why Women Should Rule the World*.

2008 – Ed Begley Jr., actor and environmentalist.

2005 – Alan Lightman, noted physicist and critically acclaimed author of *Einstein's Dreams*.

2004 – Fareed Zakaria, editor of *Newsweek International* and host of CNN's international affairs program, *Fareed Zakaria GPS*.

2002 – Doris Kearns Goodwin, acclaimed historian and Pulitzer Prize in history winner for *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II*.

Distinguished Scholars in Residence:

2015 – Dr. Bonny Norton, author of *Identity and Language Learning*, and a professor and Distinguished University Scholar in the Department of Language and Literacy Education at the University of British Columbia.

2013 – Dr. Robert Fefferman, an expert in harmonic analysis, its applications to elliptic partial differential equations and its relationship to probability theory.

2011 – Harrell Fletcher, renowned visual and conceptual artist and recipient of the 2005 Alpert Award in Visual Arts.

2009 – Dr. Richard Alley, an acclaimed geologist who conducts research on environmental issues including abrupt climate changes, glaciers, ice sheet collapse, and sea level change.

2007 – Wande Abimbola, President of the International Congress of Orisa Tradition and Culture, and world-renowned expert on Ifa, a West African sacred divination and literary system.

2005 – Lois Raimondo, an internationally-known photojournalist and Pulitzer Prize nominee finalist for her work on the New York City Mitchell Lama housing project for *New York Newsday*.

2003 – Dr. Valentine Moghadam, a professor born in Iran who conducts research regarding development, social change, and gender in the Middle East, North Africa, and Afghanistan.

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Fritsche Theatre at Cowan Hall**



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*The Role of Independent Media in
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Welcome Dr. Kathy Krendl
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Introduction Dr. Stephanie Patridge
Associate Professor, Department of Religion and Philosophy

Lecture Amy Goodman
Journalist, Author, Columnist and host of Democracy Now!

Question and Answer Session Dr. Jeff Demas
Professor, Department of Communication

Presentation..... Carrie Marie Coisman
Class of 2016, double major in History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Immediately following tonight's presentation, please join us across the street in Roush Hall for a book signing and reception.

Amy Goodman

Amy Goodman is an award-winning investigative journalist, author, syndicated columnist and host of *Democracy Now!*, airing on more than 800 public television and radio stations worldwide. She is the first journalist to receive the Right Livelihood Award, widely known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize," for "developing an innovative model of truly independent grassroots political journalism that brings to millions of people the alternative voices that are often excluded by the mainstream media." The *Independent of London* called Goodman and *Democracy Now!* "an inspiration," and pulsemedia.com has placed her at the top of their 20 Top Global Media Figures list.

Goodman is a 1998 recipient of the George Polk Award for the radio documentary she co-produced, "Drilling and Killing: Chevron and Nigeria's Oil Dictatorship," which exposed the oil company's role in the killing of two Nigerian villagers on May 28, 1998. The piece also won the Golden Reel for Best National Documentary from the National Federation of Community Broadcasters. Goodman has also won numerous awards for another radio documentary she co-produced, "MASSACRE: The Story of East Timor," including the Robert F. Kennedy Prize for International Reporting, the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia Silver Baton, the Armstrong Award, the Radio/Television News Directors Award, as well as awards from AP, UPI, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The author of four *New York Times* bestsellers, Goodman's latest book, *Breaking the Sound Barrier*, proves the power of independent journalism in the struggle for a better world. She has co-authored, with brother and journalist David Goodman, three other bestsellers: *Standing Up to the Madness*, *Static*, and *The Exception to the Rulers*.