

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, notable 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.

Lecturers:

2016 – Amy Goodman, award-winning investigative journalist, author and columnist.

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*.

Scholars in Residence:

2017 – Bryonn Bain, author of *Life After Lockdown: The Abolition of the Punishment Paradigm* and assistant professor in residence in the Department of African American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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.

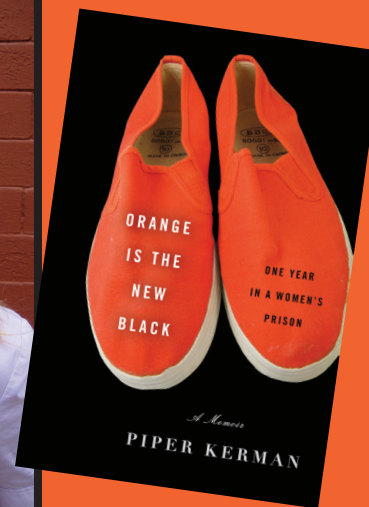
2007 – Wande Abimbola, President of the International Congress of Orisa Tradition and Culture, and world-renowned expert on Ifa, a West African sacred divinatory and literary system.

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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Welcome	Dr. Kathy Krendl <i>President</i>
Introduction	Shannon Lakanen <i>Associate Professor of English and Chair, Department of English</i>
Keynote	Ms. Piper Kerman <i>Author</i>
Question & Answer	Shannon Lakanen
Presentation of Journal	Clair Lamb <i>Class of 2020, Creative Writing major</i> Kendall Gribble <i>Class of 2018, English Creative Writing major</i>

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

Piper Kerman

Piper Kerman’s bestselling memoir, *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women’s Prison*, chronicles what the author calls her “crucible experience” — the 13 months she spent in the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Connecticut. A brief involvement with the drug trade when she was in her early 20s sent Kerman to prison 10 years later on money laundering charges. In her compelling, moving, and often hilarious book, she explores the experience of incarceration and the intersection of her life with the lives of the women she met while in prison: their friendships and families, mental illnesses and substance abuse issues, cliques and codes of behavior. What has stuck with her the most from her experience, Kerman says, is the power of women’s communities, “the incredible ability of women to step up for each other, and to be resilient and to share their resiliency with other people.” The book also raises provocative questions about the state of criminal justice in America, and how incarceration affects individuals and communities throughout the nation.

Kerman’s memoir was adapted into a critically acclaimed Netflix series of the same name by Jenji Kohan. The Emmy and Peabody Award-winning show has been called “the best TV show about prison ever made” by *The Washington Post*, and was lauded by *Time*’s TV critic James Poniewozik for “the stunningly matter-of-fact way it uses the prison to create one of TV’s most racially and sexually diverse—and as important, complex dramas [and] contrasts the power and class dynamics inside the prison with those outside the prison.”

Since her release, Kerman has worked tirelessly to promote the cause of prison and criminal justice reform. She works with nonprofits, philanthropies, and other organizations working in the public interest and serves on the board of directors of the Women’s Prison Association and the advisory boards of InsideOUT Writers and JustLeadershipUSA. She has been called as a witness by the US Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights to testify on solitary confinement and women prisoners, and by the US Senate Governmental Affairs and Homeland Security Committee to testify about the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Kerman is a graduate of Smith College. For the last several years, she has taught writing to incarcerated men and women in Ohio. She lives in Columbus with her family. For more information on Piper Kerman, please visit piperkerman.com.