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First black host on NPR to lecture at OU

Oakland University's Student Life Lecture Board will present "Hard Left: Straight Talk About the Wrongs of the Right" with Tavis Smiley on Friday, Jan. 24, at noon in Meadow Brook Theatre.

Smiley is a political commentator and host of "The Tavis Smiley Show" on National Public Radio (NPR). Smiley is the first African-American to host his own signature talk show on NPR. Previously, he was the host of the award-winning "BET TONIGHT with Tavis Smiley."

Smiley has authored six books, his most recent, "Keeping the Faith: Stories of Love, Courage, Healing and Hope from Black America." He is the founder of the Tavis Smiley Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to encourage, empower and enlighten black youth. The cornerstone program of the foundation is Youth to Leaders, which is an annual series of one-day leadership-building conferences that take place in cities across the United States.

There is no fee for the lecture, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at the **Center for Student Activities Service Window**, 49 Oakland Center. For more information, contact the **Center for Student Activities** at (248) 370-2400 or csa@oakland.edu.

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