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Pulitzer Prize-winning author to lecture at OU

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One of America's foremost historians, McCullough also will meet with OU students the next day to discuss early American history, politics, the writer's craft, presidential leadership and more.

In 2001, McCullough earned wide acclaim for "John Adams," his best-selling history of America's second president. *TIME* magazine named it the best non-fiction book of the year, calling it "a masterwork of storytelling." A two-time winner of both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize, McCullough also is the author of the award-winning biography, "Truman." His other books include "The Johnstown Flood," "The Great Bridge," "The Path Between the Seas," "Mornings on Horseback" and "Brave Companions." In a rare publishing feat, none of McCullough's books has ever been out of print.

In addition to his writing pursuits, McCullough has been an editor, teacher, lecturer and familiar presence on public television as host of "Smithsonian World," "The American Experience," and narrator of numerous documentaries including Ken Burns' acclaimed production, "The Civil War." A gifted speaker, he has lectured in all parts of the country and abroad as well as at the White House. He is one of the few private citizens to speak before a joint session of Congress.

McCullough's lecture is the inaugural event of the Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities series. Supported through a generous contribution by Gretchen and Ed Adler, the series brings to campus nationally recognized speakers, historians, writers, journalists and other leading thinkers to illuminate topics of current interest or historical significance in the humanities.

Tickets to David McCullough's lecture are \$15 for adults, \$12.50 for OU faculty, staff and Alumni Association members with membership card and \$5 for students with valid ID. All tickets will be \$20 per person at the door. To order regular adult admission tickets, call (248) 377-3300. Faculty, staff, alumni and student rate tickets must be purchased in person at the Meadow Brook Theatre box office. Call (248) 370-3316 for group ticket sales. All seats are general admission.

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