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Authors at OU: A Celebration of the Book

2008 marked the third year that Kresge Library has hosted an annual event we hope will become an OU tradition. The Senate Library Committee once again celebrated the hard work and wide reach of research and scholarship conducted by Oakland University Faculty. The theme this year was the importance of the book in scholarship, and so the call went out for books published by OU authors during 2006-2007. The reception honored and acknowledged the 50 books by 40 different authors that were received by the Senate Library Committee.

From among the many excellent entries, two authors were selected by the Senate Library Committee to represent all of the authors being honored. Thomas C. Pedroni, Assistant Professor, in Teacher Development and Educational Studies, spoke about the results of his studies published in his book *Market Movements: African American Involvement in School Voucher Reform*, a timely topic which made for an engaging talk and a lively discussion afterwards. Annette Gilson, Associate Professor of English, spoke about her novel *New Light*. Her reading from this creative work held the group spellbound.

The Provost Dr. Virinder Moudgil made opening remarks for the reception, at which was featured a display of all of the books received by the Senate Library Committee. Over 80 people attended the event and enjoyed an afternoon of intellectual stimulation and artistic inspiration.



Professor Annette Gilson reads from *New Light*

SUMMARY

The third annual tribute to the scholarly productivity of Oakland University faculty continued with this year's celebration of the book. A reception was held on March 19, 2008, at which two authors discussed their work and over 80 participants enjoyed the event.

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