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TO THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF  
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## Lecture will feature royal gate in Jordan

An expert on the archaeological exploration in Jordan will present "A Solomonic Style Gate on the Trans-Jordan Plateau" in a public lecture Oct. 14.

Dr. Gerald L. Mattingly, a professor at Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tenn., speaks at 5 p.m. in 102 Hilbun Hall. His visit is sponsored by the Cobb Institute of Archaeology, along with the Department of Philosophy and Religion, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Anthropology Club.

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## Award-winning poet to present October 10 reading here

An award-winning author of four books of poetry reads from her works during an Oct. 10 evening appearance at Mississippi State.

Leslie Adrienne Miller also will discuss poetry and poetics during a 4 p.m. public question-and-answer session in the fourth-floor Lee Hall film room. Her latest work, "Eat Quite Everything You See," was released earlier this year by Graywolf Press of St. Paul, Minn.

Her reading begins at 8 p.m. in the Colvard Union small auditorium.

Both events are sponsored by the Department of English and the University Honors Program. Additional support is provided by Paul and

Bernadette Lyons, in memory of Charles and Agnes Lyons.

A faculty member at the University of Saint Thomas in St. Paul, Miller holds creative writing degrees from Stephens College



*Miller*

and University of Missouri, both in  
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*As restoration of historic McCain Hall continues, workers poured concrete recently for a new sidewalk. Concentrating on the task were (l-r) Charles Thompson Jr., Carlos Stepney and Demarkco Robertson, all of Columbia. A formal ribbon cutting for the refurbished engineering facility will be held Oct. 12.*

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For up-to-date  
details, check online at  
[www.msubulldogs.msstate.edu/  
calendar/homecoming.htm](http://www.msubulldogs.msstate.edu/calendar/homecoming.htm).

# 2002 Homecoming week schedule

## Monday, Oct. 7-Friday, Oct. 11

### 7 a.m.-2 a.m.

Library exhibit, "Dear Jackie: Letters to Coach Jackie Sherrill (1991-2002)," sponsored by MSU Libraries, Mitchell Memorial Library's second and third floors. For more information, contact Pattye Archer, 325-6636 or e-mail PArcher@library.msstate.edu.

## Tuesday, Oct. 8

### 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Free Picnic for MSU students, sponsored by the Alumni Association, under the tent on the Drill Field. For more information, contact Libba Andrews, 325-3479 or Karen Hudson, 325-2284.

### 7:30-10 p.m.

"Back to the '70s" Party, sponsored by the Black Student Alliance, Colvard Union ballroom. Prizes for the best '70s costume. Refreshments, music and dancing.

## Wednesday, Oct. 9

### 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Transylvania Bowl blood drive, sponsored by IFC, NPHC and PanHellenic, Colvard Union, Rooms 301 and 302.

### 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

MSU 2002 Art Alumni Exhibition, Clive Pates: Recent Paintings, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall. For more information, contact Alexander Stelioes-Wills, 325-2970 or e-mail swills@ra.msstate.edu.

### 7-11 p.m.

Karaoke Night at Herbert Hall, sponsored by the Resident Hall Association. For more information contact 325-2255.

## Thursday, Oct. 10

Front Door Decoration Competition, sponsored by PSSAC and Student Affairs.

### 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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### 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Transylvania Bowl blood drive, sponsored by IFC, NPHC and PanHellenic, Comfort Suites conference room, Starkville.

### 4-5 p.m.

Department of Art lecture, "Life, Death, and Redemption in the Beauty Salon," Michael A. Dorsey, former Art Department head, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall. For more information, contact Brent Funderburk, 325-2144 or e-mail brent@ra.msstate.edu.

## Friday, Oct. 11

### All Day

Maroon-and-White Day

### 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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### 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Transylvania Bowl blood drive, sponsored by IFC, NPHC and PanHellenic, Comfort Suites conference room, Starkville.

### 2 p.m.

Public Service Awards ceremony, sponsored by the Department of Political Science, Colvard Union art lounge. For more information, contact Tracy Britt, 325-7851 or e-mail tbritt@PS.msstate.edu.

### 4 p.m.

Maroon and White Baseball Scrimmage, Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium. Open to the public. For more information, contact Russ McNickel, 325-3597.

### 5:30 p.m.

Homecoming Parade, sponsored by the Alumni Delegates. Parade begins at the corner of University Drive and Nash Street.

### 5:30-7 p.m.

Black Alumni Society Homecoming Reunion registration, Butler-Williams Alumni Center lobby.

### 6 p.m.

Schillig Scholars Alumni Reunion Social/Cookout, Drill Field. For more information, contact Sheila Coleman, 325-2559 or e-mail sheila@ra.msstate.edu.

### 6:30 p.m.

Pep Rally, immediately following the parade at the Amphitheater. Sponsored by the Student Association.

### 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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### 9:30 p.m.-midnight

Black Alumni Society Homecoming Reunion Smooth Jazz Social/Rhythm and Blues Dance, Council of Community Organizations of Oktibbeha County Inc., 1408 Old Highway 82 East, Starkville.

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### Saturday, Oct. 12

#### 7:15 a.m.

23rd Annual 4-Mile Run with the Big Dawgs registration, sponsored by the Student Association. Race begins at 8 a.m. at the North Farm. Entry fee is \$7 for students, faculty and staff and \$12 for general public. For more information, contact Jessica Sparks, 320-7315.

#### 8 a.m.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Breakfast, Bost auditorium. For more information, contact Lynn Reinschiedt, Pat Little, or Gayle McClure, 325-2110 or e-mail rein@cals.msstate.edu; plittle@cals.msstate.edu; gmclure@cals.msstate.edu.

#### 8-9 a.m.

Black Alumni Society Homecoming Reunion registration and continental breakfast, Colvard Union art lounge. For more information, contact Evan Cain, 601-956-6908 or e-mail nupsey@hotmail.com, or Karen Hudson, 325-2284 or e-mail khudson@alumni.msstate.edu.

#### 8-10:30 a.m.

Civil Engineering Alumni Homecoming Breakfast, Walker Engineering Laboratories, first floor. For more information, contact Patsy Foster, 325-3050 or e-mail pfoster@engr.msstate.edu.

#### 9 a.m.

Visit with Coach Jackie Sherrill, sponsored by MSU Libraries, Mitchell Memorial Library, second floor. Come meet and talk with Mississippi State's winningest football coach. For more information, contact Pattye Archer, 325-6636 or e-mail PArcher@library.msstate.edu.

#### 9-10:30 a.m.

Black Alumni Society Homecoming Reunion business meeting, Colvard Union small auditorium. For more information, contact Evan Cain, 601-956-6908 or e-mail nupsey@hotmail.com, or Karen Hudson, 325-2284 or e-mail khudson@alumni.msstate.edu.

#### 9 a.m.-noon

MSU Friends of the Library Annual Fall Book Sale, sponsored by MSU Libraries, Mitchell Memorial Library. The John Grisham Room/Exhibits will be open. For more information, contact Frances Coleman, 325-7661 or e-mail FColeman@library.Msstate.edu.

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#### 9:30 a.m.

College of Engineering Jazz Brunch and McCain Hall Rededication, main entrance of McCain. Rededication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, building tours and celebration of Dean Emeritus Harry Simrall's 90th birthday. For more information, contact Jane Flowers, 325-7183 or e-mail flowers@engr.msstate.edu.

#### 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Army ROTC Homecoming Open House, Middleton Hall. For more information, contact John Rogowski, 325-3503 or e-mail jrogowski@armyrotc.msstate.edu.

#### 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Alumni/Scholarship Recognition Reception, sponsored by the Department of Agricultural Economics, Lloyd-Ricks, Room 101. For more information, contact Wes Wolfe, 325-2750 or e-mail wolfe@agecon.msstate.edu.

#### 10 a.m.-noon

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#### 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

College of Arts and Sciences Fall Health Professionals' Day Reception, Colvard Union, second-floor dining rooms. For more information, contact Danette Barrier, 325-8071 or e-mail danette@deanas.msstate.edu.

#### 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Alumni Association Pre-game Open House, Butler-Williams Alumni Center. For more information, contact Dianne Jackson, 325-3444 or e-mail djackson@alumni.msstate.edu.

#### 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Black Alumni Society Homecoming Reunion Tailgate Party, McArthur Hall. For more information, contact Evan Cain, 601-956-6908 or e-mail nupsey@hotmail.com, or Karen Hudson, 325-2284 or e-mail khudson@alumni.msstate.edu.

#### 11:30 a.m.

Homecoming Court Reception, sponsored by the Alumni Association, Butler-Williams Alumni Center. For more information, contact Karen Hudson, 325-2284 or e-mail khudson@alumni.msstate.edu.

#### 1:30 p.m.

Kick-off, Mississippi State vs. Troy State, Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field. Coronation ceremony at halftime. For more information, contact the Student Association, 325-3917.

#### 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Black Alumni Society Homecoming Reunion Old School Dance, Council of Community Organizations of Oktibbeha County Inc., 1408 Old Highway 82 East, Starkville. For more information, contact Evan Cain, 601-956-6908 or e-mail nupsey@hotmail.com, or Karen Hudson, 325-2284 or e-mail khudson@alumni.msstate.edu.

### Sunday, Oct. 13

#### 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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## Calendar of Events

### Send your calendar items to

Kay Fike Jones, 102 George Hall; Mail Stop 9512; FAX 325-7455; e-mail jonesk@ur.msstate.edu at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance. For updates, check www.msstate.edu and click on "News" for msu.NOW!

### Ongoing Events, Activities

Alumni art exhibition: Works by 17 MSU art graduates, Oct. 9-24, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall. Reception: former department head Michael Dorsey to announce awards, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. Dorsey also presents public lecture earlier on the 11th at 4 p.m. in the gallery. 325-2970.

### October

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Workshop: "Databasics: Finding the Full Text," Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1 p.m. Jill Grogg, 325-8162.

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Bits and Bytes Workshop: "QuarkXpress—Starting with the Basics," Instructional Media Center, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1:30-4:30 p.m. library.msstate.edu/workshops.

Seminar: "How to Grow It," Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 9 a.m. 601-799-2311.

Poetry reading: Leslie Adrienne Miller, Colvard Union small auditorium, 8 p.m.; public question-and-answer session, fourth-floor Lee Hall film room, 4 p.m. 325-3644. (see story page 1)

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Homecoming. (see pages 2 and 3)

MSU vs. Troy State, football, Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field, 1:30 p.m.

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Bits and Bytes Workshop: "PhotoShop—A Picture Perfect Beginning," Instructional Media Center, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1:30-4:30 p.m. library.msstate.edu/workshops.

Lecture: Dr. Gerald L. Mattingly, "A Solomonic Style Gate on the Trans-Jordan Plateau," 102 Hilbun Hall, 5 p.m. 325-3826. (see story page 1)

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Workshop: "The Practical Professor: Taking Students Beyond the Internet," Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. Jill Grogg, 325-8162.

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Workshop: "Databasics: Good Citations," Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. Jill Grogg, 325-8162.

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Workshop: "Databasics: Better Living (and Research) Through Citation Indexes," Giles Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. Beth Ashmore, 325-3834.

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Columbia, the Iowa Writers' Workshop, and University of Houston in Texas.

Her three earlier collections of poems, all published by Carnegie Mellon University Press, include "Yesterday Had a Man in It" (1998), "Ungodliness" (1994) and "Staying Up For Love" (1990).

Recognition of her writing skills have come in the form of, among others, the McKnight Artists Fellowship of Minnesota's Loft McKnight Award of Distinction; a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Poetry; the Strousse Award from Prairie Schooner, a national literary quarterly of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and the Nebraska Review Poetry Award.

For more information about Miller's appearances, telephone the English Department at 325-3644.

### Jordan—continued from page 1

Mattingly serves as director of the Karak Resources Project that, since 1995, has been conducting survey and excavation work in the territory of ancient Moab on the highland plateau north and west of the city of Karak in South Central Jordan. Since 1997, the project has focused on excavations at Khirbet al-Mudaybi' and the remains of a fortified Moabite settlement of the 8th-6th centuries B.C.

The presentation will feature the work of the Karak Resources Project and the result of its Mudaybi' excavations, including the discovery of the city's gateway with architectural features similar to those found at royal cities in Judah built by Solomon and his successors.

Mattingly received a bachelor's degree from Cincinnati Bible College and holds master's of divinity and doctoral degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.



*Mattingly*

In addition to his nearly 25 years with Johnson Bible College, he has served as a visiting professor for various terms at Cincinnati Christian Seminary, the University of Jordan and at Emmanuel School of Religion. Mattingly was a visiting scholar at the College of William and Mary in 1993 and a resident reader at Tyndale House and Library in Cambridge, England, in 2000.

He is a seasoned excavator who has participated in Smithsonian Institution-sponsored work at Tell Jemmeh in Israel, among others. A specialist in biblical studies, historical geography and archaeology, he also has co-edited and authored four books and has published numerous articles, reviews and translations. Mattingly is a frequent presenter in professional meetings of the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Society of Biblical Literature.

For more information, telephone the Cobb Institute at 325-3826.