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An evening with  
**EDDIE S. GLAUDE JR.  
& DARLENE HILL**

7:00 p.m.

**PROGRAM**

Conversations on Social Justice

Craig Mohre

*President, The New Albany Community Foundation*

**Eddie S. Glaude Jr.**

*Distinguished University Professor; Chair, Department of  
African American Studies, Princeton University*

**Darlene Hill**

*NBC4 Anchor, Ohio State Alumna and winner of the Peabody,  
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Tonight marks the launch of the eighth season of The New Albany Lecture Series.

A characteristic of the series through the years has been to address sometimes difficult issues facing our country and our community. Tonight's program, which is a two-part "Conversations on Social Justice" does bring into sharp focus a difficult issue.

As the protests swept across the country, including in New Albany, we asked ourselves what role the Foundation should play. For years, the Foundation has leveraged the lecture series to provide a platform for dialogue on timely issues. Moreover, the lecture series can provide participants an opportunity to listen, learn and hopefully gain a greater understanding on important issues.

Discussions on race, bigotry and discrimination are not new to the lecture series. In 2011, the Foundation hosted civil rights leader and advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Clarence Jones and in 2012 we hosted NPR journalist and author, Michele Norris. Tonight we're pleased to welcome to the series Eddie S. Glaude Jr., a Distinguished University Professor and Chair of the Department of African American Studies at Princeton University. He'll be interviewed by NBC4 WCMH-TV anchor, Darlene Hill. Hill is the recipient of the prestigious Peabody Award, the Edward R. Murrow Award and multiple Emmy Awards.

We are proud to have NBC4 WCMH-TV as our media partner for the Conversation on Social Justice, as they have presented programming focused on social justice for some time. We're also grateful to all of the lecture series sponsors, and in particular Encova Insurance for sponsoring tonight's event. Because of their support, all of the programs are being offered free of cost to students and residents across central Ohio and beyond.

Thank you for joining us for tonight's lecture. We hope you'll join us for all of the coming programs as part of the 2020-2021 season!

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# EDDIE S. GLAUDE JR.

EDDIE S. GLAUDE JR. is an intellectual who speaks to the complex dynamics of the American experience. His most well-known books, *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*, and *In a Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America*, take a wide

look at black communities, the difficulties of race in the United States, and the challenges our democracy face. He is an American critic in the tradition of James Baldwin and Ralph Waldo Emerson. In his writings, the country's complexities, vulnerabilities, and the opportunities for hope come into full view. Hope that is, in one of his favorite quotes from W.E.B Du Bois, "not hopeless, but a bit unhelpful."

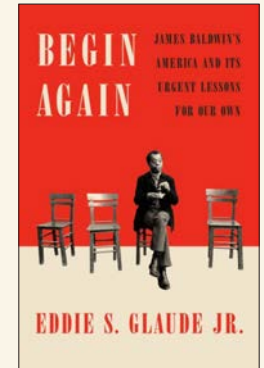


He is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor and chair of the Department of African American Studies, a program he first became involved with shaping as a doctoral candidate in Religion at Princeton. He is the former president of the American Academy of Religion. His books

on religion and philosophy include *An Uncommon Faith: A Pragmatic Approach to the Study of African American Religion*, *African American Religion: A Very Short Introduction* and *Exodus! Religion, Race and Nation in Early 19th Century Black America*, which was awarded the Modern Language Association's William Sanders Scarborough Book Prize. Glaude is also the author of two edited volumes, and many influential articles about religion for academic journals. He has also written for the likes of *The New York Times* and *Time Magazine*.

Known to be a convener of conversations and debates, Glaude takes care to engage fellow citizens of all ages and backgrounds – from young activists, to fellow academics, journalists and commentators, and followers on Twitter in dialogue about the direction of the nation. His scholarship and his sense of himself as a public intellectual are driven by a commitment to think carefully with others in public.

Glaude's most recent book, *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own*, was released on June 30, 2020. Of Baldwin, Glaude writes, "Baldwin's writing does not bear witness to the glory of America. It reveals the country's sins, and the illusion of innocence that blinds us to the reality of others. Baldwin's vision requires a confrontation with our history (with slavery, Jim Crow segregation, with whiteness) to overcome its hold on us. Not to posit the greatness of America, but to establish the ground upon which to imagine the country anew."



Some like to describe Glaude as the quintessential Morehouse man, having left his home in Moss Point, Mississippi at age 16 to begin studies at the HBCU. He holds a master's degree in African American Studies from Temple University, and a Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University. He began his teaching career at Bowdoin College. In 2011 he delivered Harvard's Du Bois lectures. In 2015 he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Colgate University, delivering commencement remarks titled, "Turning Our Backs" that was recognized by *The New York Times* as one of the best commencement speeches of the year. He is a columnist for *Time Magazine* and a MSNBC contributor on programs like *Morning Joe*, and *Deadline Whitehouse* with Nicolle Wallace. He also regularly appears on *Meet the Press* on Sundays. Glaude hosts the podcast AAS 21, recorded at Princeton University in Stanhope Hall, the African American Studies department's home.



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## DARLENE HILL

DARLENE HILL joined NBC4 in September, 2018, becoming the station's 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. anchor.



The Toledo, Ohio native is excited to come back to Columbus, where she attended The Ohio State University. Before coming back to Ohio, Darlene spent more than two decades at FOX32 in Chicago. During her career, she won numerous regional and national awards, including the prestigious Peabody Award, the Edward R. Murrow Award and multiple Emmy Awards.

Darlene began her career three weeks after graduating from Ohio State, when she accepted a reporter position in Monterey, California. Her career then took her to Chicago, where she covered the Democratic National Convention, the 2008 Presidential

Inauguration and local issues impacting Chicago and the surrounding communities. Darlene has two children, who are both in college.

"Columbus, thanks for letting Chicago borrow me for 25 years," said Darlene Hill, NBC4 4p & 5p Anchor. "Now I'm coming home and I'm going to show everyone how much I've missed them."



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## SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP

The New Albany Community Foundation established a Social Justice Advisory Group consisting of residents of the community. The purpose of the group is to advise the Foundation on programming that helps forge a stronger community where all members feel valued and welcome.

### MEMBERS OF THE GROUP INCLUDE:

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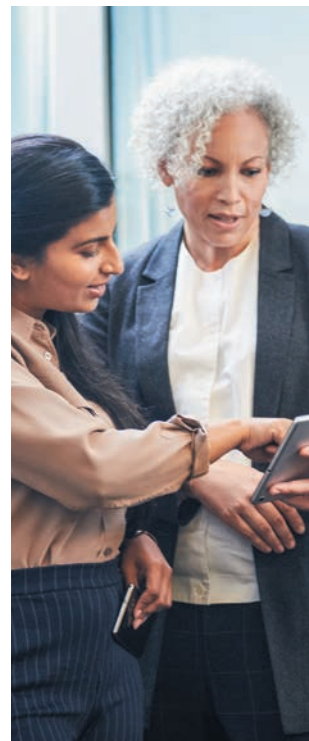
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A priority for the Foundation moving forward is to endow The New Albany Lecture Series. This will enable the Foundation to continue to present high-quality speakers while keeping lectures accessible to the entire community, including students, senior citizens and veterans. Additionally, endowing The New Albany Lecture Series would allow the Foundation to continue to invest in other transformative projects and initiatives in the community. Already, several families have established endowment funds to support the series.

If you are interested in establishing a fund or simply making a contribution to The New Albany Lecture Series Endowment Fund, please contact Craig Mohre at 614-939-8150, [craigmohre@newalbanyfoundation.org](mailto:craigmohre@newalbanyfoundation.org) or [CLICK HERE](#) to support The New Albany Community Foundation's programming.





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—Nancy Mora  
Cristo Rey Columbus H.S. Student



*"It was amazing, I just felt really empowered afterwards."*

—Nora Bounemany  
New Albany H.S. Student



*"It was really interesting, I really like how (Glenn Close) spoke about mental illness. We got to see how she talked about it and how she contributes to it and what she does."*

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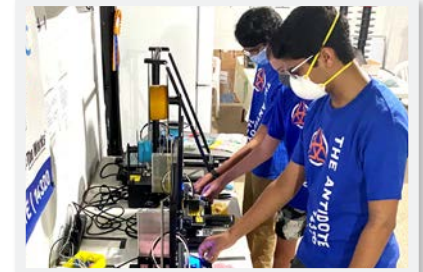


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# Can A Local Community Respond To A Global Pandemic? The Answer Is A Resounding Yes.

Like the pandemic, your response has been unprecedented. Because so many of you have given to our COVID-19 Assistance Fund, we have made grants of nearly \$150,000 to the needs that are most important to you. We addressed food insecurity with a grant to the New Albany Food Pantry. A grant to the Wellbeing Connection was made in support of mental health services. While our grant to Form5 Prosthetics is funding the production of PPE face masks for our frontline responders. In addition, grants were made to two local school groups, The Digital Eagles and The Antidote, both of which are manufacturing safety materials for healthcare workers. But our most significant efforts have been made in support of the schools. Where multiple grants and initiatives are making it possible for our children to return to a safe learning environment.



As the year began, we never envisioned the profound impact the coronavirus would have on our community. But like all communities, we have felt the effects of this global pandemic. Moving forward, we will concentrate our efforts toward helping our schools prepare for the upcoming year. The outpouring of support from our neighbors, as well as local businesses, such as Huntington and Facebook, has been inspiring. But as you know, the need will continue. If you've given to the COVID-19 Assistance Fund, we sincerely thank you. And if you are yet to make a gift, we invite you to join us in this important effort.

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Only 18 months after Lower.com was founded, it's safe to say this New Albany-based startup has not only succeeded, but is thriving. From winning a National Glassdoor Best Place To Work to growing the team exponentially—including hiring over 200 people amid the pandemic. Lower is helping people build wealth through homeownership.

### How Lower is creating an award-winning culture in New Albany

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Dan Snyder—  
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### Thank you to the members of the 2019-2020 Lifelong Learning Circle who are helping provide student access to inspiring speakers:

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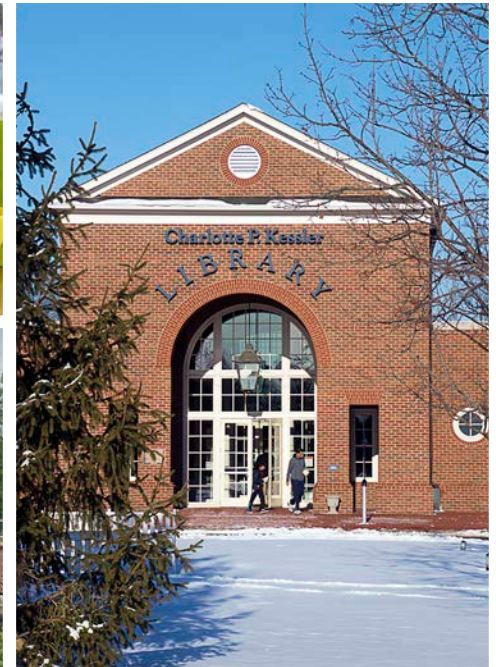
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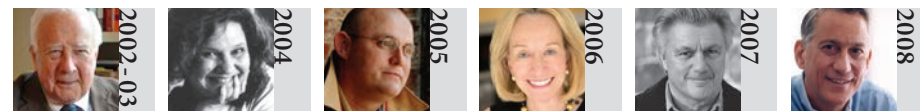
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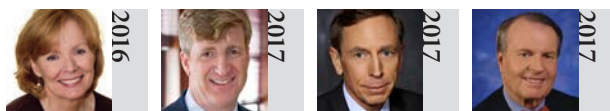
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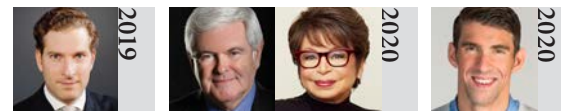
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