'Finding Your Roots' Host to Speak

OSU lecture to feature Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. an Reconstruction and the roots War," winner of the Alfred I. esteemed Black Harvard Uni- of white supremacy speak in duPont-Columbia University versity professor and host of a profound ways to our present Award, and two books released groundbreaking PBS geneal- moment. He will offer much in conjunction with the series: ogy series, will give a virtual needed perspective as part of "Dark Sky Rising: Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow," with Tonya Bolden, and "Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow," a New York Foundation to bring renowned Times Notable Book of 2019.

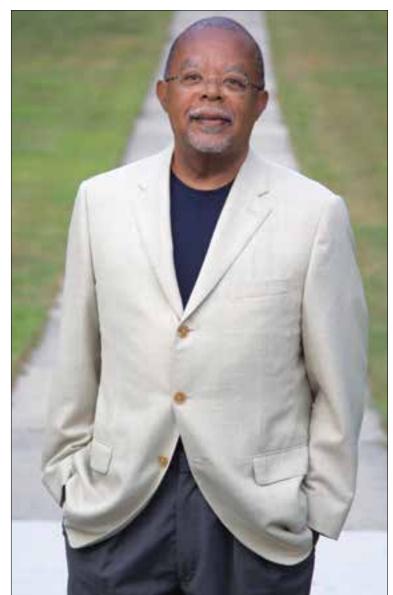
The recipient of 55 honorary

Gates was a member of the first class awarded "genius grants" in 1981, and in 1998 he became the first African American scholar to be awarded the National Humanities Medal.

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degrees and numerous prizes, community on topics of global significance.

The lecture series will continby the MacArthur Foundation ue Feb. 4 with a talk from Mae C. Jemison, the first woman of color in the world to go into space. She served six years as a NASA astronaut. She now leads 100 Year Starship (100YSS), a bold, far-reaching nonprofit initiative to assure the capabilities exist for human travel beyond thinkers, artists, designers and our solar system to another star



Henry Louis Gates Jr., Harvard University professor and host of the PBS genealogy series "Finding Your Roots" will give a virtual lecture on Monday, Nov. 9 at Oregon State University.

ture Series.

Gates is in the sixth season of justice." hosting "Finding Your Roots." He is an Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, literary scholar, journalist and cultural critic who has authored or p.m. and requires advance regco-authored 24 books and cre- istration. To sign up visit: beav. ated 21 documentary films.

"We are thrilled to be hosting Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. as mentary series, "The African one of our speakers this year," Americans: Many Rivers to said Edward Feser, provost Cross," which he wrote, exand executive vice president at ecutive produced and hosted, Oregon State. "Dr. Gates' lit- earned the Emmy Award for erary criticism, scholarly and Outstanding Historical Propopular writing, and teaching gram-Long Form, as well as - the latter via the classroom the Peabody Award, Alfred I. as well as television and film duPont-Columbia Universi-- has contributed immensely ty Award and NAACP Image to the recognition and under- Award. standing of African American literature, history and culture. history series, "Reconstruc-His insights on the collapse of tion: America after the Civil

talk Nov. 9 as part of Oregon our ongoing OSU community State University's Provost Lec- conversation and commitment to advancing racial equity and

> The free lecture, "The Collapse of Reconstruction and the Roots of White Supremacy," will take place from 5:30 to 7 es/provost-lecture.

Gates's six-part PBS docu-

His latest projects are the

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