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**OUTREACH CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC WORK OF THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

Dr. David Scobey, chairman of the National Advisory Board of Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life, will speak on Tuesday, February 19, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 202 of Foy Student Union.

Speaking on “The Arts of Citizenship in a Diverse Democracy: The Public Work of the Arts and Humanities,” Scobey will discuss two crises facing higher education: the public’s understanding of universities as “ivory towers” and the lack of civic participation and education of college students. He will address the emphasis on civic engagement in higher education and what universities are doing to bring themselves back into the community.

David Scobey is the Donald W. and Ann M. Harward Professor of Community Partnerships and the inaugural director of the Harward Center for Community Partnerships at Bates College in Lewiston, ME. Scobey holds a B.A. (summa cum laude) in English Language and Literature from Yale University, a Diploma in Social Anthropology from Oxford University and a doctorate from Yale’s Program in American Studies. He is the author of *Empire City: The Making and Meaning of the New York City Landscape* (Temple University Press, 2002) and numerous articles on 19<sup>th</sup>-century U.S. cultural and urban history. He is a Rhodes Scholar and has held a senior research fellowship at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History.

Imagining America is a national consortium of colleges and universities committed to public scholarship in the arts, humanities and design. With a mission to make public scholarship an important and legitimate enterprise in higher education, the consortium includes more than 70 universities across the nation, including Auburn University.

The lecture is sponsored by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities and the Dean’s office in the College of Liberal Arts. For more information, contact the Center at 334-844-4946.