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HILL TO SPEAK ON IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKERS FOR DISCOVER AUBURN SERIES

Dr. Geoffrey Hill, Scharnagel Professor of Biology at Auburn University and author of *Ivorybill Hunters: The Search for Proof in a Flooded Wilderness*, will speak on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, at 3 p.m. in the Special Collections and Archives Department of Ralph Brown Draughon Library.

Hill's talk is the second program in this year's "Discover Auburn" series, which features programs on AU research, history and other topics of interest. The series is co-sponsored by the Auburn University Libraries, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and the Auburn University Bookstore.

*Ivorybill Hunters* tells the story of how Hill and two of his colleagues stumbled upon what may be a breeding population of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers, long thought to be extinct, in the swamps of northern Florida. Written like a detective story, the book delves into the science behind the rediscovery of a species, explaining how professional ornithologists follow up on a sight record of a rare bird and how this differs from the public's perception of how scientists actually work.

Other "Discover Auburn" programs scheduled for the fall include Gary Mullen on naturalist and artist Philip Henry Gosse on Oct. 4 and Lynn Williams on Alabama printmakers on Nov. 7.

A reception will follow the program, and copies of *Ivorybill Hunters* will be available for purchase and signing. For more information on the program and the series, contact the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center at 334-844-4946.

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