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MULLEN TO SPEAK ON 19th-CENTURY NATURALIST FOR DISCOVER
AUBURN SERIES

Dr. Gary Mullen, Professor of Entomology at Auburn University, will speak on the life and work of 19th-century naturalist and artist Philip Henry Gosse on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 3 p.m. in the Special Collections and Archives Department of Ralph Brown Draughon Library.

Mullen's talk is part of the "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.

While a young man, Gosse, a native of England, was lured to Alabama by the prospects of collecting new and interesting insects and seeing firsthand the biologically rich American frontier. He spent a brief but very formative time in the Black Belt region of Dallas County in the 1830s, where he studied and beautifully illustrated Alabama insects and flora.

The last "Discover Auburn" program scheduled for the fall will be Lynn Williams' lecture on Alabama printmakers on Nov. 7.

A reception will follow the program. For more information on the program and the series, contact the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center at 334-844-4946.

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