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**Professor to Speak on “The Role of the Griot in Africana Literature” as Part of Discover Auburn Series**

Dr. Susana Morris will present a lecture entitled “Bearing Witness: The Role of the Griot in Africana Literature” Thursday Feb. 19 at 3:00 pm in the Special Collections and Archives Department of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library as part of the Discover Auburn series.

Morris is an associate professor in English. She teaches contemporary African American literature, Women’s Studies, and world literature.

Discover Auburn is a year-long series that features programs on research, history, and other topics of interest by Auburn faculty, staff, and graduates. The series will continue on Mar. 5 with a lecture by Dr. Paula Backsheider entitled “Leading the Way: Women, Poetry, and Social Movements in Eighteenth Century Britain”.

A reception will follow the program. The Discover Auburn series is co-sponsored by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University and the Auburn University Libraries. For more information on the program and the series, contact the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center at 334-844-4946.

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