

## Dr. Wilson Fallin Jr. Lecture Series

Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023

University of Montevallo Alan and Lindsey Song Center for the Arts

### 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dr. J. Drew Lanham Keynote Lecture

Rebecca J. Luker Stage in the Discover Shelby Theatre

*Welcome by Dr. Gregory Samuels, UM chief diversity and inclusion officer and associate professor of secondary education, and Dr. John W. Stewart III, UM president*

*Introduction by Kelly Wacker, UM professor of art*

### 7:30 to 7:45 p.m. — Dr. Lanham Book Signing

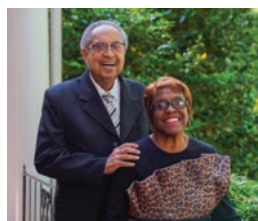
William & Jeanetta Corbett Keller Lobby



**About the speaker:** A native of Edgefield, South Carolina, Lanham is the author of “The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man’s Love Affair with Nature,” which received the Reed Award from the Southern Environmental Law Center and the Southern Book Prize, and was a finalist for the John Burroughs Medal.

Most recently, he is the author of “Sparrow Envy: Field Guide to Birds and Lesser Beasts.” He is a birder, naturalist and hunter-conservationist who has published essays and poetry in publications including Orion, Audubon, Flycatcher and Wilderness, and in several anthologies, including “The Colors of Nature,” “State of the Heart,” “Bartram’s Living Legacy” and “Carolina Writers at Home.”

Lanham is a 2022 MacArthur Fellow. An Alumni Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Master Teacher at Clemson University, he and his family live in the Upstate of South Carolina, a soaring hawk’s downhill glide from the southern Appalachian escarpment that the Cherokee once called the Blue Wall. *Photo courtesy of John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation*



**About the series:** The Dr. Wilson Fallin Jr. lecture series was established by the UM Black Heritage Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees in 2021 to honor Wilson’s lifelong efforts in higher education, the Civil Rights movement and social justice initiatives. Dr. Fallin is a UM Alum, UM professor emeritus in history, and has served the University and community for more than 28 years. The lecture series, which has been recognized by the Alabama Legislature for its importance, highlights educational and socio-cultural topics related to African American heritage, social justice and racial justice.

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