



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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NC State's Elaine Orr To Headline Friends of the Library's Fall Luncheon

Elaine Orr, professor of English at NC State, will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Library's annual Fall Luncheon. Her presentation is entitled "Kindred, Stranger: A Nigerian/American Autobiography." The event will be held at NC State's McKimmon Center on November 10, 2004, at 12:00 P.M.

Orr specializes in American literature and feminist theory and recently finished a tour for her nonfiction book *Gods of Noonday, A White Girl's African Life*. The book depicts Orr's childhood as the daughter of missionaries in Nigeria in the 1950s and 1960s during that country's struggle for independence from Great Britain. It also conveys the importance of Nigerian culture as a therapeutic influence later in her life. *Gods of Noonday* was voted into second place on Book Sense's Top Ten list of university press titles published in 2003. Orr's poetry and essays have been published in multiple literary journals. To learn more about the



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author and her book, visit the Web site at <http://www.elaineneilorr.com/>.

Another highlight of the luncheon will be the presentation of the sixteenth annual NCSU Libraries Faculty Award to Richard H. Bernhard, professor of industrial engineering in the NC State College of Engineering. The award is given to an NC State faculty

member who has contributed consistently or notably to the operation and development of the NCSU Libraries.

For ticket information, please call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841, Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. For more information on the Fall Luncheon, visit the Friends' Web site at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/friends/>.

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