

## **President's Colloquium**

President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 27, 2021

- Welcome...
  
- It is so good to be back together after holding this event virtually last year.
  
- This is an annual gathering where we can truly feel the connectedness of community...
  
- Together, we share in our pride and appreciation of the intellectual advances of our university and an especially talented member of the OU faculty.
  
- Today, we celebrate the work of Professor Timothy Donahue, an assistant professor of English. His featured work is part of a long line of scholarly work that we've celebrated in the President's Colloquium.

- In recent colloquiums, we have honored the work of....
  - Professor Daniel Clark, whose insights into American labor history inspires a rethinking of the cultural implications and accepted mythology of the auto industry.
  - Professor Jeffrey Insko, whose thoughtful examination of how history is often judged by the standards of the era in which history is chronicled helps us understand historical relativism.
  - And the work of Professor Matthew Fails, whose provocative lecture, “The High Price of Cheap Gasoline,” escorted us into the multi-layered political and economic underpinnings of the global oil industry.

- In today's President's Colloquium, we feature the scholarship of Professor Donahue, a specialist in transnational American studies.
  
- His work explores how U.S. culture relates to the world beyond our borders.
  - In this day and age, few subjects are more timely or compelling.
  
  - It is through the lens of literature that we can grasp the dimensions of American culture and it is through the incisive analysis of Professor Donahue's scholarship that we can see the common connections among cultures and peoples.
  
- And now, I'd like to invite Provost Rios-Ellis to provide us with a more detailed introduction to Professor Donahue and his work.