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**Eakin to Deliver 21st O. T. Driggs Distinguished Lecture**

*Summary:*

(September 26, 2005)-Professor Marshall Eakin of Vanderbilt University will deliver the 21st annual O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture at the University of Minnesota, Morris at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, in Recital Hall of Humanities Fine Arts. His topic will be "Does Latin America Have a Common History?"

Dr. Eakin has held the Chair of Teaching Excellence (1998-2001), has been Carnegie Foundation/CASE Professor of the Year in Tennessee (1999), a recipient of the Vanderbilt Alumni Education's Education Award (1999), the Chancellor's Cup (1994), the Madison Sarratt Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (1994). and the Jeffrey W. Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (1991), among other awards.

A specialist in 19th and 20th century Brazilian history, Dr. Eakin has published three books, *Tropical Capitalism* (2001), *Brazil: The Once and Future Country* (1997), and *British Enterprise in Brazil* (1989). He is currently writing a one-volume history of Latin America from pre-Columbian times to the present. Dr. Eakin received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas and a doctorate from UCLA.

The Driggs Lecture was founded in 1985 by history colleagues, UMM alumni, and friends of the late O. Truman Driggs, who taught history at UMM from 1963 until his death in 1989, and served as chair of the Division of the Social Sciences from 1968 to 1977. Annually, it brings distinguished visitors to UMM to speak on topics relating to history, the liberal arts or public affairs.

A panel discussion and questions from the audience will follow the lecture. Also, refreshments will be served.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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