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JOURNALIST GENE ROBERTS TO FOCUS ON THE PRESS
AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN 2008 CAULFIELD LECTURE

BALTIMORE, MD – Pulitzer Prize-winning author, journalist and professor Gene Roberts will deliver “Judging Race: The Press & Civil Rights,” the 2008 Muriel and Clarence J. Caulfield Memorial Lecture, on Tuesday, March 11, at 8 p.m. in McGuire Hall in the Andrew White Student Center on Loyola College’s North Charles Street campus.

This rescheduled address, which is free to the public, will be followed by a question-and-answer period, book signing and reception. Admission is open; no tickets are required.

Roberts and co-author Hank Klibanoff, managing editor of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for History for their book, *The Race Beat: The Press, The Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation*. Few journalists know the race beat better than Roberts, who began his career covering the issue at papers throughout the South, including the *Raleigh News & Observer*, the *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* and the *Goldsboro News Argus*.

In 1965, Mr. Roberts became chief southern and civil rights correspondent for *The New York Times*. He later served for 18 years as executive editor of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, where his staff won 17 Pulitzer Prizes. In 1991, he joined the faculty of the Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland. In 1993, he won the National Press Club’s Fourth Estate Award for Distinguished Contributions to Journalism. From 1994 to 1997, he took a leave from his faculty position to serve as managing editor of *The New York Times*.

This year’s Caulfield Lecture is part of “Judge, Judge Not,” Loyola’s 2008 Humanities Symposium. The Symposium, inspired by Shakespeare’s play *Measure for Measure*, focuses on themes of moral and ethical reasoning, which are quite relevant to Roberts’ examination of press coverage of the civil rights movement.

The Caulfield Lecture Series at Loyola was established 20 years ago by the family of Clarence J. Caulfield, a 1922 alumnus who spent 26 years as an editor at *The Sun* and was a mentor to such prominent writers as J. Anthony Lukas and Russell T. Baker. Hosted by the Communication Department, the Caulfield Lecture brings journalists and commentators of national stature to Loyola every year.

Loyola College in Maryland is a Jesuit comprehensive university comprising a College of Arts and Sciences and The Sellinger School of Business and Management. Established in 1852, Loyola enrolls 3,500 undergraduate and 2,630 graduate students from across the country.

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