

To All Faculty & Staff

Dear Colleagues,

The Eighth Annual George Goodman Memorial Symposium/Provost's Lecture Series will host a talk and book signing this week by noted author/activist Alice Walker.

An activist and social visionary, Alice Walker won the Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award for her novel *The Color Purple*, which was made into an internationally popular film and is now a Broadway musical. Her other novels include *Now is the Time to Open Your Heart*, *By the Light of My Father's Smile*, and *Possessing the Secret of Joy*. Her new collection of essays is *We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For: Inner Light in a Time of Darkness*.

Ms. Walker will give a lecture entitled: "The World Is Burning - A Meditation" this Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in Student Activities Center Auditorium. After the lecture Alice Walker will sign her new collection of essays. She will be joined by Amy Goodman, who will sign her new book, *Static: Government Liars, Media Cheerleaders, and the People Who Fight Back*.

Please note this is expected to be a popular lecture and seating is on a first come basis. Please pass along this information to any students or community members you feel may be interested in attending.

- Robert McGrath
Provost & Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs