The Liberal Arts Program presents

**Liberal Arts Guest Speaker Series**

“**Literacy and Place--What Difference Do Situation and Setting Make?**”

**Dr. David A. Jolliffe**

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**ABSTRACT INFO:** This talk will unpack several definitions of the complicated term, "literacy," and will explain how issues of place --urban, suburban, rural, industrialized, agricultural, multicultural, and monocultural--influence how people from various walks of life in these settings (a) characterize a "literate" person, (b) acquire literate abilities by means of explicit teaching and implicit enculturation, and (c) participate in literacy events in their professional and personal lives.

**BIO:** David A. Jolliffe is the initial holder of the Brown Chair in English Literacy at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he is also Professor of English. Prior to coming to the University of Arkansas, Jolliffe taught at DePaul University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of Texas at Austin, West Virginia University, Bethany College, and Wheeling Park High School in Wheeling, West Virginia. He has held visiting positions at Jilin University of Technology in the People's Republic of China and the American University in Cairo. At DePaul, Jolliffe was one of the original faculty members who taught for the Steans Center for Community-Based Service Learning, offering courses in urban literacy and tutoring in city schools. He is the author or editor of several books on the theory and practice of rhetoric and the preparation of writing teachers, and from 2003 to 2007, he served as Chief Reader for the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Examination.

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