Donald R. Haragan began his long career at Texas Tech University as an Assistant Professor of Geosciences in 1969. He advanced through the academic ranks to Professor and served as Chair of the Department of Geosciences, Associate Dean for Research and Development in the College of Arts and Sciences, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research. In 1988, Dr. Haragan became Executive Vice President and Provost. On September 16, 1996, he became the twelfth President of Texas Tech University after having served six months as Interim President. President Haragan returned to the teaching ranks in 2000, becoming President Emeritus and Professor in the Honors College. In 2003, he re-assumed the role of Interim President.

During his tenure as Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Haragan established the Office of International Affairs and the Office of Institutional Research. He was also responsible for reviving the University Honors Program and establishing the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology and the University Writing Center. His many accomplishments as President included the elevation of the Honors Program to an Honors College and the establishment of the Texas Tech study abroad center in Seville, Spain. The impressive academic improvements made at Texas Tech under his leadership have us well on the way towards attaining our goal of being the undergraduate institution of choice in Texas. In the midst of mentioning Dr. Haragan’s contributions, it should be noted that everything he does is with enthusiastic good humor and unbounded and infectious optimism.

As President, Dr. Haragan committed significant university funds to the university’s 1998 proposal to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. This tangible sign of the university’s commitment was an important factor in Texas Tech receiving the second largest grant from the Institute in that competition. The Institute’s total funding since 1992 to Texas Tech of $6.3 million together with the university resources dedicated to the program by Dr. Haragan and his successor Dr. David Schmidly, have had a significant impact upon undergraduate education in the biological sciences and precollege science education in the local and regional schools.

Dr. Haragan is a passionate believer in the value, he would say necessity, of thinking across boundaries, those of disciplines as well as those of countries. Therefore, upon his retirement as President, it seemed an appropriate recognition of his distinguished service to establish this lecture series, which will feature speakers whose work crosses disciplinary boundaries. As a first step in ensuring the continuation of this series, Dr. Haragan himself established the President Donald R. Haragan Lecture Series Endowment. Should you wish to donate to this fund, please contact Todd Rasberry, Senior Development Officer, College of Arts & Sciences, 806-742-3833.
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Monday, April 14
7:30 P.M.
General Audience Lecture

**The Common Ground of Literature and Science**

Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium, TTU Museum
Reception starting at 6:30 P.M. (heavy hors d’oeuvres) and dessert and coffee after the lecture.

Wednesday, April 16
4:00 P.M.
Research Lecture

**Taking it Personally: Doing Science in Johannes Mueller’s Lab**

Biological Sciences, Room 101
Reception in Biological Sciences Rooms 102/103 starting at 3:30 P.M.

In addition, Professor Otis will be visiting classes and meeting with students and faculty members. Contact Larry Blanton (742-8065) if you would like to meet with Professor Otis.

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