The Inaugural Lecture of James Dawes as DeWitt Wallace Professor of English

St. Paul, Minn. – English Prof. James Dawes will speak about “Making Monsters: War Crimes and Ordinary Men” when he gives his inaugural lecture as the DeWitt Wallace Professor of English at 4:45 p.m., Thu., Feb. 19, 2015, in Mairs Concert Hall, Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center & Gallery.

Dawes teaches literature and human rights and is the author of Evil Men (Harvard, 2013), winner of the International Human Rights Book Award; That the World May Know: Bearing Witness to Atrocity (Harvard, 2007), Independent Publisher Book Award Finalist; and The Language of War (Harvard, 2002).

He is the founder of the “Program in Human Rights and Humanitarianism” at Macalester. He was a Junior Fellow at the Society of Fellows, Harvard University, from 1998-2001, a member of the Editorial Board of American Literature (2007-2009), and an ACLS Faculty Fellow (2004-2005).

Dawes has written for or appeared as the feature guest on media outlets ranging from National Public Radio, the BBC, and Bulgarian National Radio to the Boston Globe, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and CNN.com. He was a Junior Fellow at the Society of Fellows, Harvard University.

He received his PhD and MA from Harvard University and his MPhil from Cambridge University, Kings College, and his BA from the University of Pennsylvania.

A reception will follow in the Lowe Dayton Commons.

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