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Provost lecture series will begin Feb. 27 at BGSU

A "Provost's Lecture Series" at Bowling Green State University will explore cultural interactions at the crossroads between social realities and cultural worlds.

The series will begin this month and feature three guest speakers on campus.

The series will include talks and events by interdisciplinary scholar and performance artist Coco Fusco; Third World scholar Barbara Harlow; and African-American cultural critic Michael Awkward.

The first presentation, "Performance and the Power of the Popular: Cultural Fusion in the Americas," will be Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Student Union.

Ms. Fusco will present a documentary history of her past, present, and forthcoming performance work. She is the author of "English is Broken Here," a collection of essays on art, media and cultural politics.

On April 4, Dr. Harlow, from the University of Texas at Austin, will address the topic of new ways of telling stories at the end of the 20th century in relation to

human rights reporting.

She is the author of several books, including "Resistance Literature," and "Barred: Women, Writing and Political Detention." The talk, "Cultural Struggles in Narrative: Human Rights Reporting and Truth Commissions," will begin at 1 p.m. in the Assembly Room of McFall Center.

Awkward's presentation on April 18 will be "Identity and Cultural Criticism: The Role of the Black Public Intellectual." He will talk in the Alumni Room of the Student Union at 7:30 p.m.

Awkward, from the University of Michigan, will speak to the ways in which our differences and similarities can connect us across communities as well as the risks and necessities of crossing borders. His books include "Inspiring Influences: Tradition, Revision, and Afro-American Women's Novels."

Receptions will follow all of the events, which are free and open to the public.

For more information call the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society at 372-0585. The institute is sponsoring the series.