



**Author Debra Dickerson Examines Racial Progress in a Post-Obama World  
at the 2007 Stanley Muroff Civil Liberties Forum**

Debra Dickerson, author of *The End of Blackness*, will discuss the current state of racial progress in America as the featured speaker in the Stanley Muroff Civil Liberties Forum. As the *New York Times* remarked about her highly acclaimed memoir, *An American Story*, "it is a startling thing to hear an American speak as frankly and un-self-servingly about race as Dickerson does."

Dickerson served as a Korean linguist in the United States Air Force before receiving a B.A. in Government & Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park. She worked as an Intelligence Officer at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where she earned a M.A. in International Relations from St. Mary's University. Later Dickerson became the Chief of Intelligence at Ankara Air Station at the time of the Persian Gulf war. Dickerson worked on President Clinton's first election campaign and spent time studying law at Harvard Law School. While at Harvard she wrote a column for *The Record*, where she discovered her passion for writing. Since then Dickerson has freelanced for the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times Magazine*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Vibe*, *Mother Jones*, *Slate*, the *Village Voice*, and many other publications. She was the National Correspondent for *Salon*, a Beliefnet.com columnist, and a Senior Editor at *US News & World Report*.

The Muroff Forum is presented by Ohio State University's John Glenn School of Public Affairs and the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. It is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and reservations are required.

**WHAT:** Stanley Muroff Civil Liberties Forum featuring Debra Dickerson

**DATE:** Thursday, May 24 2007

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Page Hall Policy Forum  
1810 College Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43210

**RSVP:** **Reservations are required.**  
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