Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Martin Chalfie Selected as Inaugural MacLeish Lecturer



The Drs. Peter and Marlene MacLeish Endowed Lectureship has been established at Morehouse School of Medicine. We are pleased that friends and colleagues of MSM and the MacLeishes have spearheaded this effort to honor two of MSM's treasures in Peter and Marlene.

Zach Hall, Ph.D., and Julie Ann Giacobassi provided initial start-up funds, and the lead gift, to create the first endowed lectureship in the Neuroscience Institute supporting basic science research and discovery. Together, with Torsten Wiesel, M.D., and initial support from friends and colleagues, over \$120,000 towards a \$250,000 goal has been contributed to MSM to establish the MacLeish Lectureship.

We are excited to announce that Martin Chalfie, Ph.D., co-recipient of the 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the introduction of green fluorescent protein (GFP) as a biological marker, has accepted an invitation to be the first annual Drs. Peter and Marlene MacLeish Lectureship lecturer. Dr. Chalfie, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2004 and currently serves as the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Biological Sciences at Columbia University.

The Drs. Peter and Marlene MacLeish Lectureship is scheduled for late March 2018, where Dr. Chalfie will deliver two lectures – a specialized research seminar for the scientific community at Morehouse School of Medicine and an evening presentation for the general public – and will also meet with members of the community, including MSM students and junior faculty.