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## The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture on Multiculturalism

PRESENTED BY

**John Edgar Wideman**

**Asa Messer Professor and Professor of Africana Studies and English at Brown University**



FEATURING READINGS FROM HIS MEMOIR

### **“Brothers and Keepers”**

He is the nation's second African-American to receive a Rhodes Scholarship and is one of the nation's foremost creative writers. A recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Foundation “genius grant,” he was the first writer to twice earn the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. His memoirs *Brothers and Keepers* (1984), *Fatheralong: A Meditation on Fathers and Sons* (1994), and *Hoop Roots* (2001) remind us that the memoir can still retain credibility in a time of controversy about the genre. Exploring his working-class roots in *Brothers and Keepers*, he provides insights on race, class, community and identity, while comparing the divergent trajectories of his own life with that of his brother, convicted and sentenced to life for a murder committed during a robbery.

**Tuesday, February 21, 2006**

**7:30 pm**

**Chafee Auditorium, Room 271**

**The Lecture is free and open to the public.**

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