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NAACP president to visit Miami U.

OXFORD — Ben Jealous, president and CEO of the NAACP, will give a lecture at Miami University on "The Civil Rights Movement and the Humanities." Jealous is the youngest person to lead the NAACP. He was appointed in 2008 at the age of 35. Jealous is a Rhodes scholar and a graduate of Columbia and Oxford universities.

During the past two decades, Jealous has worked to organize campaigns to abolish the death penalty for children and prevention of prison rape.

"Creating a just society has long been a pillar of the humanities. I am thrilled that Mr. Jealous will be here to help students connect central values of their liberal education to the real human struggle for justice and equality in the United States," said Tim Melley, director of Miami's Humanities Center and professor of English.

The lecture will take place at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, in 102 Benton Hall.

The event is open to the public, however, only 300 seats are available. The public lecture is presented by the Humanities Center, office of the president, department of history, Center for American and World Cultures and Latin American, Latino/a and Caribbean Studies program.