**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
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**MCKNIGHT-ZAME
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE**

PERSI DIACONIS

**5 P.M.
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 27**

Reception immediately following.

WILDER AUDITORIUM

Knight Physics Building, Room 112
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ON COINCIDENCE

Persi Diaconis, the Mary V. Sunseri Professor of Statistics and Mathematics at Stanford University, is one of the world's most renowned mathematicians. He has made fundamental and dramatic contributions which extend far beyond mathematics. His unusual background as a professional magician prior to becoming a mathematician led to his fascination with the mathematical study of coincidences. Diaconis was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

ABOUT THE LECTURE:
Coincidences can amaze us, affecting where we live and with whom. Diaconis will review early work of Freud and Jung, tell stories about hands-on investigation of psychics, and introduce a set of tools for thinking critically about some of the strange things that happen. Sometimes, a little skeptical thinking shows things are not so surprising after all.

The McKnight-Zame Distinguished Lecture is free and open to the public.

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