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The Millis Lecture

TUESDAY,
MAY 5, 2026

Claudia de Rham

The Beauty of Falling

*Theoretical Physicist at Imperial
College London and winner of the 2020
Blavatnik Award for Young Scientists*

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Program

University Welcome

Eric W. Kaler

President, Case Western Reserve University

Speaker Introduction

David Gerdes

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Professor of Physics,
Case Western Reserve University

Lecture

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Q + A

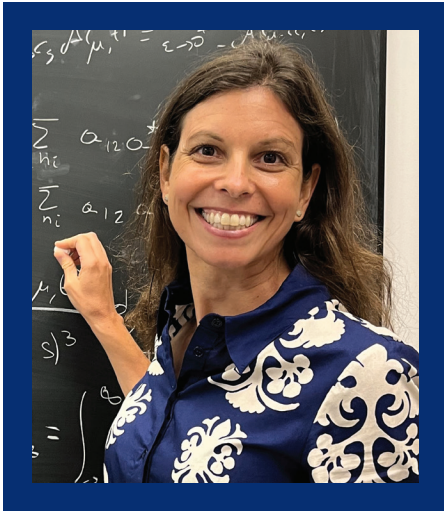
Claudia de Rham

Closing Remarks

Eric W. Kaler

President, Case Western Reserve University

**Immediately following the lecture, please join us in the
PNC Lobby for a book signing with Claudia de Rham.**



Claudia de Rham is a theoretical physicist based at Imperial College London. Her work at the interface of gravity, cosmology and particle physics won her the Blavatnik Award for Young Scientists in 2020. She is a tireless campaigner against the underrepresentation of girls in physics and frequently speaks in schools and for other organizations about diversity in the sciences.

Her book, *The Beauty of Falling: A Life in Pursuit of Gravity*, tells the fascinating personal story of de Rham's quest to gain intimacy with gravity, to understand both its feeling and fundamental nature. An aspiring astronaut whose opportunity to go into space was unexpectedly snatched away from her, de Rham has instead played with gravity as a diver, a pilot and—above all—an award-winning researcher who, in redirecting her energy towards physics, made a breakthrough at the very frontiers of gravitational science.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 4, 2026

7:00 p.m. - Bicentennial Concert with The Cleveland Orchestra
Severance Music Center

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Thursday, April 30-Sunday, May 3, 2026

The Alumni Association of Case Western Reserve University
Destination Weekend Cleveland

For details on this event and more, visit case.edu/alumni/events/destination-weekend-cleveland or call **216.368.6280**.

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:30 p.m. - The Millis Lecture
Think Forum featuring Claudia de Rham
Maltz Performing Arts Center

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