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2012-13 Speaker Series to Conclude with Mayim Bialik *Neuroscientist and Actress Currently a Star on CBS'* Big Bang Theory

St. Charles, Mo.—Lindenwood University's 2012-13 Speaker Series will conclude with this year's student choice speaker, actress, neuroscientist, and author Mayim Bialik, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at the university's Hyland Arena.

The event is free and open to the public. Bialik, initially best known for her lead role in the 1990s NBC sitcom *Blossom*, is currently one of the stars of the hit CBS show *The Big Bang Theory*, on which she portrays neuroscientist Amy Farrah Fowler. She has appeared a numerous other projects, such as the film *Beaches*, Woody Allen's *Don't Drink the Water*, and HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Other recent appearances include recurring roles on *Secret Life of the American Teenager* and FOX's *Til Death*. She also portrayed 1960s activist Nancy Kurshan in the 2011 film *Chicago 8*.

Bialik received her BS in neuroscience and Hebrew and Jewish studies from UCLA in 2000 and earned a PhD in neuroscience in 2007 from UCLA, specializing in obsessive-compulsive disorder in adolescents with Prader-Willi syndrome. She is the celebrity spokesperson for the Holistic Moms Network, a national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting holistic and green parenting and living.

Bialik has two sons, is a certified lactation educator counselor, and is devoted to a lifestyle of attachment parenting, homeschooling, natural family living, and vegan cooking. She is the co-founder and chair of the youth branch of the Jewish Free Loan Association (Genesis) and enjoys speaking on a variety of topics, including her journey to embracing traditional Jewish values. In 2012, she released a book on holistic parenting titled *Beyond the Sling*.

For more information about the 2012-13 Lindenwood University Speaker Series, visit www.lindenwood.edu/speakerseries.

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