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Join us for our 25th
Anniversary Lecture!
Dr. Os Guinness,
April 27

Upcoming Events Spring 2007

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

For confirmations of lecture times and locations, be sure to check out www.maclaurin.org or call 612-378-1935.

January 19, 2007

Fifth Annual Faith and Bioethics Lecture, *End of Life Care: Autonomy, Futility, and Knowing Where to Draw the Line*, Dr. Robert Orr, (Director of Clinical Ethics at The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity and Director of Ethics at Fletcher Allen Health Care and the University of Vermont College of Medicine), noon, Room 1-450G, Moos Tower

February 1, 2007

Women in the Great Missionary Movements: What God Did for Women That Plato Never Could, Dr. Mimi Haddad, Christians for Biblical Equality, 7:00 p.m., Room 140, Nolte Center

February 16, 2007

Second Annual Faith and Economics Lecture, *Why Trade Matters to the Poor*, Dr. Judith Dean (International Economist, Office of Economics, Research Division, U.S. International Trade Commission), 2:00 p.m., Room B45, Classroom Office Building (St. Paul)

February 19, 2007

Symposium on Civic Engagement and Moral Education, speakers include Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff (Noah Porter Chair Emeritus of Philosophical Theology, Yale University), Dr. Richard Bernstein (Vera List Professor of Philosophy, New School University), and Dr. Mark Bauerlein, (Professor of English, Emory University and Director of Research and Analysis, National Endowment for the Arts), 2:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center

February 23, 2007

From Exile to Torture: The Global Scope of Religious Persecution, Dr. Paul Marshall, (senior fellow at the Claremont Institute and at the Center for Religious Freedom), 7:00 p.m., Room 50, Law School

March 1, 2007

Third Annual Faith and Law Lecture, *Disenfranchising Believers: How the Federal Courts' Religious Motive Test Violates Religious Liberty*, Dr. Francis Beckwith, 7:00 p.m., Room 25, Law School

March 22, 2007

Title to be determined, Dr. David Bentley Hart, Providence College (Visiting Professor, Randall Chair in Christian Culture and author of *The Beauty of the Infinite: The Aesthetics of Christian Truth*), 7:00 p.m., Room 102, Fraser Hall

March 29, 2007

I Tell You the Truth: Truth as Certainty and Truth as Mystery, Dr. Leonard Sweet, Drew University (E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism and author of *Soul Tsunami*), 7:00 p.m., Solomon's Porch (100 W 46th Street, Minneapolis MN 55419)

April 12, 2007

Turning the World Upside Down: Israel's Scripture in Luke-Acts, Dr. Richard Hays, Duke Divinity School (George Washington Ivey Professor of New Testament), 7:00 p.m., Room 102, Fraser Hall

April 27, 2007

Can Freedom Last Forever? The Cost of Forgetting the Framers' Foundational Conviction, Dr. Os Guinness, Co-founder, Trinity Forum, 12:00 p.m., (noon) location to be determined on U of MN campus

25th Anniversary Lecture: *Third Mission to the West: Challenges and Opportunities in Winning Back Our Civilization*, Dr. Os Guinness, 7:00 p.m., Bethlehem Baptist Church—Mounds View Campus (5151 Program Avenue, Mounds View, MN 55112)



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Winter/Spring 2007

25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR WELL UNDERWAY

"It's pretty remarkable that we're still around 25 years later," said Bob Osburn, the Institute's Executive Director recently as he reviewed the Institute's founding in 1982. "Why, the personal computer was in its absolute infancy."

Osburn also reflected on the Institute's Fall 2006 campus programs. "One of our highlights was the 'season opener,' so to speak." He was referring to the Pristine Harmony conference on Christianity and the environment, which brought together 120 scholars from across the USA on September 22-23. "It was thrilling to hear (keynote speaker) Cal Dewitt blend art and science with deep Christian reflection. Likewise, our closing plenary speaker showed by her own example how Christians can be constructive agents for environmental and community healing."

Osburn was referring to Susan Emmerich's efforts, as a deeply committed follower of Christ, to bring together faith communities with environmental activists around biblical texts such as Genesis 1:26 and 2:15 in order to foster environmental policymaking.



Dr. Richard Swinburne

Another strong initiative, a series of lectures on Christian faith and literature, came from the Institute's new program coordinator, Matt Kaul. The first two speakers, Anthony Esolen (Providence College, October 10) and Ralph Wood (Baylor University, November 17) gave stellar presentations that exemplify the Institute's mission to bring God into the marketplace of ideas.

The November 10 Holmer Memorial Lecture featured esteemed Christian philosopher at Oxford University, Richard Swinburne. His lecture on God and morality was a philosophy student's dream, as evidenced by the vigorous questioning by philosophy students in the audience of 250.

Upcoming lectures by Christian scholars in the Institute's 25th anniversary year range across fields

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such as bioethics (Dr. Robert Orr of the University of Vermont, on January 19), economics (Dr. Judith Dean, February 16), human rights (Dr. Paul Marshall of Freedom House, on February 23), law (Dr. Francis Beckwith of Baylor University, March 1), and biblical studies (Dr. Richard Hays of Duke Divinity School, April 12).

The February 19 Symposium on Civic Engagement and Moral Education, which will be held in Cowles Auditorium on the University of Minnesota's West Bank campus, is a first-ever event that brings together a Christian scholar (Dr. Nick Wolterstorff) in conversation with Dr. Richard Bernstein (New School University) and Dr. Mark Bauerlein (Emory University). The symposium is a serious academic effort to engage University faculty, students, and administrators as they wrestle with one of

Courses on Campus

The Institute is offering three courses this Winter/Spring. These are great classes for University students and community members alike. They meet in the evenings and are an excellent way to develop your faith in and knowledge of Christ. For complete course descriptions, please visit www.maclaurin.org/courses.php

Jeremiah the Prophet



Bruce Olson

The sessions will be Monday evenings, beginning January 8 and going through March 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the MacLaurin Institute office: 1501 University Avenue SE, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Bruce Olson (MDiv, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is the teacher.

The cost is \$100.00, which includes a workbook for the study. For more information or to register, contact Bruce at 952-471-0401 or at bolson431@msn.com.

academia's greatest problems: How do we develop students as leaders in civic life when the message they are learning in their courses is that careers are what count?

The year's climax will be April 27 when Dr. Os Guinness, once a protégé of Francis Schaeffer, delivers the Institute's 25th Anniversary Lecture at the facilities of Bethlehem Baptist Church's north campus in Mounds View. The festive event is being organized by Barbara Martenson, the Institute's new development director. Tickets will go on sale January 30. Be sure to reserve that special evening in order to help us celebrate 25 years of God's faithfulness.

Introduction to New Testament Greek 2

This course will meet for 17 sessions, starting Tuesday, February 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Institute office: 1501 University Avenue SE, #300, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Pete Lackey (MDiv, Yale Divinity School) is the teacher.

The cost is \$100.00 per student, plus the price of the textbook.

For more information or to register, contact Pete at 763-208-5652 or petelackey@att.net.

Intermediate Greek 2

This course will meet for 17 sessions, starting Thursday, February 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Roseville (Intersection of Lexington and County Rd. B).

The cost is \$100.00 per student, plus the price of the textbook.

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Meet the Institute staff

Matt Kaul is the Institute's program coordinator. He's a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in English. Matt will be leaving us in several months for graduate school. All the details that go into organizing a lecture, including flight plans, room reservations, hotel accommodations, lecture set-up, and a myriad of other tasks, are handled by Matt. He's an essential component of our work to bring God into the marketplace of ideas at the University of Minnesota.



Matt Kaul

Pete Lackey will be joining our staff in January. Pete will serve as a campus minister, in collaboration with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Pete brings a wealth of knowledge about theology, philosophy, and Greek and Hebrew, as well as a pastoral spirit, to the Institute. This experience will serve us well as Pete dives into the Institute's student group: Mars Hill Students. Pete will serve as the leader and will be responsible for growing and developing the group.



Pete Lackey

Barb Martenson joined the Institute last March, and it didn't take long for us to recognize the broad array of skills she possesses. She serves as the director of development and is responsible for

funding the Institute's programs and mission. Barb brings years of experience in Christian organizations to the Institute, most recently serving in the Middle East. Her skills in the creative arts have also been a great blessing to the Institute.



Barb Martenson

Scott Noble has served as the Institute's director of operations and communications since 2003. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Institute, as well as the communications component, including advertising, printing, web site, etc. -- an important component to what we do at the Institute.



Scott Noble

Bob Osburn is the Institute's executive director and has served in that capacity since 1995. Bob is responsible for the overall leadership of the Institute. This includes developing the programs for each year and other major initiatives. Bob has a strong interest in international student ministry and this has served to fuel many of the Institute's initiatives.



Bob Osburn