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"It's not too late to register for the Christianity and the environment conference!"

Upcoming Events Fall/Winter 2006-2007

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

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

October 10, 2006

Shakespeare's Tempest and the Miseducation of American Youth, **Dr. Anthony Esolen**, Providence College (Professor of English), 7:00 p.m., Nolte, Room 140

October 19 or 20, 2006

International Journalists' Forum on Intelligent Design, **Denyse O'Leary** (Canadian journalist based in Toronto and author of *By Design or by Chance?*) and **Mustafa Akyol** (freelance journalist who has written for *The Weekly Standard*, *The Washington Times*, *National Review* and a host of others), time and location to be determined

November 10, 2006

11th Annual Holmer Memorial Lecture, *God and Morality*, **Dr. Richard Swinburne**, University of Oxford (Emeritus Nolloth Professor of the Philosophy of the Christian Religion), 7:00 p.m., Willey Hall, Room 125

November 17, 2006

Flannery O'Connor and the Fundamentalist South, **Dr. Ralph Wood**, Baylor University (University Professor of Theology and Literature), 7:00 p.m., Nicholson, Room 155

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**, University of Vermont College of Medicine (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), Moos, Room 2-620

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, Nicholson, Room 155

February 9, 2007

Title to be determined (topic: religious persecution), **Dr. Paul Marshall**, (Senior Fellow at the Claremont Institute, and at the Center for Religious Freedom, Freedom House, Washington, D.C.), 7:00 p.m., Law School, Room 25

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., Classroom Office Building (St. Paul), Room B35

March 1, 2007

Third Annual Faith and Law Lecture, *Title to be determined*, **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 pm; Nicholson, Room 155

April 12, 2007

Title to be determined (topic: biblical scholarship), **Dr. Richard Hays**, Duke Divinity School (George Washington Ivey Professor of New Testament), 7:00 p.m., Nicholson, Room 275

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THE MacLaurin INSTITUTE

Famous Philosopher Helps Launch Institute's 25th Anniversary Year

Ranking among the world's leading Christian philosophers (along with Drs. Alvin Plantinga and Nicholas Wolterstorff, who have previously lectured for the Institute), Dr. Richard Swinburne comes from Oxford University to speak November 10 at 7:00 p.m.



Dr. Richard Swinburne

He is among nearly 20 Christian scholars who, as campus lecturers, will help the Institute celebrate its 25th anniversary year, which will culminate on April 27, 2007 with a 25th Anniversary Lecture by Christian thinker Dr. Os Guinness.

Swinburne, who is the Nolloth Professor Emeritus of the Philosophy of the Christian Religion, will deliver the 11th annual Holmer Memorial Lecture in 125 Willey Hall on the U's West Bank. The subject of his address will be *God and Morality*, which will provide a philosophical argument for why God's existence has enormous implications for the substance of moral truths.

"With Dr. Swinburne's presence, we are continuing Christian philosopher Paul Holmer's great tradition," said Institute Executive Director Dr. Bob Osburn. "Dr. Holmer sought to 'make Christian sense'—his words—of all of life. Dr. Swinburne does this so very well."

The Institute's Fall 2007 schedule actually begins September 22-23 with a conference on Christianity and the environment titled "Pristine Harmony." It's not too late to register for the conference, which has a registration charge of \$50 (\$25 for students) if registered by September 10 (\$65/\$35 thereafter), and which will be held on the U's St. Paul campus. More than 10 academic papers will be delivered by scholars from across North America, as well as plenary lectures by leading Christian environmental scholars like Dr. Cal DeWitt (University of Wisconsin), Dr. Susan Emmerich, and others. Visit www.christianenvironmentconference.net to learn more about how you can attend.

Other Fall 2006 campus speakers include Providence College's Dr. Anthony Esolen, international journalists Mustafa Akyol and Denyse O'Leary, and Baylor University's Dr. Ralph Wood.

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"As a Christian study center, our conferences and lectures are all geared to making Christ's presence felt and heard in the very center of academic life," said Osburn. "This caliber of speakers—not to mention our fabulous Winter/Spring 2007 line-up that includes Guinness—helps makes the vision a reality."

Since its founding in 1982 by Dr. William Monsma, the Institute has sponsored over 125 different Christian scholars as University of Minnesota campus lecturers, most of them since the year 2000. Lecturers have included Christian historian Dr. George Marsden (Notre Dame), apologist Dr.

Ravi Zacharias, and Dr. Philip Johnson, widely considered the founder of the Intelligent Design movement.

"We are about to begin a wonderfully historic year in the life of the Institute," said Osburn. "God has been extraordinarily gracious in giving us a place as a leading regional voice for Christian scholarship in the secular university. Our guest lecturers give witness to the transforming potential inherent within the Christian worldview embodied in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Richard Swinburne, as our Fall 2006 Holmer lecturer, perfectly exemplifies that."

Institute Welcomes New Campus Minister

The Institute is pleased to announce that Pete Lackey will join our staff on September 1 as campus minister. Pete's mission is in collaboration with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Pete brings with him a diverse set of academic as well as pastoral skills. He has a M.A. from Criswell College and a M.Div. from Yale Divinity School; in addition, Pete will complete a D.Th. (theological ethics) in 2008 from the University of South Africa.

Those enrolled in the Institute's Greek course this past year know that Pete is a gifted teacher and communicator. He has spent time on the mission field (Chad, Chile, Sri Lanka and Brazil) as well as served as co-pastor and teacher at several different churches and organizations.

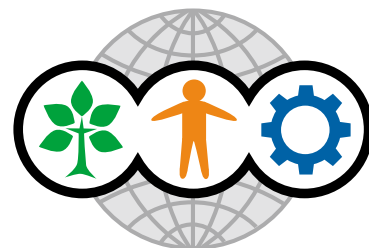
The focus of this collaboration with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is to build the Mars Hill

Student group, which has been part of the Institute for the past two years. While Pete will officially work for InterVarsity, he will function as part of the Institute's staff team and office at our location.

Pete will continue to teach Institute courses in the evening. This fall, for example, Pete will teach *Introduction to Greek I and Intermediate Greek I*. For more information about these courses, and others, please visit the Institute web site at: <http://www.maclaurin.org/courses.php>



Pete Lackey



Pristine Harmony

A Conference on Christianity & the Environment
that Seeks Balance between the Human, Engineered and Natural Worlds

Tickets: \$25 for students and \$50 for adults if registered by September 10

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Dr. John Deen Becomes New Board Chair of Institute

MacLaurin Institute: Tell us a bit about your academic background and your work here at the University of Minnesota.

John Deen: I am a veterinarian with a master's degree in veterinary epidemiology and a Ph.D. in epidemiology and production economics. I am also a board-certified specialist in swine health management. My work here at the University of Minnesota is in the College of Veterinary Medicine. I do research in pig health and welfare, and I teach veterinary and graduate students. I also work with farmers and veterinarians here in Minnesota, as well as other states and countries.

Institute: Where did you grow up and how did you become a Christian?

Deen: I grew up on a swine farm in southern Ontario, Canada. I was blessed to be in a Christian family and community that welcomed me as one of God's own children. I can't name a time when I could say that I was not a Christian but instead there were various times when the grace of God became more and more obvious and irresistible in my life.

Institute: How did you become involved with the Institute?

Deen: I met Bob Osburn as he gave a talk in a Sunday school class in my church shortly after I arrived at the University of Minnesota. I come from a Kuyperian tradition that emphasizes the integration of God in all aspects of endeavor. The MacLaurin Institute was exactly what I was looking for in helping me in creating a broad definition of my calling here at the U.

Institute: How do you see the Institute impacting students and faculty at the University of Minnesota?

Deen: I think that the MacLaurin Institute is designed to open the eyes of Christians and non-Christians to recognize God is already here on campus. We need to recognize God and His handiwork in all aspects of creation and society. We need to celebrate the beauties of the natural and man-made aspects of this world and that beauty is only truly recognized through the prism of God's grace. We need that same prism to recognize our shortfalls and methods for improvement. The MacLaurin Institute helps Christians create community to help each other and brings in a range of ideas to help us recognize the grace and will of God in further glorious detail.



Dr. John Deen

Institute: What challenges are there for Christians as they enter the academy?

Deen: Following on the previous point, there is a tendency to box God in to a narrow range of moral issues, if there is any room for God at all. We end up with a God of a narrow worldview, a God of Sundays or a God of religiosity, rather than a God of life. I used to think that the challenge to Christians was to change the academy to accept a broader Christian worldview, but I don't anymore. Creating a cogent and integrated Christian worldview is hard work, demanding a broad study and relies on a strong community. I think that Christians are attracted to a narrow dualistic worldview because it is easier, and too often we slip into a comfortable dualism between our Christian activities and our academic activities. The challenge is to create a mutual discipline among Christians to taste and see our God in labs, lectures and literature.

MacLaurin Conferences and Special Events

September 22-23, 2006

Pristine Harmony: Finding Balance Between the Natural, Human and Engineered Worlds, speakers include **Dr. Rolf Bouma** (University of Michigan), **Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger** (Hope College), **Dr. Cal DeWitt** (University of Wisconsin) and **Dr. Susan Drake Emmerich** (Emmerich Environmental Consulting), University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus (Borlaug Hall). **Registration is \$50 for adults and \$25 for students if registered by September 10; \$65 for adults and \$35 for students thereafter.**

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), tentative time is 2:00 p.m., and tentative location is Cowles Auditorium in the Humphrey Center.

April 27, 2007

25th Anniversary Lecture, Title to be determined, **Dr. Os Guinness**, (Co-founder of the Trinity Forum), 7:00 p.m., location to be determined.

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