

THE FUTURE OF CREATION 2010

FOUNDATIONS FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD



Chaired by Ben Stewart and Gayle Woloschak

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, February 2 through May 4, 2010

Common Room 350, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615

To live faithfully in today's world, we need to face today's problems. At the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), we believe that community coalitions—between scientists and people of faith, between scholars of religion and leaders of religious communities—are necessary to forge a better world. “The Future of Creation: Foundations for a Just and Sustainable World” addresses one key element in making a better world: developing effective, equitable, and sustainable responses to environmental degradation. Through the Future of Creation course, we invite you to learn, reflect, and act in response to today's and tomorrow's environmental crises—informed by contemporary scientific insights, guided by critical religious perspectives, and trained in practical public strategies.

Offered by the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), the Future of Creation course is designed as a graduate-level seminary course and public lecture series. All lectures are free and open to the public. Course credit is available via registration through the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) or cross-registration through member schools of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS); the course number is LSTC T/B/I-400. For more information about ZCRS, please visit www.zygoncenter.org, email zcrs@lstc.edu, or call 773-256-0670.

Ecology: Introduction and Scientific Backgrounds

February 2 (6:30 PM) **Introduction to the Course:** Ben Stewart, *liturgical studies, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*

February 2 (8:00 PM) **Introduction to the Course:** Gayle Woloschak, *molecular biology, Northwestern University*

February 9 (6:30 PM) **Ecology and Evolution:** Gayle Woloschak, *molecular biology, Northwestern University*

February 9 (8:00 PM) **Species Diversity:** Tatjana Paunesku, *molecular biology, Northwestern University*

February 16 (6:30 PM) **Organisms and Habitats:** Linda Vick, *biology, North Park University*

February 16 (8:00 PM) **Loss of Species Diversity:** Paul Heltne, *former director, Center for Humans and Nature*

Ecological Stresses and Environmental Sustainability

February 23 (6:30 PM) **Air and Water Pollution:** Paul Heltne, *former director, Center for Humans and Nature*

February 23 (8:00 PM) **Population Processes and Extinction:** Chris Mulvaney, *science coordinator, Chicago Wilderness*

March 2 **No Lectures (Reading Week at LSTC)**

March 9 (6:30 PM) **Sustainable Strategies for a Sustainable Environment:** George Nassos, *environmental management, Illinois Institute of Technology*

March 9 (8:00 PM) **Sustainability:** Paul Heltne, *former director, Center for Humans and Nature*

March 16 (6:30 PM) **Film: “Renewal”**

March 16 (8:00 PM) **Practical Ecology and Community Witness:** Clare Butterfield, *director, Faith in Place*

Theological Perspectives and Biblical Reflections

March 23 (6:30 PM) **Theology of Nature:** Philip Hefner, *theology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*

March 23 (8:00 PM) **Old Testament Reflections:** Ted Hiebert, *Old Testament, McCormick Theological Seminary*

March 30 **No Lectures (Holy Week at LSTC)**

April 6 (6:30 PM) **New Testament Reflections:** David Rhoads, *New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*

April 6 (8:00 PM) **Ecology and Liturgy:** Ben Stewart, *liturgical studies, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*

April 13 (6:30 PM) **Joseph Sittler and Christian Theological Approaches to Ecology:** Matthew Frost, *Joseph Sittler Fellow, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*

April 13 (8:00 PM) **The Future in Review: Open Questions:** Ben Stewart, *liturgical studies, LSTC*

April 20 (7:00 PM) **Luther, the Word, and Nature: The Ambiguities and the Promise:** H. Paul Santmire, *theology, recipient of the 2010 Confessor of Christ Award from LSTC*

April 27 (6:30 PM) **Interfaith Perspectives on Environmental Justice and Sustainability:** speakers TBA

May 4 (6:30 PM) **Student Project Presentations**

About the Future of Creation Course

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Learn from leading scientists as they explain ecological systems and environmental threats. Find out more about how human action contributes to environmental degradation.

Reflect on your responsibilities to the care of creation with help from theologians and biblical scholars. Consider new interpretations of the ways that our religious traditions guide us to respond to environmental crises.

Act to improve environmental stewardship in your community. Learn and apply strategies for community and parish-based action developed by experienced organizers.

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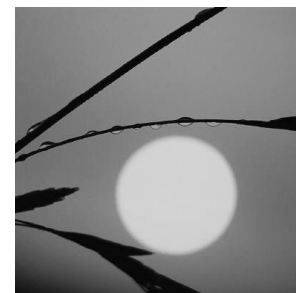


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