

SUMMER SYMPOSIUM: RELIGION AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR CLERGY, LAY LEADERS, AND SEMINARY FACULTY
BRINGING TOGETHER SCIENCE, THEOLOGY, AND ETHICS

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TUESDAY, JUNE 5

11:30am-1:00pm

Registration and Lunch

Registration in Sarah Smith Gallery

Lunch in the Common Room

1:00-1:15pm

Welcome

Marquand Chapel

Joseph Britton, Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale Divinity School

Peter Crane, Dean of Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

Rev. Nicholas Porter, Trinity Church, Southport CT

Sharon Kugler, Yale University Chaplain

1:15-1:45pm

Overview of Symposium

Marquand Chapel

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale, YDS & Yale FES

John Grim, Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale, YDS & Yale FES

Willis Jenkins, Yale Divinity School

1:45-3:15pm

Engaged Initiatives

Marquand Chapel

Greening of Seminaries:

Laurel Kearns, Drew Theological School

Beth Norcross, Wesley Theological Seminary

Greening of Yale Divinity School

Melissa Goodall, Yale Office of Sustainability

Russ Powell, Yale Divinity School, Class of 2012

Troy Savage, FES & YDS, Class of 2013

Greening of Denominations:

Jeanie Graustein, *Roman Catholic Church*

Michael Schut, *Episcopal Officer for Environmental and Economic Affairs*

Barbara Rossing, *Lutheran Church*

Jim Antal, *United Church of Christ*

Mary Gorham, *Society of Friends*

3:15-3:45pm

Break

Common Room

3:45-4:15pm

New Course Initiative Between FES and YDS: Ecosystems, Biodiversity, and Ethics

Marquand Chapel

Os Schmitz, *Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies*

Willis Jenkins, *Yale Divinity School*

4:15-4:45pm

Break

Common Room

4:45-5:45 pm

New Wineskins for New Wine

Marquand Chapel

Larry Rasmussen, *Union Theological Seminary, Emeritus*

5:45-6:00pm

Contemplative Closing of the Day

Marquand Chapel

6:00-7:15pm

Dinner

Common Room

7:30pm

Film screening: *Journey of the Universe*

Niebuhr Hall

Film will be followed by a discussion with John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker on the theological background of *Journey of the Universe*: Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Berry

<http://journeyoftheuniverse.org>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

8:15-8:45am

Welcome and centering
Marquand Chapel

9:00-9:30am

Science of Climate Change
Marquand Chapel

Nadine Unger, *Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies*

9:30-10:00am

U.S. Opinions on Climate Change
Marquand Chapel

Geoff Feinberg, *Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies*

10:00-10:30am

Coffee Break
Common Room

10:30-11:45am

Responses to Climate Change
Marquand Chapel

Willis Jenkins, *Yale Divinity School*

Laurel Kearns, *Drew Theological School*

Janet Parker, *Pastor for Parish Life, Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ*

Donald Lehr, *Nolan Lehr Group, NGO consultant in UN climate change negotiations*

Tom Carr, *Interfaith Eco-justice Network*

11:45am-1:00pm

Lunch
Common Room

1:00-1:30pm

Toxicities
Marquand Chapel

John Wargo, *Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies*

1:30-2:45pm

Ethical Responses
Marquand Chapel

Water Issues:

Christiana Peppard, *Yale PhD '10, Theology Department, Fordham University*

Environmental Justice:

Amity Doolittle, *Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies*

Mark Wallace, *Swarthmore College*

2:45-3:15pm

Coffee Break
Common Room

3:15-4:30pm

Biblical Eco- Hermeneutics
Marquand Chapel

Barbara Rossing, *Lutheran School of Theology*

Christian Environmental Stewardship: Logic and Limits

Fred Simmons, *Yale Divinity School*

4:30-6:00pm

Student Responses and Projects
Marquand Chapel

Andrew Barnett, Yale FES & YDS, Class of 2012

“Local Climate Solutions: Big Enough to Matter and Small Enough to Manage”

Steve Blackmer, Yale FES & YDS, Class of 2012

“Wonder, Love and Praise: Re-Rooting the American Environmental Movement”

Michelle Lewis, Yale FES & YDS, Class of 2012

“The Environment and Race in America: Perceptions, Realities, and What it Means to the Modern Environmental Movement”

Russ Powell, YDS, Class of 2012

“‘Whatever Is, Is Good’: Theocentrism as an Ecological Hermeneutic”

Matthew Riley, YDS 2008, Doctoral candidate Drew University

“Rethinking Lynn White: Christianity, Creatures, and Democracy”

Nathan Rutenbeck, FES & YDS, Class of 2012

“The Ends of Nature: Teleology in the Environmental Sciences”

Troy Savage, FES & YDS, Class of 2013

“Consider the Lilies – Christian Hope for the Environment”

6:00-9:00pm

Reception and Dinner, Hosted by Berkeley Divinity School
Common Room

9:00-9:45pm

Film Screening: *The Fire Inside: Place, Passion and Planetary Healing*
Niebuhr Hall

Introduction by filmmakers Rebecca Kneale Gould (Middlebury College) and Phil Walker (Jump\Cut Productions)

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

8:30-10:30am

Practice of Greening the Churches

Marquand Chapel

Fletcher Harper, *GreenFaith*

Stephanie Johnson M DIV'10, STM '12, *Energy Stewardship Ministry for New England Episcopal Church, Food & Faith Program Coordinator for Diocese of New York*

10:30-10:45am

Break

Common Room

10:45am-12:00pm

Preaching

Marquand Chapel

Thomas Troeger, *Yale Divinity School*

12:00-1:00pm

Lunch

Common Room

1:00-2:15pm

Liturgy

Marquand Chapel

Maggi Dawn, *Yale Divinity School*

Andrew Barnett and the Theodicy Jazz Collective, *Yale Divinity School*