Summer Symposium: Religion and Environmental Stewardship
Environmental Education for Clergy, Lay Leaders, and Seminary Faculty
Bringing Together Science, Theology, and Ethics

June 5-7, 2012
Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven CT

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Cost for participants in the symposium will be $100
Full-time students may attend free of charge, but must still register in advance

Tuesday, June 5

11:30am-1:00pm  Registration and Lunch

1:00-1:15pm  Welcome:
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:
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale, YDS & FES
John Grim, Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale, YDS & FES
Willis Jenkins, Yale Divinity School

1:45-3:15pm  Engaged Initiatives:
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
Greening of Denominations:
Jeanne 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

3:45-4:15pm  New Course Initiative Between FES and YDS: Ecosystems, Biodiversity, and Ethics
Os Schmitz, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies
Willis Jenkins, Yale Divinity School

4:15-4:45pm  Break

4:45-5:45 pm  New Wineskins for New Wine
Larry Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary, Emeritus

5:45-6:00pm  Contemplative Closing of the Day

6:00-7:15pm  Dinner

7:30pm  Film screening: Journey of the Universe

Follow-up discussion/panel with John Grim, Mary Evelyn Tucker, on the theological background of Journey: Teilhard de Chardin and Thomas Berry

Wednesday, June 6

8:15-8:45am  Welcome and centering

9:00-9:30am  Science of Climate Change
Nadine Unger, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

9:30-10:00am  U.S. Opinions on Climate Change
Geoff Feinberg, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

10:00-10:30am  Coffee Break

10:30-11:45am  Responses to Climate Change
Willis Jenkins, Yale Divinity School, Ethical choices
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

11:45-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-1:30pm **Toxicities**
John Wargo, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

1:30-2:45pm **Ethical Responses**
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

3:15-4:30pm **Biblical Eco- Hermeneutics**
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**
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

Matthew Riley, YDS 2008, Doctoral candidate Drew University

Nathan Rutenbeck, FES & YDS, Class of 2012

Troy Savage, FES & YDS, Class of 2013

6:00-6:45pm Reception
Thursday, June 7

8:30-10:30am  **Practice of Greening the Churches**
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

10:30-10:45  Break

10:45-12:00  **Preaching**
Thomas Troeger, Yale Divinity School

12:00-1:00pm  Lunch

1:00pm-2:15  **Liturgy**
Maggi Dawn, Yale Divinity School
Andrew Barnett and the Theodicy Quartet, Yale Divinity School