

Renewing Hope: Pathways of Religious Environmentalism

Yale University

February 28-March 2, 2008

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Thursday, February 28

3:00 Shuttle departs Courtyard by Marriott for YDS
3:15 Shuttle departs Omni for YDS (time approximate)
3:30 Shuttle departs New Haven Hotel for YDS (time approximate)

(Shuttle will make a second run, leaving the Courtyard by Marriott at approximately 3:50 p.m.)

3:30 pm - 6:30 pm Conference Registration
(Sarah Smith Gallery)

4:00 pm-5:00 p.m. Bookstore event:
Laurel Kearns and **Catherine Keller** (Drew Theological School), co-editors of *Ecospirit: Religions and Philosophies for the Earth* (June 2007, Fordham U. Press)
(Yale Divinity Student Book Supply)

4:15 pm-6:00 pm Graduate & Faculty Forum:
Religion, Science & Technology: *Encountering the Environment*

Yale students and faculty will present unpublished papers, research, and works in progress.

Hosted by the **Yale Divinity School Initiative in Religion, Science, & Technology**
(RSV Room)

5:00-6:30 pm Reception
(Common Room)

6:30 pm Introduction and welcome from:
Harold Attridge, Dean of Yale Divinity School
Margaret Farley, Yale University

Evening lecture:
"A New Climate for Theology: God, the World, and Global Warming"
Sallie McFague, Vancouver School of Theology
(Marquand Chapel; lecture will be simulcast in Niebuhr Hall to accommodate overflow)

Please note that this event is open to the public and seating in the chapel is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please arrive early

8:45 Shuttle departs YDS for downtown hotels

(Shuttle will make a second run, departing YDS at approximately 9:35 pm)

Friday, February 29

8:00 Shuttle departs Courtyard by Marriott for YDS
8:15 Shuttle departs Omni for YDS (time approximate)
8:30 Shuttle departs New Haven Hotel for YDS (time approximate)

(The shuttle will make a second run to all 3 hotels, departing the Courtyard by Marriott at approximately 8:50 am)

8:00 am - 1:30 pm Conference Registration
(Sarah Smith Gallery)

9:00 am - 10:15 am Open discussion on the *Greening of Seminaries*
Led by **The Green Seminary Initiative**

Facilitators:

Rick Clugston, Earth Charter Initiative; Food, Farming, and Faith Project of the
Humane Society of the United States

Dieter Hessel, Program on Ecology, Justice, and Faith

Laurel Kearns, Drew Theological School

Beth Norcross, Wesley Theological Seminary
(RSV Room)

10:30 am-11:15 am YDS Daily Chapel service: Friday Eucharist

Sermon to be delivered by **Rev. Dr. Janet Parker**, Pastor for Parish Life at Rock Spring
Congregational United Church of Christ, Arlington, VA, and the NCCC Eco-justice
Sermon Award winner
(Marquand Chapel; will be simulcast in Niebuhr Hall to accommodate overflow)

Chapel Coffee Break in Common Room following the service

*Many thanks to the YDS chapel staff for welcoming our guests to their daily service and coffee
break*

11:15 am-1:15 pm Greening of Seminaries Steering Committee meeting
Committee members will receive details in advance
(Jonathan Edwards Dining Room)

12:00 Shuttle departs Courtyard by Marriott for YDS
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12:30 Shuttle departs New Haven Hotel for YDS (time approximate)

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12:00 pm-1:00 pm Lunch
(Niebuhr Hall)

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Opening Comments:

James Gustave Speth, Dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

Joseph Britton, Dean of Berkeley Divinity School

David H. Smith, Director of the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

Donald Green, Director of the Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies

(Marquand Chapel; will be simulcast in Niebuhr Hall to accommodate overflow)

2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Now?

Panel: *Reflections on the Past 20 Years of Religious Environmentalism: Where Are We*

Chair: **John Grim**, Yale University

Carla Valentine Pryne, Co-founder Earth Ministry Seattle

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

Calvin DeWitt, University of Wisconsin, Madison

(Marquand Chapel; will be simulcast in Niebuhr Hall to accommodate overflow)

4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Viewing of the documentary:

When Heaven Meets Earth: Faith and Environment in the Chesapeake Bay

By **Susan Drake Emmerich**,

Director of the Creation Care Program of the Center for Law and Culture

(Niebuhr Hall)

Also available:

Divinity School Campus Tours (including solar panels, weather permitting)

Led by YDS students

(Meet outside entrance to Marquand Chapel)

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Evening Reception

(Common Room)

6:30 pm

Screening of:

Renewal: Inspiring Stories from America's Religious Environmental Movement

With opening comments by filmmakers **Marty Ostrow** and **Terry Kay Rockefeller**

(Niebuhr Hall; overflow will be accommodated in the ISM Great Hall)

8:45 pm

Shuttle departs YDS for downtown hotels

(Shuttle will make a second run, departing YDS at approximately 9:35 pm)

Saturday, March 1

The ISM Great Hall will be available from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. as a contemplative space for conference participants. Background images, music and meditative texts will come from the new CD-ROM "Ocean Psalms" (by Teresa Berger, Institute of Sacred Music & Yale Divinity School, and Lorna Collingridge, MysticWaters Media) which invites people into the world of maritime mystery as a way of deepening the life of the spirit.

7:30

Shuttle departs Courtyard by Marriott for YDS

7:45

Shuttle departs Omni for YDS (time approximate)

8:00

Shuttle departs New Haven Hotel for YDS (time approximate)

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7:30 am – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

(Common Room)

- 7:45 am - 8:45 am Shabbat Service
(Nouwen Prayer Chapel)
- 9:00 am -9:30 am Opening Comments:
Mary Evelyn Tucker and **John Grim**, Yale University
(Marquand Chapel; will be simulcast in Niebuhr Hall to accommodate overflow)
- 9:30 am – 11:00 am Panel: *Reflections on the Renewal film*

Chair: **Mary Evelyn Tucker**, Yale University

Stephen Kellert, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies
Ellen Bernstein, Hebrew College
Willis Jenkins, Yale Divinity School
Mohamad A. Chakaki, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies Alumnus
Kenneth Kraft, Lehigh University
(Marquand Chapel; will be simulcast in Niebuhr Hall to accommodate overflow)
- 11:00-11:30 am Coffee Break
(Common Room)
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Breakout sessions:
Case studies of grassroots religious environmentalism

Indigenous Traditions
Facilitators:
John Grim, Yale University
Frederique Apffel-Marglin, Smith College
(Latourette Hall)

Hinduism
Facilitators:
Kelly Alley, Auburn University
Christopher Key Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
David Haberman, University of Indiana
(Bushnell, S100)

Buddhism
Facilitators:
Christopher Ives, Stonehill College
Kenneth Kraft, Lehigh University
(Jonathan Edwards Dining Room)

Judaism
Facilitators:
Larry Troster, GreenFaith
Arthur Waskow, Shalom Center
(Refectory)

Islam
Facilitators:
Mohamad A. Chakaki, Yale FES Alumnus
Tarek Elgawhary, Princeton University
(Wood Seminar Room, S117)

Catholic

Facilitators:
Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University
Stephen Scharper, University of Toronto
John Rausch, Glenmary Home Missioners
(Marquand Chapel)

Protestant

Facilitators:
Fletcher Harper, GreenFaith
Nancy Wright, Ascension Lutheran Church
(Niebuhr Hall)

Evangelical

Facilitators:
Peter Illyn, Restoring Eden
Matthew Sleeth, Executive Director, Blessed Earth
(RSV Room)

Inter-religious dialogue

Facilitators:
John Berthrong, Boston University
Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary
Kusumita Pedersen, St. Francis College
(S104 Seminar Room)

1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Lunch
(Common Room; additional seating available in Refectory)

YDS and FES alumni interested in discussing the formation of a Special Interest Group (SIG), and further networking possibilities beyond the conference, will meet over lunch in the Refectory

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Breakout sessions:
Themes in religious environmentalism

Animals

Facilitators:
Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University
Paul Waldau, Tufts University
(S101 Seminar Room)

Earth Charter

Facilitators:
Rick Clugston, Earth Charter Initiative; Food, Farming, and Faith Project of the Humane Society of the United States
Nicholas Robinson, Pace University School of Law, Yale University
(Jonathan Edwards Dining Room)

Ecodesign and Restoration

Facilitators:
Stephen Dunn, University of Toronto
Jonathan Rose, Planner and Developer, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies Leadership Council
Gretel Van Wieren, Yale University

(Wood Seminar Room, S117)

Ecofeminism

Facilitators:

Heather Eaton, St. Paul University, Ottawa

Lois Lorentzen, University of San Francisco
(Bushnell, S100)

Ecojustice

Facilitators:

Dieter Hessel, Program on Ecology, Justice, and Faith

Mark Wallace, Swarthmore College
(S104 Seminar Room)

Energy and Climate Change

Facilitators:

Katy Hinman, Georgia Interfaith Power and Light

William Somplatsky-Jarman, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
(Niebuhr Hall)

Food and Farming

Facilitators:

Christine Gutleben, Food, Farming, and Faith Project of the Humane Society of the
United States

Whitney Sanford, University of Florida

Norman Wirzba, Georgetown College
(Refectory)

Ritual

Facilitators:

Joan Brown, Partnership for Earth Spirituality

Christine Loughlin, Crystal Spring Center
(Latourette Hall)

Water

Facilitators:

Teresa Berger, Yale Institute of Sacred Music, Yale Divinity School

Christiana Peppard, Yale University

Martha Smith, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies
(RSV Room)

Youth Education

Facilitators:

Thomas Collins, Annie Wright School

Nili Simhai, Teva Learning Center
(Library Seminar Room)

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Panel: *Theory and Practice: Ideas in Action*

Chair: **Heidi Hadsell**, Hartford Seminary

Clare Butterfield, Faith in Place

Roger Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

John Hart, Boston University

Bobbi Patterson, Emory University

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5:00 pm	-7:00 pm	Break
5:15 pm		Shuttle departs YDS for downtown hotels **Please note that the shuttle will make only one departure from YDS**
5:15 pm-7:30 pm		Shuttle will make a continuous loop between the three conference hotels
7:00 pm		Dinner: A celebratory vegan dinner will be held at the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale , 155 Temple Street Musical performance by special guest, Paul Winter Keynote Speaker: James Gustave Speth , Dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies The dinner is being sponsored by the Food Farming and Faith Program of the Humane Society of the United States based on Earth Charter principles (Omni Hotel, Ballroom, Mezzanine level)
9:15 pm-11:00 pm		Shuttle will make a continuous loop, transporting guests from the Omni to the New Haven Hotel and the Courtyard by Marriott

Sunday, March 2

The ISM Great Hall will be available from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. as a contemplative space for conference participants. Background images, music and meditative texts will come from the new CD-ROM "Ocean Psalms" (by Teresa Berger, Institute of Sacred Music & Yale Divinity School, and Lorna Collingridge, Mystic Waters Media), which invites people into the world of maritime mystery as a way of deepening the life of the spirit.

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8:00 am - 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast available Food provided by Claire's CornerCopia Vegetarian Restaurant (Common Room)
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Interfaith eco-service organized and led by Students from Yale Divinity School, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and Yale College (Marquand Chapel; will be simulcast in Niebuhr Hall to accommodate overflow)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Panel: <i>Next Steps: Ways Forward</i>

Chair: **Barbara Rossing**, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Matthew Riley, Yale Divinity School MAR '08

Joshua Ashton Hill, Yale Divinity School MAR '08

Rachel V. Holmes, Yale Divinity School MDiv, Yale School of Forestry and
Environmental Studies MEM '09

Erin Lothes Biviano, Columbia University

John Grim, Yale University

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

(Marquand Chapel; will be simulcast in Niebuhr Hall to accommodate overflow)

12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Shuttle will depart YDS for downtown hotels and will make a continuous loop between the three hotels and YDS

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Light lunch

Food provided by Claire's CornerCopia Vegetarian Restaurant
(Common Room)

1:30 pm

Conference closes

The Renewing Hope conference wishes to thank our generous sponsors:

The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale University
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