

Brief Joint Bio

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim co-direct the [Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology](#). Together they organized ten courses and edited ten volumes on World Religions and Ecology at Harvard from 1996-1998. They wrote *Ecology and Religion*, edited *The Routledge Handbook on Religion and Ecology*, and created six online classes on Coursera titled [“Religions and Ecology: Restoring the Earth Community.”](#) Mary Evelyn’s special area of study is Asian religions, and John’s is Native American traditions. With many other scholars, they helped to create a new field of study in academia that now has 30 graduate programs in North America.

They are also executive producers of the Emmy Award winning film [Journey of the Universe](#) that Tucker wrote with Brian Thomas Swimme along with the book. Tucker and Grim are creators of three Coursera courses on the film, the book, and the cultural historian, Thomas Berry. They edited Berry’s books and wrote his biography. Their newest project to support biodiversity is the [Living Earth Community](#).

Long Joint Bio

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim are affiliated faculty with the Yale Center for Environmental Justice at the Yale School of the Environment. They direct the [Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology](#), which arose from ten conferences they organized at Harvard's Center for the Study of World Religions. They are series editors of the Harvard volumes from the conferences on Religion and Ecology.

Tucker specializes in East Asian religions, especially Confucianism. Grim specializes in indigenous traditions, especially Native American religions.

Grim and Tucker have written a number of books including *Ecology and Religion* (Island Press, 2014) and edited the *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Ecology* (2017). They are editors for the series on [Ecology and Justice](#) from Orbis Books. They have created six online courses in [“Religions and Ecology: Restoring the Earth Community.”](#)

They were students of Thomas Berry and collaborated over several decades to edit his books. They also wrote *Thomas Berry: A Biography* with Andrew Angyal (Columbia, 2019).

With his article “The New Story,” Berry was a major inspiration for *Journey of the Universe*. With Brian Thomas Swimme, Tucker and Grim created this multi-media project that includes a book (Yale, 2011), an Emmy award winning film, a series of Conversations, and [online courses from Yale/Coursera](#).

Until 2020, following in Berry’s footsteps, Grim served as president of the American Teilhard Association and Tucker as Vice President for over three decades.

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