Mary Evelyn Tucker – Bio

Mary Evelyn Tucker is co-director of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology with her husband, John Grim. They are affiliated faculty with the Yale Center for Environmental Justice at the Yale School of the Environment.

She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University in Asian Religions, especially Japanese Confucianism. Since 1997 she has been a Research Associate at the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard.


After these conferences she and Grim founded the Forum on Religion and Ecology, now based at Yale. They wrote Ecology and Religion (Island Press, 2014) and with Willis Jenkins they co-edited the Routledge Handbook on Religion and Ecology (2016). Tucker and Grim have created six online courses in “Religions and Ecology: Restoring the Earth Community.”


With Brian Thomas Swimme, Tucker created a multi-media project called Journey of the Universe which includes an Emmy award winning film, a book from Yale (2011), Journey Conversations, a newsletter, and online classes on Yale/Coursera. Tucker served on the International Earth Charter Drafting Committee and was a member of the Earth Charter International Council. She received an Inspiring Yale Teaching Award in April 2015. She has received 7 honorary degrees. In June 2019 she and John Grim received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for Religion, Nature, and Culture.