

HISTORY OF THE MONTVIEW LECTURESHIP

In 1955 America was in the midst of a renewed interest in religion. Church membership and attendance were soaring. There was an intellectual renaissance in theology led by scholars such as Reinhold and Richard Niebuhr, Paul Tillich, Martin E. Marty, Harvey Cox and Robert McAfee Brown among others.

The Rev. Arthur Miller, then Senior Pastor at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, wanted to capture some of that spiritual and intellectual excitement for our community. Thus the idea for the Montview Lectureship was born with the intent of bringing outstanding national theologians to our community to enlighten and challenge people. Over the years, Montview has attracted some of the country's finest theological minds including, John Shelby Spong, Cynthia Rigby, Marcus Borg, James Forbes of Riverside Church, NY, its first Latino lecturer, the Rev. Dr. Justo Gonzalez, Dr. John Dominic Crossan and Rev. Professor Peter J. Gomes.

While the lectureship has primarily engaged theologians, it has also brought author Ann Lamott, poet David Whyte, medical ethicists and environmentalists to present spiritual and social issues to our audiences. We hope to continue this practice.

MONTVIEW LECTURESHIPS

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| 1955 Dr. Chad Walsh, Beloit College – The Drama of the Bible | 1997 Dr. Ernie Young, Stanford University |
| 1957 Prof. H. Richard Niebuhr, Yale Divinity School | 1998 Bishop John Shelby Spong, Episcopal Bishop of Newark, NJ |
| 1958 Dr. Robert McAfee Brown – The Spirit of Protestantism | 1999 Arun & Sunanda Gandhi – Non-Violence |
| 1959 G. William Weber – The Church, God's Colony in Man's World | 2000 Rev. Dr. James G. Emerson, San Francisco Seminary |
| 1960 The Very Rev. George MacLeod, The Iona Community, Scotland | 2002 Dr. Marcus J. Borg, Oregon State University |
| 1961 Prof. James Muilenburg, Union Theological Seminary | 2003 Dr. Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary |
| 1962 Dr. Roy Fairchild, San Francisco Seminary | 2004 The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes Jr., The Riverside Church, NY |
| 1963 Dr. David H.C. Read, Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church | 2005 The Rev. Dr. Justo Gonzalez |
| 1964 Dr. Marshall L. Scott, McCormick Theological Seminary | 2006 John Dominic Crossan, Prof. Emeritus, DePaul University |
| 1965 Dr. Robert W. Lynn, Dean, Auburn Seminary | 2006 David Whyte, Poet |
| 1966 Dr. John Frederick Jansen, Austin Seminary | 2007 The Rev. Prof. Peter J. Gomes, Harvard University |
| 1967 John W. VanZanten, Presbyterian Board of Education | 2007 Ann Lamott, Author |
| 1968 Dr Edward V. Stein, San Francisco Theological Seminary | 2007 Bishop John Shelby Spong |
| 1969 Dr. Kenneth Boulding, University of Colorado | 2008 Prof. Bart D. Ehrman, University of North Carolina |
| 1971 Dr. Edward Baumann, Foundry United Methodist Church | 2008 Rev. Dr. Walter Bruggemann, Columbia Seminary |
| 1972 Dr. Benjamin Mays – Human Rights Revolution | 2009 Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, Center for Action and Contemplation |
| 1976 Dr. Eric Routley – Worship and the Facts of Life | 2010 The Rev. Dr. Brian McLaren – A New Kind of Christianity |
| 1990 Dr. Richard Austin & W. Mitchell – For Love of the Earth | 2011 Prof. Amy-Jill Levine – Sex, Lies and Theology |
| 1993 Dr. Robert Fortna, Vassar College | 2012 Marcus Borg and Carrie Newcomer |
| 1994 Dr. Joretta Marshall, Iliff School of Theology | 2013 Doug Wysockey-Johnson, Lumonos |
| 1995 Dr. Walter Wink, Auburn Theological Seminary | 2015 Fr. Gregory Boyle, Tattoos on the Heart |
| 1996 Dr. Robert W. Lynn, Bangor Theological Seminary | 2016 Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Journey to the Common Good |
| 1996 Bishop John Shelby Spong – A Believer in Exile | 2017 Dr. Theresa Fry-Brown, Emory University |
| | 2018 Dr. Elaine Pagels, Why Religion? |
| | 2019 Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Old Testament Scholar and Biblical Theologian |
| | 2022 Dr. Jemar Tisby, Simmons College of Kentucky |
| | 2024 Dr. Jemar Tisby, Simmons College of Kentucky |