

MERRICK LECTURES

Ohio Wesleyan University

The Merrick Lectures were founded by Frederick Merrick, Professor and Second President of Ohio Wesleyan University. They are in the area of “experimental and practical religion.” It constitutes the oldest running series at the University.

- 1889 Dr. Daniel Curry – First Series, March 1, 1889
 “Christian Education”
- 1889 Dr. James McCosh – Second Series, March 28, 1889
 “Tests of Various Kinds of Truth”
- 1890 Dr. R. S. Foster
 “Philosophy of Christian Experience”
- 1891 Dr. James Stalker
 “The Preacher and His Models”
- 1892
- 1893
- 1894 Dr. James W. Butler
 “Mission Work in Mexico”
- 1895-1903 Dr. George Adam Smith
 “Christ in the Old Testament”
- Dr. James M. Buckey
 “The Natural and Spiritual Orders”
- Dr. James Bashford
 “The Science of Religion”
- 1904 John R. Mott
 “The Pastor and Modern Missions”
- 1905-1906 “The New Age and Its Creed”
- Bishop Elijah E. Hoss
 “The New Age”
- Dr. Doremus A. Hayes
 “The New Biblical Learning”
- Dr. Charles E. Jefferson
 “The New Theology”

- Dr. Edwin H. Hughes
 “The New Patriotism”
- Bishop William F. McDowell
 “The New Evangelism”
- 1906-1907 Robert E. Speer
 “The Marks of a Man”
- 1907-1908 “The Social Application of Religion”
- Rev. Charles Stelzle
 “The Spirit of Social Unrest”
- Jane Addams
 “Woman’s Conscience and Social Amelioration”
- Dr. Charles P. Neill
 “Some Ethical Aspects of the Labor Movement”
- Dr. Graham Taylor
 “Industry and Religion”
- Dr. George P. Eckman
 “Christianity and the Social Situation”
- 1909-1910 Rev. George Jackson
 “Studies in the Old Testament”
- 1910-1911 Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch
 “Christianizing the Social Order”
- 1911-1912 Bishop Francis J. McConnell
 “The Increase of Faith”
- 1913-1914 Bishop Naphtali Luccock
 Bishop Edwin H. Hughes
 Bishop W. F. Anderson
 Bishop W. F. McDowell
 Rev. Hugh Black
 Dean Edward Bosworth, D.D.
- 1914-1915
- 1915-1916 Rev. George A. Johnston Ross
- 1916-1917 Dr. Charles E. Jefferson
 “What the War is Teaching”
- 1917-1918 Dr. Robert E. Speer
 “The Stuff of Manhood: Some Needed Notes in American Character”

- 1918-1919 Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick
- 1919 (May) Dr. John Kelman
 “The War and Preaching”
 Religion after the War
- 1919 (Nov.) Dr. Walter S. Athearn
 “A National System of Education”
 Problems of Religious Education in America
- 1920
- 1921 (Book lacking as none was given owing to the death of Gunsaulus who was to have given a series called “Religion in Art.”)
- 1921-1922 Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin
 “What is There in Religion”
- 1922-1923 Dr. Lynn Harold Hough
 “Synthetic Christianity”
- 1923-1924 Bishop William F. McDowell
 “Making a Personal Faith”
- 1924-1925
- 1925-1926 Dr. Johnston Ross
 “Christian Worship and Its Future”
 (Listed on L.C. card as 1926, but was given March 22-26, 1925.) (Listed in a list of Merrick Lectures as “One Avenue of Faith.”)
- 1926-1927 Dr. Oscar M. Buck
 “Our Asiatic Christ”
- 1927-1928 Dr. Hugh MacKintosh
 “Religion and Human Life” (Delivered March 11-17, 1928)
- 1928-1929 Dr. Richard Roberts
 “The Christian God” (Delivered Dec. 2-7, 1928)
- 1929-1930 Dr. Halford E. Lucock
 “Jesus and the American Mind” (Delivered Feb. 1930)
- 1930-1931 Dr. T. R. Glover
 “The World of the New Testament”
- 1931-1932
- 1932-1933 Dr. John A. Mackay
 “Wilderness Voices of Yesterday and Today” (Delivered Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1932)

- 1933-1934 Dr. George A. Buttrick
"The Christian Fact and Modern Doubt"
- 1934-1935 Dr. Robert L. Calhoun
- 1935-1936 Dr. Trumbull G. Duvall
"Great Thinkers"
- 1936-1937 Bishop Herbert Welch
"The Challenge of the Orient"
- 1937-1938 Dr. Reinhold Neibuhr
"The World of Tomorrow"
- 1938-1939 Canon Charles E. Raven
"The Gospel and the Church"
- 1939-1940 Dr. Ernest F. Tittle
"Christianity for our Times"
- 1940-1941 Bishop Bromley Oxnam
"Our Contemporary Crucifixion and Crusade"
- 1941-1942 "Bases for a Just and Durable Peace"
- Bishop Francis J. McConnell
"Fundamental Christian Conception of Man"
- Dr. John Foster Dulles
"Toward World Order"
- Dr. William Paton
"The Ecumenical Church and World Order"
- Dr. Leo Pasvolsky
"The Problem of Economic Peace After the War"
- Dr. Hu Shih
"Factors necessary for a Durable Peace in the Pacific's Area: A Chinese View"
- Dr. Carl J. Hambro
"Some Problems of World Organization"
- 1942-1943 "Christian Bases of World Order"
- The Hon. Henry a Wallace
"Practical Religion in the World of Tomorrow"
- Bishop Francis J. McConnell
"Fundamental Christian Conception of Man"

Prof. Edgar S. Brightman
“A Christian View of Nature”

Dr. Umphrey Lee
“The Spiritual Basis of Democracy”

Gonzalo Baez-Camargo
“Factors in World Order: Christianity and the Race Problem”

Prof. John B. Condliff
“Economic Freedom”

Bjarne Braatoy
“The Land and Human Welfare”

Vera Micheles Dean
“Political and Human Welfare”

Charles-Edward A. Winslow, M.D.
“The Health of the World Community”

Carter Goodrich
“Christianity and the Workers of the World”

Reinhold Schairer
“Human Character and World Order”

(Sponsored by Division of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church. Bishop R. J. McConnell presided – R. E. Diffendorfer directed arrangements)

1943-1944 “Postwar Problems”

Dr. Hastings Eells
“The Difficulties of Making Peace”

Dr. R. H. Lynd
“Power Politics and the Postwar World”

Dr. J. L. Hromadka
“The Problem of Germany”

Dr. Thomas A. Bisson
“The Treatment of a Defeated Japan”

Dr. Francis B. Sayre
“Rebuilding a War-torn World”

Dr. Y. C. Yang
“China, America’s Pacific Ally”

N. A. Atkinson
“A Postwar World Organization for Peace”

Dr. John L. Childs
“Soviet Russia and the Postwar World”

Dr. Gordon Hayes
“Economics Welfare and World Peace”

Dr. Clair Wilcox
“Competition and Monopoly in the Postwar World”

M. O. Hudson
“International Organization after the War”

Senator Harold H. Burton
“American Attitudes and Leadership”

Vera Micheles Dean
“Problems of the Small States in the Postwar World”
(Delivered before Atkinson’s lecture)

Dr. H. C. Hubbart

Dr. Gilbert H. Barnes

Dr. James Shotwell

Former President Herbert Hoover

1944-1945 Sir Norman Angel
“Present Relations Between U.S. and England”

Hans Kohn
“U.S. – German Peace”

Dr. Maxwell Stewart
“U.S. Action on Postwar China”

Robert Aura Smith
“Future Relationship of U.S. and South Eastern Asia”

J. W. Ball
“Postwar World Court”

1945-1946 Dr. Eddy Asirvatham
“India and the New World Order”

Bishop Bromley Oxnam
“Religion’s Responsibility in Counteracting Totalitarian Ideologies”

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert
“Religion’s Responsibility in Counteracting the Demoralizing Effects of War
Devastation”

Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk
“Developing Techniques Adequate to the Demands of the New Social Order”

Dr. H. R. Knickerbocker
“Two Worlds – Will They Clash?”

1946-1947 Dr. William Hung
“Social and Political Ideals of the Awakened China”

1947-1948 Dr. Arnold S. Nash
“Toward the Redemption of the University”
1. The Need of Christian Categories
2. The Christian Witness in Philosophy
3. The Christian Witness in History
4. The Christian Witness in the Social Sciences
5. The Christian Witness in the Natural Sciences

1948-1949 Dr. Gordon W. Allport (Harvard)
“The Individual and His Religion”
1. The Origins of the Religious Quest
2. The Religion of Youth
3. The Religion of Maturity
4. Conscience and Mental Health
5. The Nature of Doubt

1949-1950 Dean Liston Pope
“Christian Faith and Social Responsibility”
1. The Hour of Decision: Demands for Loyalty
2. A Divided World: Contemporary Social Conflict
3. Living in Two Kingdoms: Christian Integrity and Social Responsibility
4. One Faith: Christianity and Democracy

1950-1951 Dr. Ralph W. Sockman
“Our Faith and Our Reason”
1. What is Faith?
2. Beyond our Reason
3. Beyond our Strength
4. Beyond our Life

1951-1952 Dr. Bernard Iddings Bell
“A Plea for Constructive Rebels”
1. The Cultural Picture
2. The School
3. The Church
4. The Individual

- 1952-1953 Albert C. Outler
“Psychotherapy and the Christian Message”
1. The Practical Wisdom of Psychotherapy
 2. Allies or Rivals?
 3. The Human Quandary
 4. The Human Possibility
- 1953-1954 Howard Thurman
“Religious Experience and the Social Witness”
1. The Inwardness of Religion
 2. The Outwardness of Religion
 3. The Inner Need for Love
 4. The Outer Necessity for Love
- 1954-1955 Canon M. A. C. Warren
“Partnership – The Study of an Idea”
1. The Concept of Partnership
 2. The Theology of Partnership
 3. Partnership and the Ecumenical Idea
 4. Partnership and the Christian Mission
- 1955-1956 Eugene L. Smith
“The Christian Mission and the Making of History”
1. The Power of the Gospel
 2. You Cannot Export What You Do Not Have
 3. The Word Is Made Flesh
 4. Our Calling to Fulfill
- 1956-1957 Charles C. Noble
“Why Bother With Christianity?”
1. Christianity and Our View of Life
 2. Christianity and Our Campus Codes
 3. Christianity and Our Personal Power
 4. Christianity and Our Social Responsibility
- 1957-1958 Jerald C. Brauer
“Protestantism Yesterday and Today”
1. The Preeminence of Faith
 2. Search for Authority
 3. Worship
 4. Towards a Responsible Society

- 1958-1959 Paul Tillich
“Religion and Higher Education”
1. The Meaning and Aims of Higher Education
 2. Education and Initiation
 3. Religion and the Institutions of Higher Education
- 1959-1960 H. Richard Niebuhr
“The Responsible Self”
1. The Idea of Responsibility
 2. Response and Responsibility in Society
 3. Self in Time and History
 4. The Self in Absolute Dependence
- 1960-1961 John Herman Randall, Jr.
“The Intellectual Challenge of Religious Pluralism”
1. Language and Religious Vision
 2. Religious Symbols and the Divine
 3. Toward a Community of Religion
- 1961-1962 Philip S. Watson
“The Holy Spirit in Scripture and Experience”
1. The Nature of the Spirit
 2. The Mediation of the Spirit
 3. The Criteria of the Spirit
- 1962-1963 Dr. Will Herberg
“At the Boundary of Religion and Culture”
1. Logical Positivism, Linguistic Analysis and Religious Language
 2. Anxiety, Faith, and the Courage to Be: A Psycho-Religious Exploration
 3. Religion and the Changing Cultural Situation in Present-Day America
- 1963-1964 Dr. J. Robert Nelson
“The Integrity of Human Community”
1. Beyond Civil Rights
 2. Tolerance, Bigotry and the Christian Faith
 3. Can the Reconcilers Be Reconciled?
- 1964-1965 Dr. Schubert M. Ogden
“The Reality of God”
1. The Problem of God’s Reality
 2. The Reality of Secular Faith
 3. Toward a New Theism

- 1965-1966 Dr. Gregory Baum, O.S.A.
 “The Listening Church”
1. The Church Listening to God
 2. The Church Listening to Her Members
 3. The Church Listening to the World
- 1966-1967 Dr. Harvey G. Cox
 “A New Faith: Toward a Worldly Hope”
1. The Secularization of Eschatology
 2. The Politics of Apocalypse
 3. The Prophetic Perspective
- 1967-1968 Dr. Joseph F. Fletcher III
 “Situation Ethics and Social Concern”
1. An End To Conscience
 2. An End To Ideology
 3. An End To Human Rights
- 1968-1969 Dr. Eugene Carson Blake
 “The Relevance of Christian Faith and Life to the Real World of 1969”
1. New Trends in the Ecumenical Movement
 2. The Crisis of Faith and Meaning in the Life of Man
 3. The Christian Contribution to the World Community
- 1969-1970 Mr. Alvin A. Carmines
 “Celebration as a Style of Life”
- (Associate Minister and Director of the Arts Program at Judson Memorial Church in Greenwich Village)
- 1970-1971 Dr. Huston Smith
 “TAO NOW: The Sublime Milieu”
1. Technology as World Stance
 2. Technology: The Roots of our Crisis
 3. The Realm of the Great Infinite
- 1971-1972 Dr. Rosemary Radford Reuther
 “Women’s Liberation in Historical and Theological Perspective”
 “Foundations for a Theology of Liberation”
- 1972-1973 Mr. Howard Moody
 “Moral Issues and Public Policy”
1. Drugs: An Artificial Tragedy with Authentic Victims
 2. Abortion: Refocusing on Religious and Political Principles Involved in Compulsory Child-Bearing Laws
- (Minister of the Judson Memorial Church in Greenwich Village)

- 1974 Transition Year – No Lecture
- 1975 Jacob Neusner
“Judaism in Contemporary America”
- 1976 Robert Bellah
“Civil Religion”
- 1977 Hazel Barnes
“Classical Greek Religion in Contemporary Culture”
- 1978 John Smith
“Man and the Nature of Responsibility”
“Responsibility and Personal Identity”
- 1979 No Lecture (Lecturer Sick)
- 1980 Martin E. Marty
“The Next Turns in American Religion”
- 1981 James Fowler
“Becoming Adult, Becoming Christian: Adult Development, Christian Faith, and the Human Vocation”
- 1982 Robert Nozick
“Philosophy and the Meaning of Life”
- 1983 Gene Outka
“Logic of Moral Discourse: Theory and Application”
- 1984 No Lecture
- 1985 Kempton Hewitt
“Methodism and the Working Class”
- 1986 Robert Jewett
“Rambo’s Darkness and the Red Dawn”
- 1987 No Lecture
- 1988 No Lecture
- 1989 No Lecture
- 1990 Michael Novak
“Liberation Theology”
- 1991 No Lecture

- 1992 James Charlesworth
“Would Jesus Have Admired the Authors of the Dead Sea Scrolls?”
“The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Faith”
- 1993 No Lecture
- 1994 John Anton
“The Spiritual Odyssey in Greek Thought: From Homer to Nikos Kazantzakis and Constantine Cavafy”
- 1995 Jane I. Smith
“Muslims in America: Who Are Our Neighbors?”
“Surviving in an Alien Environment”
- 1996 Richard Olson
“New Models for Understanding Science/Religion Interaction”
“Astronomy, Astral Religion and the Birth of a Transcendent God in the Ancient Near East”
- 1997 No Lecture
- 1998 F. Forestor Church
- 1999 Bishop Peter Storey
“God and Caesar in Conflict: The Role of Religion in the Rise and Fall of Apartheid in South Africa”
- 2000 Miriam Therese Winter
“The Singer and the Song”
- 2001 Carol Adams
“The Pedagogy of Grief” (Lecture)
“The Sexual Politics of Meat” (Slide Show)
- 2002 Charles Kimball
“When Religion Becomes Evil”
- 2003 Professor Aloysius M. Lugira
“Christianity in Our Time: The Meaning and Significance of Voluntary Celibacy Today”
- 2004 Al Staggs
“A View from the Underside”
Co-sponsored with the Theatre Dept.
(November 8, 2003)
- 2005 Dr. Franklin H. Littell
“Religion in the Pressure Cooker: Christianity and Judaism under Soviet and Nazi Rule”

- 2006 Yvonne Haddad
“What Kind of Islam will America Tolerate?”
Co-sponsored with Sagan National Colloquium
(October 12, 2005)
- 2007 No Lecture
- 2008 Jason C. Bivins
“Like Beating the Dog”: Religion, Fear and American Democracy”
- 2009 Daniel T. Spencer
“The Greening of Religion: Religions’ [Re]Encounter with the Earth and Its
Distress”