

THE FUTURE OF CREATION 2011

FOUNDATIONS FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD



Chaired by Ray Pickett and Gayle Woloschak

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, February 1 through May 3, 2011

Room 201, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615

To live faithfully in today's world, we need to face today's problems. At the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), we believe that community coalitions—between scientists and people of faith, between scholars of religion and leaders of religious communities—are necessary to forge a better world. “The Future of Creation: Foundations for a Just and Sustainable World” addresses one key element in making a better world: developing effective, equitable, and sustainable responses to environmental degradation. Through the Future of Creation course, we invite you to learn, reflect, and act in response to today's and tomorrow's environmental crises—informed by contemporary scientific insights, guided by critical religious perspectives, and trained in practical public strategies.

Offered by the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), the Future of Creation course is designed as a graduate-level seminary course and public lecture series. All lectures are free and open to the public. Course credit is available via registration through the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) or cross-registration through member schools of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS); the course number is LSTC T/B/I-400. For more information, please visit www.zygoncenter.org, email zcrs@lstc.edu, or call 773-256-0670.

February 1 (6:30 PM)	Introduction: Ray Pickett and Gayle Woloschak, <i>course chairs</i>
February 1 (8:00 PM)	Introduction: Barbara Rossing, <i>New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago</i>
February 8 (6:30 PM)	Ecology and Evolution: Gayle Woloschak, <i>molecular biology, Northwestern University</i>
February 8 (8:00 PM)	Species Diversity: Tanja Paunesku, <i>molecular biology, Northwestern University</i>
February 15 (6:30 PM)	Organisms and Habitats: Linda Vick, <i>biology, North Park University</i>
February 15 (8:00 PM)	Loss of Species Diversity: Paul Heltne, <i>former director, Center for Humans and Nature</i>
February 22 (6:30 PM)	Air and Water Pollution: Paul Heltne, <i>former director, Center for Humans and Nature</i>
February 22 (8:00 PM)	Population Processes and Extinction: Chris Mulvaney, <i>science coordinator, Chicago Wilderness</i>
March 1 (6:30 PM)	Practical Ecology and Community Witness: Clare Butterfield, <i>director, Faith in Place</i>
March 1 (8:00 PM)	Natural Morality: Beyond Boundaries, Respecting Relations: James Moore, <i>theology, Valparaiso University</i>
March 8	No Lectures (Reading Week at LSTC)
March 15 (6:30 PM)	Environmentally Sound Building and Practices: George Nassos, <i>environmental management, Illinois Institute of Technology Stuart School of Business</i>
March 15 (8:00 PM)	Theology of Nature: Philip Hefner, <i>theology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago</i>
March 22 (6:30 PM)	Religious Environmental Ethics: Michael Hogue, <i>theology, Meadville/Lombard Theological School</i>
March 22 (8:00 PM)	Film: “Renewal”
March 29 (6:30 PM)	Old Testament Reflections: Ted Hiebert, <i>Old Testament, McCormick Theological Seminary</i>
March 29 (8:00 PM)	New Testament Reflections: Ray Pickett, <i>New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago</i>
April 5 (6:30 PM)	Responsibilities and Callings: Lea Schweitz, <i>theology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago</i>
April 5 (8:00 PM)	Panel Discussion
April 12 (6:30 PM)	Ecology and Liturgy: Ben Stewart, <i>liturgical studies, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago</i>
April 12 (8:00 PM)	Ecological Approaches to Creation: Matthew Frost, <i>The Joseph A. Sittler Archives at LSTC</i>
April 19	No Lectures (Holy Week at LSTC)
April 26 (6:30 PM)	Interfaith Perspectives on Environmental Justice and Sustainability
May 3 (6:30 PM)	Student Project Presentations

About the Future of Creation Course

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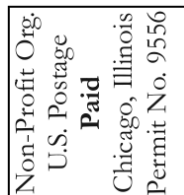
Learn from leading scientists as they explain ecological systems and environmental threats. Find out more about how human action contributes to environmental degradation.

Reflect on your responsibilities to the care of creation with help from theologians and biblical scholars. Consider new interpretations of the ways that our religious traditions guide us to respond to environmental crises.

Act to improve environmental stewardship in your community. Learn and apply strategies for community and parish-based action developed by experienced organizers.

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