

William Birkett Williams Memorial Lectures

Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

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- 1952 **Rev. Dr. James Robinson**, founder and director of Crossroads Africa Program
- October 31, 1962 **Dr. Henry Pitney Van Dusen**, President of Union Theological Seminary
- June 17, 1968 **Dr. Edwin Reischauer**, Harvard Professor of Asian Studies and Ambassador to Japan
- March 2, 1969 **Rev. Dr. James Robinson**, founder and director of the Crossroads Africa Program
- 1970 **Mr. Mark Gayn**, Toronto Star, "Asian Anticipation"
- 1970? **Mr. H. Roger Tatarian**, V.P. and Editor of United Press International
- June 3, 1971 **Dr. Kenneth E. Boulding**, economist, Director, Program of General Social and Economic Dynamics, Un. of CO
- 1971 **Lord Caradon**, Britain's Delegate to the UN, "The US and China as Seen from the United Nations"
- 1973 **Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross**, physician and author of *On Death and Dying*, "On Death and Dying"
- 1973 **Dr. Elton Trueblood**, noted 20th century Quaker, author, theologian and historian, "Renewal- Here and Now"
- September 11, 1974 **Mr. Marvin Kalb**, diplomatic correspondent, CBS-TV journalist, co-author of *Kissinger*
- 1975 **Ms. Martha W. Griffiths**, lawyer, judge, and former US Congresswoman and second sponsor of the ERA
- 1975 **Dr. Rollo May**, American existential psychologist, philosopher, theologian
- 1976 **Mr. Norman Cousins**, political journalist, Editor, Saturday Review/World, author, professor, world peace advocate
- November 2, 1977 **Mr. William Colby**, Former Director, U.S. Central Intelligence Agency
- April 24, 1977 The Descendants of Mike and Phoebe in concert, **Ms. Grace Mims and family**, music for the Black experience
- March 12, 1979 **Dr. Charles E. Silberman**, author of *Crisis in Black and White* and *Crisis in the Classroom*
- October 30, 1979 **Ms. Marian Wright Edelman**, Children's Defense Fund Director
- October 11, 1981 **Mr. Elmer W. Johnson**, member of the Board of Trustees of McCormick Seminary, author, lawyer, "Christian Responsibility for Economic and Social Well-Being"
- February 1, 1982 **Dr. Helen Caldicott**, physician, lecturer, mother, President of Physicians for Social Responsibility
- March 1, 1982, **Moorhead Kennedy and Louisa Kennedy**, Former Iranian hostage and his wife
- February 21, 1983 **Dr. Elizabeth T. Kennan**, President of Mount Holyoke College
- April 5, 1983 **Russell A. Mittermeir**, Director, World Wildlife Fund, and **Mark Plotkin**, The Botanical Museum, Harvard University, spoke and showed the film, "Cry of the Muriqui"
- 1984 **Fox Butterfield**, China desk reporter for the NY Times, discussing his book, *China: Alive in a Bitter Sea*
- October 22, 1984 **Robert W. White**, Former US Ambassador to El Salvador

January 20, 1985 **Mary Oliver**, Pulitzer Prize winning poet, read from her poems

September 15, 1985 **M. Scott Peck, M.D.**, Christian psychiatrist, author of *The Road Less Traveled: A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values and Spiritual Growth*, "Sexuality and Spirituality"

January 29, 1986 **Sir Ashley Montague**, internationally known anthropologist

March 2, 1986 **Libana**, a group of Slovenian women folk-musicians from Cambridge, Mass.,

April 26, 1987 **Mishio Kushi**, author of *Diet for a Strong Heart*

October 26, 1987 **The Rev. Dr. C.F. Beyers Naude**, South African cleric, theologian, leading Afrikaner anti-apartheid activist

April 17, 1988 **Dr. William Lee Miller**, Presbyterian minister, author, speechwriter for Adlai Stevenson

October 23, 1988 **Luis Beltran**, actor and author, and **Willis Barnstone**, eminent poet, translator and author, both of Indiana University, presented a dramatic reading in English and in Spanish of poetry

November 6, 1988 **Harrison E. Salisbury**, historian, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, television commentator, Moscow correspondent and Editor for the NY Times

October 28, 1990 **Dr. Phillip Hallie**, Griffin Professor of Philosophy and Humanities (Emeritus) at Wesleyan University, "Nazis, Huguenots, and Goodness"

February 20, 1991 **Wayne Turney**, Cleveland actor, dramatic enactment of "The Gospel According to St. Mark"

May 9, 1991 **Yair Tzaban**, **Mapam** Party member of the Israeli Knesset, "The Press for Peace"

May 29, 1991 **Ret. Rear Admiral Gene La Rocque**, Director of the Center for Defense Information

October 30, 1992 **Dr. Walter Brueggeman**, Old Testament scholar and author, "Christian Commitment in a Pluralistic World"

1993 **Jonathan Kozol**, author of *Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools*

May 7, 1995 **Rev. Al Staggs**, "View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer"

May 8, 1995 **Dr. Christoph von Dohnanyi**, Music Director, The Cleveland Orchestra, interviewed by **Rev. M. Kent Organ**, Fairmount Presbyterian's Head Pastor, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Hans von Dohnanyi and Their Roles in the German Resistance"

1995 **Dr. Amitai Etzioni**, Professor, author and founder of the communitarianism movement

May 2, 1996 **Dr. Heiko A. Oberman**, Un. of Arizona, "Martin Luther: A Man Between God and the Devil"

2004 **Dr. David Kay**, UN Chief Weapons Inspector from 1991-92, worked with the CIA and the U.S. Military in 2003 and 2004 to determine if Saddam Hussein's regime had continued to develop banned weapons.

2005 ? **Mr. Richard Clark**, former national security advisor who spoke on the false intelligence that led up to the war in Iraq

October 12, 2006 **Mary Frances Berry**, former Head of the Commission on Equal Opportunity

April 25, 2012, **Rev. Jim Wallis**, minister and founder and Editor of *Sojourners Magazine*, journalist and news commentator, "Are People of Faith Ready for Post-Candidate Politics?"

September 18, 2013 **Dr. Mimi Guarneri**, Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, founder; President of the Am. Bd. of Integrative and Holistic Medicine; author: *The Heart Speaks: A Cardiologist Reveals the Secret Language of Healing*

May 23, 2021 **Austin Channing Brown**, author, public speaker and producer, in collaboration with other local churches, "*A Discussion with Austin Channing Brown*"

August 16, 2020 **Dale Hilton**, Director of Adult and Distance Learning at the Cleveland Museum of Art, "Stations of the Cross," a discussion on religious art at the Cleveland Museum of Art

October 3, 2021 **Dr. Joshua Bennett**, Professor of English and Creative Writing and participant in Program of African and African American Studies at Dartmouth College, Hanover New Hampshire; Author, Professor, Poet, *The Sobbing School*, *Owed* and others

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