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Matthew Simpson Lecture Endowment Fund

In 2013, gifts from two Simpson employees inaugurated the Matthew Simpson Lecture Endowment Fund. Growth of the fund will secure the future of one of the college's major annual lectures. In fall 2013 and early 2014, several additional contributions added to the principal, including funds given in memory of Simpson alumnus and adjunct professor Robert Crandall '67, who died in December 2013. Currently, the fund stands at \$7,526. When the fund reaches \$10,000, we will be able to use earnings to help support the yearly lecture. Bob Lane, vice president for college advancement, is happy to talk with anyone who would like to contribute to the fund. He can be reached at 515-961-1417 or bob.lane@simpson.edu.

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The 2016 Matthew Simpson Lecture will be presented by:

Dr. David Gushee

Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Executive Director of the Center for Faith and Public Life at Mercer University

October 6, 2016

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The Matthew Simpson Lecture

Professors Roger Betsworth and Bruce Haddox, members of the department of religion and philosophy, founded the Matthew Simpson Lecture in 1980. With the assistance of the dean for academic affairs, Mel Henderson, who granted the lecture program a \$500 operating budget, the two founders were able to invite their first speaker, Dr. Stanley Hauerwas. Dr. Hauerwas' talk was titled "A Tale of Two Stories," an exploration of "being a Christian and a Texan." In 2013, several gifts inaugurated the Matthew Simpson Lecture Endowment Fund to help ensure the ongoing quality of the annual lecture and related events.

The original goal of the lectureship was to expose Simpson students to the leading thinkers in religion, biblical studies, and social ethics. Past speakers have included provocative thinkers such as the Reverend Will Campbell, a Southern Baptist preacher and a longtime civil rights leader; John Dominic Crossan, the leading scholar in the Jesus Seminar and expert on the New Testament; the internationally acclaimed theologian Martin Marty; and Amy-Jill Levine, leading Jewish New Testament Scholar.

Matthew Simpson Lecturers

1980 - Stanley Hauerwas	1998 - Richard Hays
1981 - John Dominic Crossan	1999 - Roberta Bondi
1982 - Will Campbell	2000 - Luke Timothy Johnson
1983 - John Cobb	2001 - L. Gregory Jones
1984 - John Yoder	2002 - William H. Willimon
1985 - Stephen Crites	2003 - George Forell
1986 - Martin Marty	2004 - Stanley Hauerwas
1987 - Beverly Harrison	2005 - Robin W. Lovin
1988 - Walter Brueggemann	2006 - Gregory Boyd
1989 - Dan Maguire	2007 - Pamela Eisenbaum
1990 - James Cone	2008 - Mark D. Jordan
1991 - Huston Smith	2009 - Teresa L. Fry Brown
1992 - Charles Long	2010 - Grant Wacker
1993 - Sharon Ringe	2011 - William Cavanaugh
1994 - Robert McAfee Brown	2012 - Anantanand Rambachan
1995 - Rebecca Chopp	2013 - Amy-Jill Levine
1996 - Phyllis Trible	2014 - Victoria Barnett
1997 - Marcus Borg	

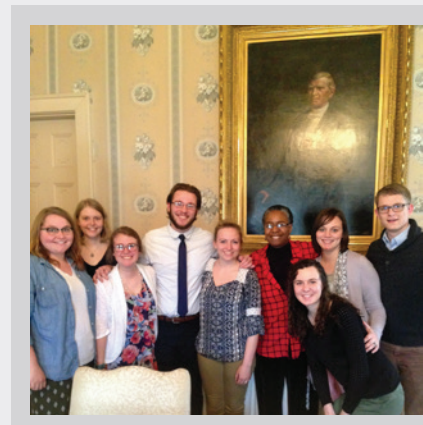
Thirty Fifth Annual Matthew Simpson Lecture in Religion

Introduction

Associate Professor of Religion Dr. Janet Everhart
Simpson College

"How Racism and Christianity can Foster Violence Against Women"

Dr. Traci West, Professor of Ethics and African-American Studies
Drew University Theological School



Pictured: Eight Simpson students with the Rev. Dr. Traci West, posed in front of a portrait of Bishop Matthew Simpson during a recent visit to Drew University Theological School in Madison, New Jersey.

Dr. Traci West, professor of ethics and African-American studies at Drew University Theological School, is an ordained elder in the New York Annual Conference, University Methodist Church. She is the author of numerous books and articles, including *Disruptive Christian Ethics*, which has been used as a textbook in several Simpson religion classes.

Dr. West's talk, "How Racism and Christianity can Foster Violence Against Women" reflects her current research interests.