
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. Since the fund's inception, additional contributions have grown the principal to its current balance of \$10,325. Since the fund has surpassed \$10,000, earnings will begin to offset lecture expenses beginning with the 2017 Lecture. As the fund grows, we hope to fully support the Matthew Simpson Lecture in Religion via this endowment. 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 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	2015 - Traci West

Thirty Sixth Annual Matthew Simpson Lecture in Religion

Introduction

Professor of Religion Mark Gammon
Simpson College

"Election 2016: What in God's Name is Going On?"

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One of the leading moral voices in American Christianity, **David Gushee**, is the author or editor of 21 books, including *Righteous Gentiles of the Holocaust*, *Kingdom Ethics* (a second edition was released in June of this year), *The Sacredness of Human Life*, *Changing Our Mind* and *Evangelical Ethics*.

His most recent book, aiming to help Christians think about American public life, is called *Letter to My Anxious Christian Friends*. It was released in August.

Gushee is the recently elected vice president of the American Academy of Religion and President-Elect of the Society of Christian Ethics. He blogs twice weekly at Religion News Service, and serves on the boards of Sojourners and the Center for Victims of Torture. He has lectured on six continents.

He lives in Atlanta with his family and is a husband, dad and grandfather.