
Matthew Simpson Lecture Endowment Fund

In 2013, gifts from two college employees established the Matthew Simpson Lecture Endowment Fund to help ensure the ongoing quality of the annual lecture and related events. In 2016 the Fund had grown to approximately \$10,900. In February 2017, a gift of approximately \$50,000 boosted the fund significantly! This fall, the Lecture Endowment Fund balance is at about \$69,000. In addition, a very generous pledge of \$100,000 to Simpson's Endowment from Dr. Bruce and Bette Haddox has earnings earmarked for the Lecture Endowment Fund. This gift, along with continuing contributions from other friends of the college, ensures the lecture and programming into the future. After tonight's lecture, we invite attendees to stay for a simple reception to honor Bruce and Bette Haddox and thank them for their generosity.

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RESURRECTING A BADASS CHRISTIANITY

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
7 PM | HUBBELL HALL

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	2000 - Luke Timothy Johnson
1981 - John Dominic Crossan	2001 - L. Gregory Jones
1982 - Will Campbell	2002 - William H. Willimon
1983 - John Cobb	2003 - George Forell
1984 - John Yoder	2004 - Stanley Hauerwas
1985 - Stephen Crites	2005 - Robin W. Lovin
1986 - Martin Marty	2006 - Gregory Boyd
1987 - Beverly Harrison	2007 - Pamela Eisenbaum
1988 - Walter Brueggemann	2008 - Mark D. Jordan
1989 - Dan Maguire	2009 - Teresa L. Fry Brown
1990 - James Cone	2010 - Grant Wacker
1991 - Huston Smith	2011 - William Cavanaugh
1992 - Charles Long	2012 - Anantanand Rambachan
1993 - Sharon Ringe	2013 - Amy-Jill Levine
1994 - Robert McAfee Brown	2014 - Victoria Barnett
1995 - Rebecca Chopp	2015 - Traci West
1996 - Phyllis Trible	2016 - David Gushee
1997 - Marcus Borg	2017 - Barbara Newman
1998 - Richard Hays	2018 - Amy Laura Hall
1999 - Roberta Bondi	

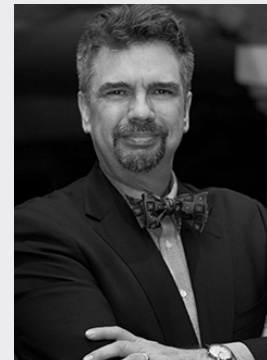
Fortieth Annual Matthew Simpson Lecture in Religion

Introduction

Professor of Religion, Mark Gammon
Simpson College

"Resurrecting a Badass Christianity"

Dr. Miguel De La Torre
Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at
Ilf School of Theology in Denver, Colo.



Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre is professor of social ethics and Latinx Studies at Iliff School of Theology in Denver. A modern Amos-like prophet who speaks out against myopic American Christianity, he has published over thirty books, five of which won national awards.

The focus of Dr. De La Torre's academic pursuit is social ethics within contemporary U.S. thought, specifically how religion affects race, class, and gender oppression. A Fulbright scholar, he has taught in Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, and Germany. He is a frequent speaker at national and international scholarly religious events and meetings, while also speaking at churches and nonprofit organizations on topics concerning the intersection of race, class, gender, and sexuality with religion. Recently, he wrote the screenplay to a documentary on immigration, "Trails of Hope and Terror the Movie," which has screened in over eighteen film festivals, winning over seven film awards.