

2025

Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science



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24TH ANNUAL

Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science

Living Well During Climate Change

Friday, March 7 – Sunday, March 9, 2025

Lectures

Speaker: **DR. SARAH FREDERICKS**

Dealing with Environmental Guilt and Shame | Friday, March 7 | 7:30 p.m.

Can We Rest During Climate Change? | Saturday, March 8 | 10:30 a.m.

Joy Amidst Climate Change? | Sunday, March 9 | 10 a.m.

COVER & BACK IMAGE

Karen Reimer

COVER: *Sources of Mercury in Great Lakes Sediment*

2020 | Embroidery on fabric | 24 x 30 3/4 in | Collection of Leslie Jones, Chicago

BACK: *Adaptation approaches.*

2020 | Embroidery on fabric | 16 1/2 x 11 inches | Courtesy of the artist and moniquemeloche, Chicago

Karen Reimer lives and works in Chicago. She received the BA, from Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas and the MFA from the University of Chicago, IL. She has worked for many years primarily as an editor for The Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago. Her work combines the traditions of minimalism and conceptual art with the traditions of decorative craft. Her work is represented by Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago and she has exhibited both nationally and internationally from Los Angeles, CA to Beirut Art Center, Lebanon. Reimer is a recipient of the Artadia Individual Artist Grant, the Richard A. Driehaus Individual Artist Award, and the (National) Women's Caucus for the Arts President's Award.

www.moniquemeloche.com/artists/54-karen-reimer/works

Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

5 p.m.	Registration	Church-Chapel, CC 306 (North Fellowship Hall)
6 p.m.	Dinner	Church-Chapel, CC 306
7:30 p.m.	PUBLIC LECTURE: <i>Dealing with Environmental Guilt and Shame</i> Dr. Sarah Fredericks Responder: Dr. Jim Stump	Church-Chapel, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

8 a.m.	Breakfast	Westlawn Dining Hall
9 a.m.	Discussion	Newcomer Center, Room 19
10:30 a.m.	PUBLIC LECTURE: <i>Can We Rest During Climate Change?</i> Dr. Sarah Fredericks	Church-Chapel, Sanctuary
11:45 a.m.	Music: The Open Fifths	Church-Chapel, Sanctuary
12 p.m.	Lunch	Westlawn Dining Hall
1 p.m.	Students-only Session with Dr. Sarah Fredericks	Newcomer Center, Room 19
3:30 p.m.	Response and discussion Responder: Dr. Luke Beck Kreider	Newcomer Center, Room 19
6 p.m.	Conference Banquet	Yoder's Homestyle Cooking 10667 W 325 N, Shipshewana, IN

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 (start of daylight savings time)

8 a.m.	Breakfast	Westlawn Dining Hall
9 a.m.	Worship and Homily Homilist: Douglas Day Kaufman	Newcomer Center, Room 19
10 a.m.	LECTURE: <i>Joy Amidst Climate Change?</i> Dr. Sarah Fredericks	Newcomer Center, Room 19
12 p.m.	Lunch	Westlawn Dining Hall

Discussions: Discussions among speaker and conference participants are the highlight of the conference and open to all registered participants.

Students-only Session: This is a session reserved for students only, which provides an opportunity for students to engage the speaker without the pressure of the larger session.

Biographies



DR. SARAH FREDERICKS | *speaker*

Dr. Sarah E. Fredericks is associate professor of environmental ethics at The University of Chicago Divinity School.

Her research and writing center on sustainability, environmental guilt, shame and justice, and the interaction of religion, science, and philosophy. She draws upon pragmatic and comparative religious ethics.

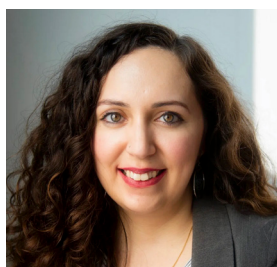
Her two recent books are:

- *Environmental Guilt and Shame: Signals of Individual and Collective Responsibility and the Need for Ritual Responses* (Oxford University Press, 2021)
- *Measuring and Evaluating Sustainability: Ethics in Sustainability Indexes* (Routledge, 2013)



DOUGLAS DAY KAUFMAN | *homilist*

Doug Kaufman is executive director of the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative (anabaptistclimate.org). For 23 years he was a pastor at Benton Mennonite Church. While preparing new members for baptism in the nearby Elkhart River, they learned that the health department advised against any direct skin contact with the water. This experience set him on a path to exploring creation care and activism around environmental issues.



CIARA REYES-TON | *worship leader*

Ciara Reyes-Ton is a scientist, writer, editor, educator, and singer-songwriter. She's worked extensively in science communication, as a writer and serving as editor for BioLogos, the American Scientific Affiliation's God and Nature Magazine and Peaceful Science. She is the founder of the Mount Carmell Worship Collective, a collaborative of creatives, artists, scholars and scientists exploring the intersection of faith, science, and the arts. She also serves as president of the Science Communicators of Faith, an affiliate group through the ASA, and teaches at Lipscomb University. She has a Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology from the University of Michigan.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of 14 of the previous conferences are now available from Pandora Press, pandorapress.com

Previous Speakers

2024	Warren Brown <i>Neuroscience and Christian Life</i>
2023	Andrew Newberg <i>The Varieties of Spiritual Experience</i>
2022	Ann Pederson and Jennifer Gubbels <i>Trauma and the Environment: How Then Shall We Live?</i>
2020	Michael Spezio <i>In Whose Image?</i> <i>Perspectives from Intersections of Brain Science and Abrahamic Mindfulness</i>
2019	Katharine Hayhoe <i>Christians, Climate, and Culture: Relationships, Tensions, and Resolutions</i>
2018	Muzaffar Iqbal <i>Islam's Quantum Challenge: Living Islam in the Age of Science</i>
2017	Niels Gregersen <i>Deep Incarnation: From Cosmos to Commitment</i>
2016	Hava Tirosh-Samuelson <i>Religion and Environment: The Case of Judaism</i>
2015	Wentzel van Huyssteen <i>Interdisciplinary Theology and the Archeology of Personhood</i>
2014	Joshua Moritz <i>Human Uniqueness and the Image of God:</i> <i>Bridging Biology and Theology through the Hebrew Concept of Election</i>
2013	Gayle Woloschak <i>Becoming Human: Weaving Together Genetics and Personhood</i>
2012	Celia Deane-Drummond <i>Re-Imaging the Divine Image: Humans and Other Animals</i>
2011	Owen Gingerich <i>Worrying About Evolution</i>
2010	Phil Clayton <i>Evolution after the Religion Wars</i>
2009	Noreen Herzfeld <i>The Limits of Perfection</i>
2008	Holmes Rolston III <i>Science and Origins: Probing the Deeper Questions</i>
2007	Ted Peters <i>The Evolution of Terrestrial and Extraterrestrial Life: Where in the World is God?</i>
2006	Philip J. Hefner <i>Religion and Science as a Spiritual Quest</i>
2005	Robert John Russell <i>Cosmology, Evolution, and Resurrection Hope</i>
2004	John H. Haught <i>Purpose, Evolution, and the Mystery of Life</i>
2003	Antje Jackelén <i>The Dialogue Between Religion and Science: Challenges and Future Directions</i>
2002	George Ellis <i>A Universe of Ethics, Morality and Hope</i>
2001	Nancey Murphy <i>Religion and Science: God, Evolution and the Soul</i>



THE GOSHEN COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND SCIENCE

The Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science is a major annual meeting of the Midwest Religion and Science Society (MRSS).

Each year Goshen College invites a speaker of international stature in the ongoing dialogue between religion and science, to lecture at our conference. The featured speaker is asked to propose a subject for the conference and to develop that in three lectures, two of which are open to the general public, and one which is addressed only to registrants. Most of the conference is devoted to a close interaction with the speaker in a series of monitored discussions.

This conference is widely recognized as an important annual event in the dialogue between religion and science, which itself is of great importance both nationally and internationally.

The conference considers it a primary mission to introduce students to this dialogue.

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MRSS MISSION STATEMENT

The Midwest Religion and Science Society (MRSS) promotes effective dialogue on the relationship between religion and science among the religiously diverse faculty, and particularly students of our member institutions, while valuing different perspectives. Our annual conferences serve as primary points of outreach to the wider community and student engagement with current ideas in the religion and science dialogue.

The MRSS supports the Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science and the Andrews Autumn Conference at Andrews University.

The MRSS institutions include, in alphabetical order, Andrews University, Bluffton University, Goshen College, Manchester University, Ohio Northern University, the University of Notre Dame, and the University of St Francis.

www.mrss-online.org

Remembrances

The people who regularly attend the Goshen Conference on Religion and Science form a community. This is informal, although the bonds may be stronger than in formal organizations. All who have been with us have brought a blessing. We mourn their loss from our community.

Sister Joan Acker
Marilyn Bayak
Roger Bayak
Joe Bracken, SJ
J. Lawrence Burkholder
Forrest Clingerman
Philip Hefner

Dave Helmuth
Betty Miller Jeschke
Marlin Jeschke
Ronald L. Kennel
Millard Lind
David Lindell
Carl Loft

Albert Meyer
Jim Miller
Ron Rich
Jerry Rodos
Frank Scardiglia
Ernest G. (Ernie) Spiftler, SJ
Ron Stutzman



With sorrow, we acknowledge the passing of **Ron Kennel** in February of 2025. Ron served with us on the Board of Directors and as worship leader for the conference from its beginning 24 years ago. Ron's calling as a pastor was primary. His love of science grew out of that calling and wonder at the majesty of God. We wish him peace.



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