

# Tutu, Moyers and Armstrong will be Bryan Series Speakers in 2005-06



Archbishop Desmond Tutu, award-winning broadcaster Bill Moyers and best-selling author Karen Armstrong will be the Bryan Series speakers during Guilford's Year of Spirit and Spirituality in 2005-06.

Armstrong will speak Sept. 27 at Dana Auditorium on campus while Tutu and Moyers will speak Nov. 3 and March 14, respectively, at War Memorial Auditorium in Greensboro.

Armstrong is a writer, lecturer, broadcaster and author of 12 books. Her best-known book is *A History of God: The 4000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam*, which was on the *New York Times* best-seller list for many months after publication in 1993. She teaches at the Leo Baeck College for the Study of Judaism and the Training of Rabbis and Teachers in London, England.

Educated at Oxford University, she taught modern literature at the University of London. She was a Catholic nun from 1962-69, and in 1982, she became a freelance writer and broadcaster. Her other books include *Through the Narrow Gate* (1981), *Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths* (1996) and *The Battle for God* (2000). Her latest book, published in 2004, is a memoir, *The Spiral Staircase: My Climb Out of Darkness*.

A provocative, original and inclusive thinker on the role of religion in the modern world, since Sept. 11, 2001, she has been a frequent contributor to conferences, panels, newspapers, periodicals and throughout the media on both sides of the Atlantic on the subject of Islam.

Tutu, one of the best-known and most-honored people in the world today, is archbishop emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa. As a priest, dean, bishop and archbishop of the Anglican Church in South Africa, he was a leading figure in the struggle against apartheid. For his passionate advocacy of nonviolent change, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.

He was chosen by South African President Nelson

Mandela to chair the country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate crimes committed during the apartheid era.

Tutu was born in the Transvaal area of South Africa. In his late twenties he began to study for the priesthood, was ordained in 1960 and did three years of graduate theological study in England. In 1975 he became the first black person to become dean of St. Mary's Anglican Cathedral in Johannesburg. In 1976, he became bishop of Lesotho.

In 1984, he became the first black bishop of Johannesburg, and in 1986, he was elected the first black archbishop of Cape Town, and thus, titular head of the Anglican Church in South Africa. He was archbishop until his retirement in 1996.

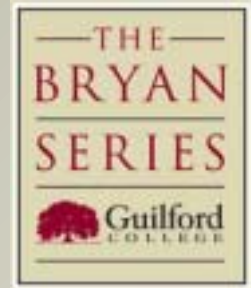
Moyers is a reporter and commentator on contemporary American history, a storyteller who reveals our spiritual, emotional and historical sides of the culture through his award-winning films and best-selling books.

He has produced hundreds of hours of programming including *Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth*, *Amazing Grace* and *Genesis*. His books include the 1971 best-seller *Listening to America* and the 2004 book *Moyers on America: A Journalist and His Times*.

Moyers was publisher of *Newsday* and served as senior news analyst for the CBS *Evening News*. He hosted a PBS news magazine, *NOW with Bill Moyers*, for three years through December 2004. He has received every major journalism award and more than 30 Emmy Awards.

In addition to broadcasting, Moyers was deputy director of the Peace Corps in the Kennedy Administration and special assistant to President Lyndon Johnson from 1963-67, including two years as White House press secretary.

A native of Oklahoma, Moyers earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Texas at Austin and degrees from the University of Edinburgh and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Tex.). He is an ordained Baptist minister.



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A season pass for all three Bryan Series events in 2005-06 is now available for \$30. Season pass holders receive preferred seating and a 25% discount from single-event prices. Single-event tickets go on sale July 1. To order season passes, please call 336-218-5550 or visit [www.greensborocoliseum.com](http://www.greensborocoliseum.com) and click on the Bryan Series logo. Single-event free ticket pick up for students and employees will be approximately three weeks prior to each event. For additional event information, call 336-316-2308 or visit [www.guilford.edu/bryanseries](http://www.guilford.edu/bryanseries).

## Planning Underway for Year of Spirit and Spirituality

- Who am I to be in the world; to what essential commitments am I to give my time and energy?
- Am I being “called” to a life in relationship with God/Spirit/Ulimate Reality? What does that feel like? How do I know? How can I explore that? What benefits do I find?
- What language is my language, what words feel suitable to my experience of God/Spirit/Ulimate Reality?
- Do I have fears, doubts and concerns about spirituality and faith – either for myself or about things I hear others say? Do my fears, doubts and concerns create barriers for meaning in my life that limit my growth?
- Do I have questions about meaning in my life, and a desire for some clearer context in which I can more fully make sense of them?
- Where do we find common ground, given that we come from so many different places? How do I stand in the particularity of my own experience and beliefs while honoring the different life experiences of others

and the language with which they express themselves?

With these queries and others that may arise, Guilford will open personal conversations as well as broader dialogue among the college’s many constituencies in a comprehensive Year of Spirit and Spirituality in 2005-06.

A steering committee of faculty, staff and students is planning programming for the second theme year of the decade. The Year of the Arts was celebrated in 2002-03.

“We believe that the college setting can provide an atmosphere conducive to spiritual reflection in conjunction with its well-established mission for intellectual, critical reflection,” said Scott Pierce Coleman, director of the Initiative on Faith and Practice and convener of the theme year steering committee.

“During the theme year, we will offer programs in a variety of languages, viewpoints and academic disciplines that create a sustained context for personal and community dialogue.”

For more information about the Year of Spirit and Spirituality, visit [www.guilford.edu/yearspirit](http://www.guilford.edu/yearspirit).

## Artist James Turrell will Speak on *Light from Within and Without*

Internationally acclaimed artist James Turrell will make two presentations as Judith Weller Harvey Quaker Scholar in March.

Turrell will speak at New Garden Friends Meeting on “Plato’s Cave and the Light from Without” March 24 at 7:30 p.m. and “Quakers in Art and the Light from Within” the morning of March 25.

Born in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1943, Turrell earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and mathematics from Pomona (Calif.) College. Only later did he pursue art. He received a master of fine art degree from



Claremont (Calif.) Graduate School.

Turrell’s work involves explorations in light and space that speak to viewers without words, impacting the eye, body and mind with the force of a spiritual awakening. Influenced by his Quaker faith, Turrell’s art prompts greater self-

awareness through a discipline of silent contemplation, patience, and meditation.

The recipient of several prestigious awards such as Guggenheim and MacArthur Fellowships, Turrell lives in Arizona. He is developing a natural observatory in an ancient volcano.

## Brevard Professor Mel Bringle is Invited Commencement Speaker

Mary Louise “Mel” Bringle ’75, professor of philosophy and religion and chair of humanities at Brevard College in western North Carolina, will be



the invited speaker for Guilford’s 168th commencement exercises May 7. President Kent Chabotar and students will also speak during the ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on the quadrangle lawn.

Bringle has taught at Brevard since 2000 and was selected Faculty Member of the Year for 2003-04 by the Student Government Association. She taught at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, N.C., from 1983-2000 and held a Jefferson-Pilot Distinguished Professorship beginning in 1989.

Her scholarly work bridges the disciplines of theology and psychology in a contemporary approach to the seven deadly sins. Her books, *Despair: Sickness or Sin?* and *The God of Thinness: Gluttony and Other Weighty Matters*, were published by Abingdon Press, and she is presently writing a book on envy.

The winner of hymn-writing competitions internationally, she was recognized by The Hymn Society of the U.S. and Canada as emerging hymn text writer in 2002. Her first single-author collection of hymn texts, *Joy and Wonder, Love and Longing*, was published by GIA Publications in 2002.

Bringle earned a bachelor’s degree in French and religion from Guilford and was a Dana Scholar graduating with departmental honors and high honors. She earned a doctorate in theological studies from Emory University in 1984 and earned the Excellence in Teaching Award from Emory Graduate School in 1983.