

The BUECHNER INSTITUTE at King University



William Storrar | August 28
Opening Convocation
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel

William Storrar is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland and director of the Princeton, New Jersey-based Center of Theological Inquiry—an institution devoted to advanced theological research. Storrar is recognized for his work in fostering dialogues between theology and other disciplines. Previously, he has chaired working groups on medical ethics and founded the Global Network for Public Theology (GNPT), which pursues interdisciplinary and action research on theology and public issues. He continues to advise the GNPT and holds several other academic titles. Storrar was also formerly Chair of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology at the University of Edinburgh.



Emily Satterwhite
September 9
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel
 7 p.m. | Virginia Intermont College
 Nunn Recital Hall

Emily Satterwhite is an author and educator of Appalachian studies. She is currently associate professor in the Department of Religion and Culture at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, where she teaches Appalachian studies and popular culture studies. Her book *Dear Appalachia: Readers, Identity, and Popular Fiction Since 1878* received the 2011 Weatherford Award, presented by the Appalachian Studies Association and Berea College for the best work of non-fiction illuminating the Appalachian South. The work also won Virginia Tech's Phi Beta Kappa Sturm Award for Faculty Excellence in Research (2013).
 Co-Sponsored by Virginia Intermont Convocation Program.



Ron Rash | September 11
 7 p.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel

Ron Rash is an award-winning, internationally known author who has written 14 works, including 10 books of fiction (five novels and five books of short stories) and four volumes of poetry. Several have won major literary awards, including twice receiving the O. Henry Prize, the most prestigious award for short fiction in the country. Two of his novels are being made into films—*The World Made Straight* and his *New York Times* bestseller, *Serena*. Rash's latest work, *Nothing Gold Can Stay*, is a collection of short stories. Rash is also Parris Distinguished Professor of Appalachian Culture at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina.



Barbara Bates Smith
September 13
 7 p.m. | King University
 Fine Arts Building

Barbara Bates Smith is an accomplished actress, storyteller, and monologist, best noted for her Off-Broadway performance of *Ivy Rowe*, a character from Lee Smith's novel, *Fair and Tender Ladies*. A 2003 winner of the Southeastern Theatre Best Actress Award, Smith has also developed a one-woman play, *Civil War Cameos*, adapted from Smith's work as well as that of Ron Rash and Allan Gurganus and accompanied by musician Jeff Sebens. Smith also performs original monologues, conducts workshops, and has recently played roles in regional productions of *Wit*, *Hamlet*, *Doubt* and *August: Osage County*.



Thaddeus Kozinski
September 30
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel
 7 p.m. | King University Student
 Center Complex Board Room

Thaddeus Kozinski is an author and educator who is currently associate professor of humanities, theology, and philosophy at Wyoming Catholic College in Lander, Wyoming. Kozinski is particularly interested in political philosophy, and, in 2010, released a book called *The Political Problem of Religious Pluralism: And Why Philosophers Can't Solve It*. The work examines three of the most influential figures of political philosophy: John Rawls, Jacques Maritain, and Alasdair MacIntyre. Kozinski has also taught undergraduates at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy and Christendom College, as well as at secondary level, serving as headmaster and academic dean for the Montfort Academy, a Catholic preparatory school in Katonah, New York.
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Timothy L. Brown
October 14
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel

Timothy L. Brown, an ordained pastor in the Reformed Church in America, is president and Henry Bast Professor of Preaching at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. Brown, who taught at Western for 13 years prior to becoming its president, was also senior pastor at Christ Memorial Church from 1983 to 1995. Known for his ability to memorize and reanimate biblical texts, Brown is a noted presenter and has preached in churches across the country and the world.



Todd Shy
October 28
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel
 7 p.m. | Bristol Public Library

Todd Shy is an essayist, book reviewer, and educator who grew up in Bristol, Virginia, and now serves as humanities curriculum specialist at Avenues: The World School in New York City. A 2009 finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Balakian Citation for Excellence in Reviewing, Shy has chosen to focus on the intersection of religion and literature in his work. After completing a degree at the University of Virginia, he spent four years working for an Anglican clergyman in London, England, while also studying at King's College London. He holds a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.



John McCutcheon
November 2
 7 p.m. | Kingsport Center
 for Higher Education
 For ticket information call (423) 652-4157

John McCutcheon is a much recognized folk singer, songwriter, storyteller, activist and multi-instrumentalist. During his career, he has produced 34 albums and received seven Grammy nominations. He has spent most of his life studying the folk music and culture of Appalachia and is regarded as a master performer on the hammered dulcimer. McCutcheon also plays numerous other instruments — including guitar, banjo, autoharp, fiddle, and jawharp — and is a popular storyteller, sometimes compared to Will Rogers and Garrison Keillor.



Keren Ras | November 18
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel
 7 p.m. | King University
 Fine Arts Building

Keren Ras is an archeologist who for the last decade has worked at various excavating sites in Israel. She is currently senior staff member for two significant Israeli-German projects, the Ramat Rahel Archaeological Project (Tel Aviv University and Heidelberg University) and the Lautenschlager Azekah Expedition at Tel Azekah. Completing a doctorate at Tel Aviv University, Ras is also a conference presenter and writes articles on early Levantine religion and cult and ancient Israelite history.



Eugene Sutton
January 20
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel
 7 p.m. | Sinking Spring
 Presbyterian Church, Abingdon

The Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton is bishop of the Diocese of Maryland in the Episcopal Church and a noted speaker and conference leader on the topics of reconciliation, spirituality, and social justice. Former canon pastor at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and director of the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage, he has served as a college chaplain, parish priest, and professor of homiletics and liturgy at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee. Bishop Sutton has written several articles on preaching and spiritual practices and contributed to the book, *The Diversity of Centering Prayer*.
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Frank Deford | January 28
 6:30 p.m.
 Dinner and discussion in King
 University Dining Hall
 For ticket information call
 (423) 652-4864

The author of 18 books of both fiction and non-fiction, Frank Deford is best known as a sportswriter, especially for his work at *Sports Illustrated*. The recipient of numerous awards, Deford has been inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Association of Sportscasters and Sportswriters. Most recently, in 2013, he was presented with the National Press Foundation's highest honor for distinguished journalism and was a recipient of the Humanities Medal from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Patricia Hampl | February 1
Annual Lectureship
 4 p.m. | Interview
 7 p.m. | Presentation
 First Presbyterian Church, Bristol

Patricia Hampl is a noted author, poet, lecturer, and educator. A 1976 recipient of the prestigious Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, Hampl first gained recognition for her book *A Romantic Education* published in 1981 — a memoir about her Czech heritage. This and subsequent works have made her influential in the rise of autobiographical writing over the last 25 years. Hampl's late book, *The Florist's Daughter*, was named to *The New York Times* "100 Notable Books of the Year" and received the 2008 Minnesota Book Award for Memoir and Creative Nonfiction.



Rachel Held Evans
February 24
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel
 7 p.m. | Kingsport Center
 for Higher Education

Rachel Held Evans is a best-selling author, noted speaker, and blogger (RachelHeldEvans.com) about the lives of women and modern Christianity. Her work has drawn national acclaim with interviews on *The View*, *The Today Show*, NPR, Slate, The BBC, *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian* (UK), *The London Times*, *The Huffington Post* and Oprah.com. She has written two books: *Evolving in Monkey Town: How A Girl Who Knew All the Answers Learned to Ask the Questions* and *A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head and Calling Her Husband Master*.



Liz Lerman | March 3
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel
 7 p.m. | Southwest Virginia Higher
 Education Center, Abingdon, VA

Liz Lerman is a noted dance choreographer, performer, writer, educator, and founding artistic director of the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, based in Takoma Park, Maryland. Lerman is recognized for her transformative approach to dance and has received many awards, including the MacArthur Grant Fellowship and a United States Artists Ford Fellowship in dance. She has received commissions from the Lincoln Center, American Dance Festival, BalletMet, and the Kennerly Center, among other organizations. Her third book is *Hiking the Horizontal: Field Notes from a Choreographer*.
 Co-Sponsored by Arts Array.



Jane Dawson | March 5
 7 p.m. | King University Student
 Center Complex Board Room

Jane Dawson is the John Laing Professor of Reformation History in the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. She came to Edinburgh in 1991 from the University of St Andrews, where she began her academic career in the late 1970s as the institution's first Glenfiddich Research Fellow in Scottish History. A writer on modern Scottish and British history, she is the author of *The Politics of Religion in the Age of Mary, Queen of Scots and Scotland Re-formed, 1488-1587*. Her latest work, a biography of John Knox, is expected for release in 2014.
 Co-Sponsored by the Presbyterian Heritage Foundation.



Alfred Munzer | March 31
 9:15 a.m. | King University
 Memorial Chapel
 7 p.m. | King University
 Hardin Valley Campus, Knoxville

Alfred Munzer is a Holocaust survivor and currently president of the medical staff at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland. Munzer was nine months old in the Dutch city of The Hague when his Jewish parents placed him in hiding with an Indonesian-Dutch family. His sisters, Eva (8) and Leah (6), were killed at Auschwitz. His father died after liberation from Ebensee, but his mother survived to be reunited with him. In 1958, Munzer and his mother immigrated to the United States.



Christian Wiman
Season Finale | April 24
 4 p.m. | Interview
 7 p.m. | Presentation
 First Presbyterian Church, Bristol

Christian Wiman is Senior Lecturer in Religion and Literature at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and was editor of *Poetry Magazine* from 2003 to 2013. He is a recipient of both the Ruth Lilly and Wallace Stegner fellowships and has produced four published books of poetry, two collections of essays, and his most recent work, a memoir, *My Bright Abyss*. In *The New Yorker*, poet and critic Dan Chiasson chose Wiman's *Every River Thing* as one of the 11 best poetry collections of 2010. Wiman's other works include *The Long Home*