And in a weightier sense, the simple question reflects our deep-seated fear that everything is changing too fast. Who can keep up with the technology, the new rules, the destabilized lives we are forced to find our way through like lost stragglers in a dark wood? The Buechner program for 2014–2015 will try to address this superbly honed, unadorned question. Our speakers and performers will come at the question via sentence and solace, edification and entertainment. The tension between hope and fear is, of course, at the heart of Frederick Buechner's writings. In his powerful and overlooked novel, On the Road with the Archangel, for example, he features a cast of characters surprisingly familiar in these days of anxiety and uncertainty. They wonder if there is a God "who looked after the world after all." Buechner's narrator, an angel of all things, concludes "by and large the world believes in him [the Holy One] for all the wrong reasons." And "it disbelieves in him for all the wrong reasons too."

"What's next?" when asked by the weary adult on the couch after a day when everything went wrong is merely day? The plumber wants three hundred bucks to fix the balky hot water heater, the boss has lost his mind, and the washing machine is making that noise again."

the question means, "Let's do it again. More. More. More.' Jumping from the swing, the child reminds us that, as G.K. Chesterton puts it, "We have sinned and grown old, and the Father is younger than we."

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of which, Learning to Walk in the Dark, was the cover story for the Board. Priest and teacher, Taylor has authored 13 books, the latest a founding member of the Buechner Institute National Advisory One of America's best known preachers, Barbara Brown Taylor is

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Annual Lectureship

Philip Yancey | February 7, 2015

work has sold more than 14 million copies since 1977. His books many more, are for people "living on the borderlands of faith." His With God, What's So Amazing About Graces, The Jesus I Never Knew, and his books, which include Where Is God When it Hurts, Disappointment and publisher, a journalist, and best-selling author. Yancey says that Philip Yancey is editor-at-large for Christianity Today, a former editor

Frederick Buechner, Yancey will deliver the annual Buechner Institute Advisory Board and a friend of and The Reformed Journal. A founding member of the in Reader's Digest, National Wildlife, Christian Century prestigious awards, and his essays have appeared distributed worldwide. Many of his titles have won have been translated into 35 languages and have been

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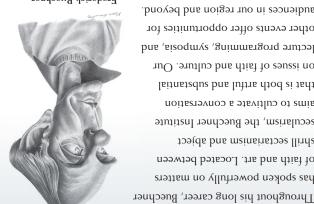
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Pause. McEntyre has won a number of awards for teaching. recent book is What's in a Phrase? - Pausing where Scripture Gives You Humanities, Literature and Medicine, and other publications. Her most Prism, Conversations, Christianity Today, Academic Medicine, Medical Her writing has appeared in The Christian Century, Weavings, Sojourners, healthcare, care for the earth and language, and public discourse. writing workshops, McEntyre connects spirituality, politics, food, of New Jersey, and Westmont College. A leader of retreats and Program and has also taught literature at Mills College, the College humanities at UC Davis and the UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Maryin Chandler McEntyre is a writer and professor of medical



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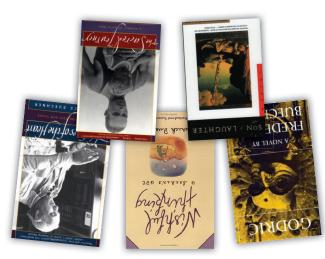
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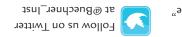
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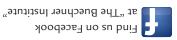
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There it is, that hard place between faith and doubt, between joyful anticipation and dreary dread, the territory we need help to navigate.

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Dale Brown, Director, The Buechner Institute

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Barbara Brown Taylor August 26

7:00 p.m. | First Presbyterian Church Bristol, TN August 27 **Opening Convocation** 9:15 a.m. | King University Memorial Chapel

Barbara Brown Taylor is the Butman Professor of Religion at Piedmont College in rural

northeast Georgia. An Episcopal priest since 1984, she is the author of 13 books, including the New York Times bestsellers Learning to Walk in the Dark and An Altar in the World. Her first memoir, Leaving Church, received a 2006 Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association. Taylor is a Buechner Institute National Advisory Board member. She and her husband live on a working farm in the Appalachian foothills.



Tim Gautreaux

September 1 7:00 p.m. | King University Maclellan Hall, Widner Lounge

ouisiana writer Tim Gautreaux is the author of critically acclaimed novels and short fiction, often set in the state's bayou country. His first novel, The Next Step in the Dance, won

the Southeastern Booksellers Association's "Novel of the Year" award in 1999. The short story collection Welding with Children was named a New York Times notable book of 1999. The Center for the Book at the Louisiana State Library presented him with the 2009 Louisiana Writer Award to honor his outstanding contributions to the state's literary and intellectual life. Gautreaux is a Buechner Institute National Advisory Board member and writer-in-residence and professor emeritus at Southeastern Louisiana University. Co-Sponsored by King's Department of English.

> "The sacred moments, the moments of miracle, are often the everyday moments."

> > -Frederick Buechner, The Magnificent Defeat



Frederica Mathewes-Green September 15

9:15 a.m. | King University Memorial Chapel 7:00 p.m. | Milligan College Hyder Auditorium, Johnson City, TN

 $F^{\rm rederica\ Mathewes-Green's\ work\ has}_{\rm appeared\ nationally\ in\ such\ publications\ as}$

the Washington Post, Christianity Today, Smithsonian, the Los Angeles Times, and the Wall Street Journal. She has been a commentator on National Public Radio's Morning Edition and All Things Considered, and a columnist for Religion News Service, Beliefnet.com, and Christianity Today. Her books include The Jesus Prayer: The Ancient Desert Prayer that Tunes the Heart to God, Facing East: A Pilgrim's Journey into the Mysteries of Orthodoxy and The Illumined Heart: The Ancient Christian Path of Transformation. Her essays have been selected for Best Christian Writing and Best Spiritual Writing. Co-Sponsored by Milligan College.



9:15 a.m. | King University Memorial Chapel 7:00 p.m. | Bristol Public Library Bristol, VA

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Christian Wiman

November 17 9:15 a.m. | King University Memorial Chapel 7:00 p.m. | Interview with Jane Zwart and talk/reading to follow at Kingsport Center for Higher Education, Kingsport, TN

hristian Wiman is Senior Lecturer in Religion and Literature at the Yale Institute

of Sacred Music and was Poetry Magazine's editor for the past decade. 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 Riven Thing as one of the 11 best poetry collections of 2010. Wiman's other works include The Long Home (Nicholas Roerich Prize), Hard Night and Stolen Air. His latest book is Once in the West.



Andrew Delbanco

December 3 7:00 p.m. | King University Memorial Chapel December 4 7:00 p.m. | King University Student Center Board Room

Andrew Delbanco is Mendelson Family Chair of American Studies and Julian

Clarence Levi Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University. He was awarded the 2011 National Humanities Medal by President Barack Obama "for his writing that spans the literature of Melville and Emerson to contemporary issues in higher education." In 2001, Time Magazine named him as "America's Best Social Critic." His many award-winning books include College: What It Was, Is, and Should Be; Melville: His World and Work; and The Death of Satan. Delbanco's essays appear regularly in The New York Review of Books, The New Republic, and other journals.

William H. Turner January 19

9:15 a.m. | King University Memorial Chapel 7:00 p.m. | Bristol Public Library Bristol, VA

William Turner is an Appalachian region scholar and researcher with an emphasis on the African-American experience. He

co-edited the path-breaking textbook, Blacks in Appalachia, and his essay on Black Appalachians was published in the Encyclopedia of Southern Culture. He was a research assistant to Roots author Alex Haley for a decade and served both as Dean of Arts & Sciences and as Interim President of Kentucky State University. The Appalachian Studies Association honored him for a lifetime of service to the Appalachian region. Until 2012, Turner served as Distinguished Professor of Appalachian Studies and Regional Ambassador at Berea College. Co-Sponsored by Virginia Highlands Community College.



Philip Yancey | February 7 4:00 p.m. | Interview with

Jim Dahlman First Presbyterian Church, Bristol 7:00 p.m. | First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN

Dne of the all-time bestselling evangelical writers, Philip Yancey grew up in Atlanta

and has lived in Chicago and Colorado. Several of his 25 books have won significant awards, and he has written for many periodicals as well as serving on the editorial board of Books & Culture. A popular speaker, Yancey has completed his goal of climbing all 54 of Colorado's 14,000 foot peaks. A graduate of Wheaton College and the University of Chicago, Yancey's writing in such books as What Good is God? and The

Martin Weiss



9:15 a.m. | King University Memorial Chapel 7:30 p.m. | Emory & Henry College Van Dyke Commons Board of Visitors Lounge, Emory, VA

Martin Weiss was born in 1929 to Orthodox Jewish parents in Polana, Czechoslovakia.

When Nazi Germany and its allies dismantled Czechoslovakia in 1939, Martin's life changed dramatically. In April 1944 Martin's family was transported to the Munkacs ghetto and then to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, where he was selected for forced labor and his other family members were sent to the gas chambers. Martin was liberated in May 1945, and in 1946 immigrated to the United States. He speaks on behalf of the Holocaust Memorial Museum. Co-Sponsored by Virginia Highlands Community College and Emory & Henry College.

Guy Consolmagno March 2



Memorial Chapel

7:00 p.m. | Kingsport Center

for Higher Education, Kingsport, TN

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sciences at MIT and the University of Arizona (PhD 1978), before entering the Jesuits in 1989. Since 1993 he has served at the Vatican Observatory as an astronomer and curator of meteorites and in September will become president of the Vatican Observatory Foundation. Along with more than 200 scientific publications, he is the author of several popular astronomy books and writes a monthly astronomy column for The Tablet.

Will Willimon | March 16

9:15 a.m. | King University Memorial Chapel 7:00 p.m. | Milligan College Gregory Center, Johnson City, TN

Baylor University named William H. Willimon one of the "Twelve Most Effective Preachers" in the English-speaking world." He is Professor

of the Practice of Christian Ministry at the Duke University Divinity School and a former Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. More than a million copies of his books have been sold including Worship as Pastoral Care, which was selected as one of the 10 most useful books for pastors. His articles have appeared in The Christian Ministry, Quarterly Review, Liturgy, Worship, and Christianity Today. He is Editor-at-Large for The Christian Century. Co-Sponsored by Milligan College.

Miroslav Volf | March 31



4:30 p.m. | Emory & Henry College Van Dyke Commons Board of Visitors Lounge, Emory, VA 7:30 p.m. | King University Student Center Board Room

M iroslav Volf is the Founder and Director of Yale Center for Faith and Culture and

Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale University Divinity School. He has written or edited 15 books including Exclusion and Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness and Reconciliation, which received a Grawemeyer Award in Religion, and was cited as one of Christianity Today's 100 most important religious books of the 20th century. He is actively involved in many top-level initiatives concerning Christian-Muslim relations and is a member of the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum. Co-Sponsored by Emory & Henry College.

Eugenie Scott | October 13

LDirector of the National Center for Science Education, Inc. She is an expert on

the creationism and evolution controversy and is called upon by the press and other media to explain science to the general public. Scott is the author of Evolution vs. Creationism: An Introduction and co-editor with Glenn Branch of Not in Our Classrooms: Why Intelligent Design is Wrong for our Schools. She is the recipient of numerous awards from scientists and educators and has been awarded eight honorary degrees.



Sandra McCracken October 24

7:00 p.m. | King University Hardin Valley Campus, Knoxville, TN

Candra McCracken is a Nashville folk singer **J**at the forefront of the revitalized hymn movement. She has written songs for Caedmon's Call and others as well as recording eight albums

of her own. Her recent work, Desire Like Dynamite, "explores human desire at the most basic level," she says. McCracken lists her musical influences as Joni Mitchell, Neil Finn, David Gray, Emmylou Harris, Bob Dylan, and Johnny Cash. McCracken attended Belmont University before beginning her musical career in 1999. She independently released two albums, The Crucible and Gypsy Flat Road in 2000 and 2001 respectively. In 2005, Sandra McCracken released The Builder and the Architect, an album of hymns. The same team which worked on Best Laid Plans came together again in 2006 to record Gravity / Love.

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> > - Frederick Buechner, Godric



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9:15 a.m. | King University Memorial Chapel 7:00 p.m. | Bristol Train Station Bristol, VA

ndrew Peterson is a singer, author, and a Afounding member of the Square Peg Alliance, a group of Christian songwriters. His first full-length album, Carried Along, was released

in 2000. Peterson's second album, Clear to Venus came out in 2001. In 2010, Peterson released Counting Stars, following with Light for the Lost Boy in 2012. Peterson is author of The Ballad of Matthew's Begats with illustrator Cory Godbey and of the young adult fantasy/adventure series, The Wingfeather Saga. Other novels include On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness, North! Or Be Eaten, and The Monster in the Hollows. His new novel is The Warden and the Wolf King. Co-Sponsored by SLACK.



Marilyn Chandler McEntyre April 20 **7:00 p.m.** | First Presbyterian

Church, Bristol, TN

arilyn McEntyre is a writer and professor of medical humanities at UC Davis and the UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program. Her writing has appeared in The

Christian Century, Weavings, Sojourners, Prism, Conversations, Christianity Today, Academic Medicine, Medical Humanities, Literature and Medicine, and a variety of other publications. A scholar and retreat leader, she has also received numerous teaching awards. Her most recent book is What's in a Phrase? — Pausing where Scripture Gives You Pause. Christ, My Companion has just been reissued and Caring for Words in a Culture of Lies is still available. A frequent lecturer on issues of medicine and literature, McEntyre is a Buechner Institute National Advisory Board member.