

The Johnson Lecture Series

- Nov. 20, 1982 **John Chancellor**, nationally respected newsman and commentator.
"Heading Towards 1984"
- Nov. 19, 1983 **Rev. Dr. Robert J. Marshall**, theologian, contemporary world Christian leader, President of Lutheran World Relief, past president of the Lutheran Church in America.
"Varieties of Christian Mission"
- Dec. 4, 1984 **Roberta Peters**, famed Opera soprano.
- Jan. 14, 1985 **Zhao Jinglin**, Chinese economist, scholar, social writer.
"China's Recent Reforms: New Vistas for a Billion People"
- Mar 14, 1985 **Beverly Sills**, America's most beloved Diva, recitalist, soloist, opera singer.
"An Evening with Beverly Sills"
- Sept. 29, 1985 **Mark Peskanov**, violinist, recital.
- Nov. 19, 1985 **Gjertrud Schnackenberg**, major young American poet.
"Poetry Readings"
- Apr. 8, 1986 **Dr. Charles Monell**, authority and student of Arthurian lore and collector of Malory memorabilia.
"A King Arthur Collection, and the Long and Pervasive Influence of Le Morte D'Arthur"
- Apr. 16, 1986 **The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Pinchas Zukermann**, music director, conductor, violin soloist in conjunction with the Bethany College Second Century Performing Artists Series.
- Sept. 2, 1987 **Dr. Anza-Amen Lema**, a 1959 Bethany alumnus, the Associate General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, distinguished leader in education and religion world-wide, educator and churchman in his home country of Tanzania, East Africa.
"Towards a Global Community"
- Nov. 14, 1988 **Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks**, executive director, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
"Civil Rights and John F. Kennedy"
- Sept. 1989 **Eugenia Zuckerman**, noted violinist and TV host.
- Mar. 26, 1990 **Dr. Ernest L. Boyer**, President, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and a Senior Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University.
"Education for the 90's Who's Minding America's Students"
- Apr. 11, 1991 **Dr. Robert T. Bakker**, adjunct Curator of Paleontology at the University of Colorado-Boulder. (In conjunction with the Kansas Academy of Science meeting).
"Hot and Cold Running Dinosaurs"

- June 6, 1991 **Mr. Al Eaton**, renowned Boston action, in a dramatic portrayal of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
"M.L.K.: We Are the Dream"
- Jan. 14, 1992 **Juan Williams**, well-known political analyst for The Washington Post and author.
"Civil Rights in America Today"
- May 7-8, 1992 **Paul Westermeyer**, Professor of Church Music at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Conducting a residency program.
"Contemporary Issue in Worship"
- Sept. 8, 1995 **Astronaut James Lovell**, Commander of NASA's Apollo 13 mission, and author of "Lost Moon".
- Jan. 12, 1995 **Anna Rosmus** (as part of the 1995 Interterm Series)
"Christianity and Covering Up Death: The Legacy of the Nazis"
- Oct. 9, 1997 **Dr. Elie Wiesel, Mairead Maguire, and Dr. Oscar Arias**, winners of the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Oct. 28, 1999 **Susan Sontag, Terry Waite, Elaine Pagle**, noted authors.
"Good vs. Evil"
- Nov. 5, 2001 **Susan Estrich**, law professor and legal and political commentator; and **Barry Scheck**, an attorney and DNA expert.
(debate on capital punishment)
- Nov. 18, 2004 **Ken Burns**, Documentary filmmaker
- Nov. 6, 2006 **Garrison Keillor**
- April 2008 **James Bradley**, Historian and best selling author.
"Doing the Impossible"

Distinguished artists and lecturers at Bethany College also included the following:

*Vinton Cerf
Lionel Hampton
Wynton Marsalis
William Least Heat Moon
Vienna Choir Boys
Jim Lehrer*