

The 24th Annual
FESTIVAL of FAITHS
SACRED COSMOS
FAITH & SCIENCE

APRIL 25 - 27 | LOUISVILLE, KY



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THE 24TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FAITHS, *Sacred Cosmos: Faith and Science*, is a multi-day, multi-faith nationally acclaimed celebration of music, poetry, art, film, and dialogue led by spiritual leaders, practitioners, and teachers.

The 2019 festival explores the knowledge and wisdom present at the intersection of faith and science. Speakers and artists examine the ancient and modern questions at the heart of human existence, investigate the space where reason and revelation co-exist, and engage with contemporary topics of concern through the teachings and practices of our enduring faith traditions.

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SPIRITUAL PRACTICE 8:30 – 9:15 AM	FREE (TICKETED)
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THE CENTER FOR INTERFAITH RELATIONS IS PROUD TO HOST A ZERO WASTE FESTIVAL OF FAITHS. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR EFFORT TO DIVERT THE WASTE PRODUCED DURING THE FESTIVAL FROM OUR LOCAL LANDFILL BY USING THE RECYCLING AND COMPOST BINS FOUND THROUGHOUT THE KENTUCKY CENTER.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY | April 24

KENTUCKY SCIENCE CENTER

5:45 PM **OPENING INTERFAITH CELEBRATION**

THURSDAY | April 25

KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

- 8:30 AM **CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** with Cynthia Bourgeault
 - 10 AM **VALUING FAITH AND SCIENCE: THE CLIMATE CRISIS**
Ken Kimmell, Katharine Jefferts Schori, and Mary Evelyn Tucker
 - 2 PM **INSIGHTS OF INTERBEING**
Woman Stands Shining, Gerardo Abboud, and Cynthia Bourgeault
 - 7 PM **AFTER HOURS: ROOTS OF CONNECTEDNESS**
curated by Ben Sollee, and Jesse Wright
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FRIDAY | April 26

KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

- 8:30 AM **QIGONG PRACTICE** with Master Mingtong Gu
 - 10 AM **MODELS OF REGENERATION: EXAMPLES OF HEALING & RESILIENCE IN OUR WORLD**
Toby Herzlich, Cliff Saron, Katie Jones, and Alice Chen
 - 2 PM **CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION IN OUR WORLD**
Vivek Murthy, Woman Stands Shining, Naweed Syed, and Jesse Wright
 - 7 PM **AFTER HOURS: NATIONAL SAWDUST PRESENTS J. HOARD WITH SPECIAL GUEST TEDDY ABRAMS**
Inspired by Gospel Roots-Music from the perspective of race, gender, and faith
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- 8:30 AM **BUDDHIST SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** with Richard Davidson
- 10 AM **WONDER AND AWE: CONVERSATIONS ON COSMOLOGY AND WORLDVIEW**
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Naweed Syed, Woman Stands Shining, and Carolyn Finney
- 2 PM **VISIONS OF HEALTH & HARMONY: HOW HUMANS CAN FLOURISH**
Richard Davidson, Lisa Miller, and Bob Boisture
- 4:30 PM **CLOSING INTERFAITH CELEBRATION**

MULTI-FAITH BLOOD DRIVE
TODD HALL | 12 PM - 6 PM

THINGS TO DO

EVERYDAY

OWSLEY BROWN II PORTABLE PLANETARIUM

MeX Theater, Kentucky Center for the Arts

JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE SCREENING (KENTUCKY SCIENCE CENTER)

Thanks to the generosity of the Kentucky Science Center, free screenings of the Emmy Award winning film will be offered daily at **5:00 PM**. An evening screening will take place at **8:00 PM** on Saturday, April 27. Festival attendees show a pass or ticket for free admittance.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

OWSLEY BROWN II PORTABLE PLANETARIUM

MeX Theater, Kentucky Center for the Arts
Big Bang Ballet: Physics in Our Universe

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

OWSLEY BROWN II PORTABLE PLANETARIUM

MeX Theater, Kentucky Center for the Arts
Tour of the Universe

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

2019 FESTIVAL OF FAITHS BLOOD DRIVE

Todd Hall, Kentucky Center for the Arts. Register to give at www.redercrossblood.org and search sponsor code FOF.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

OWSLEY BROWN II PORTABLE PLANETARIUM

MeX Theater, Kentucky Center for the Arts
Our Place in Space

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

QIGONG EXERCISE with Master Mingtong Gu
Belvedere (Green space on north side of KCA);
or rain location, Todd Hall, 4th Floor KCA

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

OWSLEY BROWN II PORTABLE PLANETARIUM

MeX Theater, Kentucky Center for the Arts
Big Bang Ballet: Physics in Our Universe

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE ARTS
501 W Main St, Louisville, KY 40202

PRE-FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

- 9 am* **FIRST PERSON SCIENCE: THE BUDDHIST PRACTICE OF INQUIRY INTO MIND AND ITS WORLD**
Led by Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel and Gerardo Abboud
- 11 am* **WILLIAM & HENRY JAMES: PUTTING OUR FAITH IN SCIENCE, MIND AND SOCIETY** (Hosted by the Christina Lee Brown Envirome Institute)
Led by Dr. Ted Smith, Envirome Institute, in conversation with Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar and Ambassador Matthew Barzun
- 1:30 pm* **HOW TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES** (Hosted by the Fetzer Institute)
Led by Habib Todd Boerger, The Practicing Democracy Project
- 3:30 pm* **WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH TEILHARD?**
Led by Cynthia Bourgeault
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KENTUCKY SCIENCE CENTER
727 W Main St, Louisville, KY 40202

- 5 pm* **RECEPTION** (Catered by Farm to Fork)
- 5:45 -* **OPENING CELEBRATION**
6:15 pm *Kentucky Science Center*

The 24th annual Festival of Faiths, *Sacred Cosmos: Faith & Science*, opens with a multi-faith celebration hosted at the Kentucky Science Center. A call to prayer and blessings by representatives of the world's spiritual traditions will illuminate the wisdom at the intersection of faith and science.

- 6:15 pm* **SACRED COSMOS: *Journey of the Universe***
Moderated by Mary Evelyn Tucker in conversation with Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, Woman Stands Shining, Nadia Siritsky, and Mariam Husain

This opening celebration of the 24th annual Festival of Faiths includes a conversation among wisdom keepers of diverse faith traditions as they respond to a short excerpt from the *Journey* film titled, *Becoming a Planetary Presence*. This program will examine the evolution of human consciousness into a worldview where nature was inferior. The conversation that follows will explore how we might restore our relationship to the Earth through a deeper understanding of both faith and science.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

8:30 - 9:15 am **CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** with Cynthia Bourgeault
Contemplation as Luminous Seeing

Participants will work with Centering Prayer, approached through the angle of how it prepares the way for contemplation as it was originally understood, as “luminous seeing” or “seeing with the eye of the heart.” Explore how the simple gesture of letting go (of all thinking, observing, noticing during the time of prayer) paves the way to those two foundational prerequisites of nondual seeing: objectless awareness and attention of the heart.

Cynthia Bourgeault will be joined by Quaker chant writer Paulette Meier to lead us into the actual experience of this deeper contemplative heart seeing.

10 am- 12 pm **VALUING FAITH AND SCIENCE: THE CLIMATE CRISIS**
Ken Kimmell, Katharine Jefferts Schori,
and Mary Evelyn Tucker

This session investigates the space where scientific understanding and spiritual wisdom meet to inspire a global response to one of our world’s most urgent crises. What can we learn from faith and science about right relationship with our Mother Earth? Thought leaders share current global warming science and insights on generating the necessary human response.

12 - 2 pm **LUNCH BREAK**
Bookstore, Book Signings, Meet & Greet, Scene, Planetarium, and
Outdoor Picnic and Game Area.

2 - 4 pm **INSIGHTS ON INTERBEING**
Cynthia Bourgeault, Woman Stands Shining, and Gerardo Abboud

What is the nature of ‘being’? What is our relationship to each other, the planet, and the cosmos? This wisdom session engages the questions at the heart of human existence by drawing from the ancient mystical traditions of our faith traditions. How does one relate to the coexistence of the material world and the immaterial worlds? How does human consciousness or awareness contribute to co-creation and cause and effect?

4 - 7 pm

DINNER BREAK

Bookstore, Book Signings, Meet & Greet, Scene, Planetarium, and Outdoor Picnic and Game Area

5:30 -
7 pm

RECEPTION

7 - 9 pm

FESTIVAL AFTER HOURS - THE ROOTS OF CONNECTEDNESS curated by Jesse Wright, UofL Depression Center, and Ben Sollee, cellist, composer, and activist

A dialogue between musicians and scientists on the power of devotional music to create a sense of connectedness in a world struggling with loneliness. The program will feature musical performances with commentary and feedback from neuroscientists, psychiatrists, and other experts in the fields of health and physiology.

A movie poster for "Journey of the Universe" featuring a cosmic background with stars and nebulae. The title "Journey of the Universe" is written in large white font. Below the title, it says "Screening Daily at the Kentucky Science Center Monday, April 22 - Saturday, April 27 | 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM*". A paragraph describes the film as an Emmy Award winning film that narrates the 14 billion year story of the universe's development. At the bottom left is the Kentucky Science Center logo, and at the bottom right is a note: "*No 5pm screening on April 24. Additional 8pm screening on Saturday only." data-bbox="164 488 835 878">

Journey of the Universe

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Monday, April 22 - Saturday, April 27 | 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM*

Journey of the Universe is an Emmy Award winning film that narrates the 14 billion year story of the universe's development. Journey weaves science and humanities in a new way that allows for a comprehensive sense of mystery and awe to arise.

Thanks to the generosity of the Kentucky Science Center, all screenings of the film will be free and open to the public.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

8:30 - 9:15 am **QIGONG MIND BODY SPIRIT EXERCISE AND HEALING PRACTICE**
with Master Mingtong Gu
Awaken: Life Energy Within You to Embody Health and Consciousness

Master Mingtong Gu will teach and guide the ancient Chinese practice of sound healing to fully awaken your energy center and emotional body. This advanced practice will transform emotions and energy patterns to help participants enhance the connectedness of mind-body-spirit.

10 am - 12 pm **MODELS OF REGENERATION:
EXAMPLES OF HEALING AND RESILIENCE IN OUR WORLD**
Toby Herzlich, Cliff Saron, Katie Jones, and Alice Chen

What we can learn as a society from what faith and science have revealed to us about the natural world? In pursuit of humans becoming part of a regenerative process, this session offers examples of how we can literally and figuratively change our minds and our communities, as well as the models in nature and elsewhere that are inviting the possibility of a new consciousness.

12 - 2 pm **LUNCH BREAK**
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2 - 4 pm **CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION**
Vivek Murthy, Jesse Wright, Woman Stands Shining,
and Naweed Syed

This session will explore health from the three perspectives of mind, body and spirit. Health practitioners will look at modern social conditions that isolate us, and/or connect us, and how they impact mental, spiritual, and physical health. Speakers unpack modern advancements in the pharmaceutical industry, technology, and entertainment, and their impact on relationships and well-being. How does this manifest in our culture?

4 - 7 pm

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5:30 -
7 pm

RECEPTION

7 - 9 pm

**FESTIVAL AFTER HOURS – NATIONAL SAWDUST PRESENTS J. HOARD
WITH SPECIAL GUEST TEDDY ABRAMS**

Harmonious Family: Bloodline Is Music, Guideline Is Love

Inspired by Gospel Roots – Music from the perspective of race, gender, and faith.

This festival after hours program promotes the idea of world as family — with music as the bloodline, love as the guideline — honoring history and promoting faith in action (the women’s rights movement, the civil rights movement, the LGBTQ rights movement). Through an opening performances by Ron’ette Ariga (contemporary Christian/former Fisk Jubilee soprano) combined with abbreviated versions of J. Hoard’s two MAGA suites (The People’s Perspective and Future Is Female), there will be no question of the power of music and its ability to provide both sonic and emotional/spiritual harmony.

In honor of J. Hoard’s personal religious roots (Hebrew Pentecostal, aka Messianic Jew), the show will conclude with a musical medley commemorating the night of Passover (which overlaps with the festival). Plan to march out of the building full of hope and determination, just as the Israelites marched out of Egypt!



SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

8:30 - 9:15 am **BUDDHIST SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** with Richard Davidson
Cultivating Wellbeing in Our Daily Lives as practiced personally by renowned neuroscientist Richard Davidson

10 am - 12 pm **WONDER & AWE: CONVERSATIONS ON COSMOLOGY AND WORLDVIEW**
Carolyn Finney, Woman Stands Shining, Mary Evelyn Tucker, and Naweed Syed

How do we know what we know? How do worldview and language affect our human experience and our relationships? How do the material world and the immaterial world inform our existence? These profound questions will be addressed through the lens of faith and science, and offer suggestions on how to cultivate both reason and revelation in pursuit of wisdom and purpose.

12 - 2 pm **LUNCH BREAK**
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2 - 4 pm **VISIONS OF HEALTH AND HARMONY: *How Humans Can Flourish***
Richard Davidson, Lisa Miller, Bob Boisture

The final session of the 2019 Festival of Faiths will focus on powerful models that integrate science and faith to inform human behavior and nurture greater meaning, connection, and purpose for all ages. Speakers will share how we can each develop personal practices that cultivate health and resilience for everyone. Individual health and cultural transformation will be explored.

“Scientific investigations, pushed on and on, will reveal new ways in which God works, and bring us deeper revelations of the wholly unknown.”

MARIA MITCHELL

4:30 pm **CLOSING CELEBRATION (BELVEDERE)**

***PLEASE NOTE** on the morning of Saturday, April 27th, many downtown streets will be blocked or closed due to the Kentucky Derby Marathon. Please allow extra time on Saturday for travel to the venue. If you are driving, please be aware that parking may be at a premium.

You may find updated traffic information at www.derbyfestivalmarathon.com





GERARDO ABBLOUD

Gerardo Abboud was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, into a Christian family. He was educated as an engineer and worked as a financial analyst at Ford before he made a dramatic change in his life. He traveled to India in the 1970s and resided there and in Nepal for 14 years as a student of Buddhism and of the Tibetan language. His desire was to leave behind the “life of promotions, high salaries and consumerism” in order to discover the richness within himself. Back in his country in 1986, Abboud was nominated president of the Dongyuling Center, which offers free teachings in Buddhist theory and practice. He has served as the Dalai Lama’s interpreter in Latin America since 1992.



BOB BOISTURE

Bob Boisture has been president of the Fetzer Institute since 2013, and a trustee of the Institute since 2011. Under his leadership, the Institute, which is based in Kalamazoo, Michigan, has adopted the mission of “helping build the spiritual foundation for a loving world.” Among its goals is to create a movement to “heal the heart of American democracy.” A graduate of Princeton, Oxford, and Yale Law School, Boisture spent most of his career in Washington working with a broad range of nonprofits and foundations, including the Council on Foundations and Independent Sector.



**CYNTHIA
BOURGEAULT**

Cynthia Bourgeault is a modern day mystic, Episcopal priest, writer, and internationally known retreat leader. She divides her time between solitude at her seaside hermitage in Maine, and a demanding schedule traveling globally to teach and spread the recovery of the Christian contemplative and wisdom path. She has been a long-time advocate of the meditative practice of Centering Prayer and has worked closely with fellow teachers and colleagues including Thomas Keating, Bruno Barnhart and Richard Rohr. She has actively participated in numerous inter-spiritual dialogues and events with luminaries and leaders such as A.H. Almaas, Kabir Helminski, Swami Atmarupananda and Rami Shapiro. She is a member of the Global Peace Initiative for Women Contemplative Council and recipient of the 2014 Contemplative Voices Award from Shalem Institute.



ALICE CHEN

Alice Chen is an internal medicine physician and served as executive director of Doctors for America from 2011-2018. When under her leadership, it mobilized a movement of thousands of physicians and medical students in all 50 states to bring their patients' experiences to policy makers. This effort is designed to move the nation to put patients over politics, to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, high quality health care, and the means to lead a healthy life. Since stepping down from Doctors for America, she has turned her attention to climate change and its intersection with health and wellbeing. She has also served as a Hauser Visiting Leader at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Center for Public Leadership. Dr. Chen received her undergraduate degree from Yale and her medical degree from Cornell University. She is originally from the San Francisco Bay Area and currently resides with her husband, Dr. Vivek Murthy, and two young children in Washington, DC.



**RICHARD
DAVIDSON**

Richard Davidson is founder and director of the Center for Healthy Minds at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is best known for his groundbreaking work studying emotion and the brain. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in Psychology, Psychopathology & Psychophysiology with a minor focus in Behavioral Neurology and Neuroanatomy; and a B.S., in Psychology from New York University. A friend and colleague of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, he is a highly sought after expert and speaker, leading conversations on well-being on international stages such as the World Economic Forum, where he serves on the Global Council on Mental Health. In 2006, Time magazine included him as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.



CAROLYN FINNEY

Carolyn Finney is a storyteller, author and a cultural geographer. She is deeply interested in issues related to identity, difference, creativity, and resilience. Dr. Finney is grounded in both artistic and intellectual ways of knowing. She pursued an acting career for eleven years, but five years of backpacking trips through Africa and Asia, and living in Nepal changed the course of her life. Motivated by these experiences, Carolyn returned to school after a 15-year absence to complete a B.A., M.A. (gender and environmental issues in Kenya and Nepal) and a Ph.D. She served on the U.S. National Parks Advisory Board for eight years. Her first book, *Black Faces, White Spaces: Reimagining the Relationship of African Americans to the Great Outdoors*, was released in 2014.



MINGTONG GU

Master Mingtong Gu brings ancient wisdom to the West to improve health and happiness in modern times with his joyous and skillful Wisdom Healing Qigong teachings. Founder of The Chi Center, The Center for Wisdom Healing Qigong, he leads workshops, retreats, online courses, and professional programs worldwide. Born and raised in China, Master Gu trained with Grandmasters in Tibet and China. He was awarded Qigong Master of the Year by the 13th Qigong Congress. The Chi Center, based in Galisto, N.M., reaches a global audience through online programs and in-person retreats.



TOBY HERZLICH

Toby Herzlich is the founder of Biomimicry for Social Innovation. As a Certified Biomimicry Specialist through Biomimicry 3.8, her focus is on applying nature's genius to leadership, social change, and organizational innovation. She is a senior trainer with the Rockwood Leadership Institute and co-founder of the Cultivating Women's Leadership training intensives. She has launched several national collaborative movement-building networks, such as the Jewish Social Justice Roundtable and the Young Climate Leaders Network. Toby Herzlich trains and coaches progressive leaders in the U.S. and internationally, cultivating skills and practices through which we can collectively create the world we know is possible.



J. HOARD

J. Hoard is a Brooklyn-based singer and songwriter on the Grammy Award-winning "Coloring Book." Since moving to Brooklyn, he's served as vocalist of the legendary curated hip-hop jam The Lesson in the Lower East Side. Over the last three years, J. Hoard's voice, lyrical genius and fashion have become staples in the urban and traditional music scenes. "I come from a very musical and religious family, ranging from classical baritone greatness (Carl Franklin White), who sang with Kathleen Battle, to gospel and funk royalty (Ronnie Diamond Hoard)," he says. He attended Berklee College of Music in Boston.



MARIUM HUSAIN

Dr. Marium Husain is an oncology hospitalist at The Ohio State University James Comprehensive Care Center. She has been working on community service projects in the Columbus, Ohio, area and abroad for the last decade. As the treasurer of the national non-profit Islamic Medical Association of North America, she has worked on public health education and domestic campaigns for food insecurity, reproductive health, mental health and climate change. In addition to her extensive health care achievements, she organizes and participates in town halls to raise awareness of racism and Islamophobia. Faith is a driving force in her life, and she has seen the profound impact of integrating science and faith in her own life.



KATIE JONES (KJ)

Katie Jones (KJ) is a music curator, artist manager and talent buyer residing in Brooklyn, N.Y. Born in the heart of southern Virginia, KJ's life has revolved around music from a young age. She was educated at a performing arts high school in Phoenix. She received a double major in Music Business/Management and Professional Music from Berklee College of Music in Boston. KJ moved to New York City in 2015, where she began working at National Sawdust, and in the early spring of 2016, she became a full-time part of the venue's programming team. She is founder of The Revolution—a performance series highlighting Brooklyn and Harlem-based artists and musicians. Her extensive activities also include work as manager for innovative artists, and assisting on numerous music festivals around the U.S.



**KENNETH
KIMMELL**

Kenneth Kimmell is president of the Union of Concerned Scientists, a leading science-based nonprofit that combines the knowledge and influence of the scientific community with the passion of concerned citizens to build a healthy planet and a safer world. After being trained as an attorney, he has had more than 30 years of experience in government, environmental policy and advocacy. He is a national advocate for clean energy and transportation policies and a driving force behind UCS's "Power Ahead" campaign to build a large and diverse group of clean energy leadership states. He serves on the Commission on the Future of Transportation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



**ELIZABETH
MATTIS NAMGYEL**

Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel has studied and practiced the Buddhistharma for 30 years under the guidance of Dzigaar Kongtrul Rinpoche. After meeting Rinpoche in Nepal, she became his first Western student. After many years of solitary retreat, Rinpoche appointed Elizabeth as retreat master at Longchen Jigme Samten Ling, Mangala Shri Bhuti's retreat center in southern Colorado. Elizabeth is known for her willingness to question the spiritual path in order to reach a place of genuine practice and awakening.



LISA JANE MILLER

Lisa Jane Miller is a professor, researcher and clinical psychologist who is best known as a research scholar on spirituality in psychology. She is director of Clinical Psychology and Founder of the Spirituality Mind Body Institute at Columbia University, Teachers College. Miller serves as co-editor-in-chief of Spirituality in Clinical Practice, published by the American Psychological Association. It is the first peer review academic journal dedicated to spirituality as a source of healing and growth in treatment and well being work. She is solo editor of the Oxford University Press Handbook of Psychology and Spirituality, in which she articulates a vision of spiritual psychology.



VIVEK H. MURTHY

Dr. Vivek H. Murthy served as the 19th Surgeon General of the United States, appointed by President Barack Obama. As the Vice Admiral of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, he commanded a uniformed service of 6,600 public health officers globally. During his tenure, Dr. Murthy launched the TurnTheTide campaign, catalyzing a movement among health professionals to address the nation's opioid crisis. He also issued the first Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs and Health, calling for expanded access to prevention and treatment and for recognizing addiction as a chronic illness, not a character flaw. An internal medicine physician and entrepreneur, Dr. Murthy has co-founded a number of organizations including VISIONS, an HIV/AIDS education program in India, and Swasthya, a community health partnership in rural India training women as health providers and educators. He received his bachelor's degree from Harvard, and his M.D. and M.B.A. degrees from Yale.



CLIFFORD SARON

Clifford Saron is internationally known for his research on the effect of meditation on attention, emotional regulation, brain function and physical health. In the 1990s, he pioneered the study of Tibetan Buddhist monks' meditation. Saron is an associate research scientist at the University of California Davis Center for Meditation and Brain. He is principal investigator of the Shamatha Project, the most comprehensive study to date investigating the effects of long-term intensive meditation practice on physiological and psychological processes central to well being, attention, emotion regulation and health.



**KATHERINE
JEFFERTS SCHORI**

Katharine Jefferts Schori served as presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church of the United States from 2006-2015. Her first career was as an oceanographer, after earning her doctorate in that field at the University of Oregon. She later attended seminary and held various positions within the Episcopal Church, including service as the 9th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. She was the first woman elected as a primate in the Anglican Communion. She served on the Division of Earth and Life Studies board of the National Academy of Sciences.



NADIA SIRITSKY

Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky serves as the vice president for Mission for KentuckyOne Health, at Jewish Hospital, at Frazier Rehab and at Our Lady of Peace. Rabbi Nadia is also a social worker, a mediator and a board-certified interfaith chaplain who served with the Red Cross after 9/11 in New York City. In addition to her congregational service at The Temple in Louisville and also at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Rabbi Nadia has worked as an interfaith chaplain and psychotherapist in several settings including hospice and palliative care, as well as consulting, fundraising and grant-writing for non-profit organizations.



BEN SOLLEE

Ben Sollee, born and raised in Kentucky, has worked steadily to promote his home state as a creative and cultural haven. As a cellist, songwriter, and storyteller, he has toured around the globe performing his original music. As a composer, he has created music for stage, screen, and virtual reality earning an Emmy Award for his 2018 score for Base Ballet. As a producer, he has curated hundreds of live events including experiences for the Speed Art Museum and Lincoln Center. Throughout it all, he has continued to advocate for Kentucky's people, land, and businesses. He currently serves as Director of Engagement at the non-profit Canopy, working to make Kentucky first in good business.



NAWEED SYED

Dr. Naweed Syed, who is a specialist in the field of biomedical engineering and member of the medicine faculty at the University of Calgary, became the first scientist who managed to connect brain cells to a silicon chip. This discovery, “Brain on a Chip,” is a major step in the research of integrating computers with human brains to help people control artificial limb, monitor people’s vital signs, correct memory loss or impaired vision. Dr. Syed is professor and scientific director of the Alberta Children’s Hospital Research Institute, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary.



**MARY EVELYN
TUCKER**

Mary Evelyn Tucker is, with her husband John Allan Grim, the co-founder and co-director of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale University. She teaches in the joint Master’s program in religion and ecology at Yale between the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Department of Religious Studies. She is the author and/or editor of close to 20 volumes and has published hundreds of articles. She is widely regarded as a pioneer in the field of religion and ecology. Tucker worked closely with theologian Thomas Berry for 30 years.



JESSE H. WRIGHT

Dr. Jesse H. Wright is professor, Kolb Endowed Chair for Outpatient Psychiatry, and director of the Depression Center at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He is the principal author of eight books and the first multimedia computer program for the treatment of depression. Dr. Wright’s research is focused on developing and testing computer-assisted psychotherapy methods for improving the efficiency of treatment and enhancing the psychotherapeutic experience. Dr. Wright has received the Distinguished Educator of the Year Award from the University of Louisville, among other awards. He lectures widely on mood disorders, cognitive-behavior therapies, psychopharmacology, and computer-aided psychotherapy.



**WOMAN STANDS
SHINING**

Woman Stands Shining (Pat McCabe, Weyakpa Najin Win) is a Diné (Navajo) mother, grandmother, activist, artist, writer, ceremonial leader and international speaker. She is a voice for global peace, and her paintings are created as tools for individual, earth and global healing. She draws upon the deep Indigenous sciences of thriving life to reframe questions about sustainability and balance, and she is devoted to supporting the next generations. She was a speaker at the 2018 Festival of Faiths.



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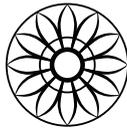


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Notes

“The important thing is not to stop questioning.
Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot
help but be in awe when [one] contemplates the mysteries
of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality.”

-Albert Einstein



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