

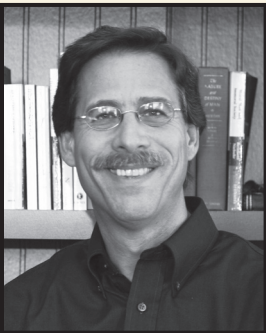
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Speakers & Bios



Roy Anker

Professor of English and Film Studies, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Roy Anker is Professor of English at Calvin College where he teaches writing, American literature, and film. He grew up near Chicago, graduated from Hope College, and taught in Iowa before coming to Calvin. He has written three books, the most recent focusing on religion and film, *Catching Light: Looking for God in the Movies*. Two others on the same topic are nearly complete.



G. Lee Ramsey, Jr.

**Professor of Theology and Homiletics,
Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.**

Born in Savannah, Ga., Lee Ramsey is a graduate of Young Harris College, Emory University (B.A. English), Candler School of Theology (M.Div.), and Vanderbilt (Ph.D. in Religion and Personality and Homiletics). Ramsey is an ordained United Methodist Minister and has been a pastor of congregations in Atlanta, Georgia and Clarksville, Tennessee. In 1998, he began teaching at Memphis Theological Seminary in the areas of preaching and pastoral care. Captivated by stories, he frequently incorporates fiction and film into his teaching and writing. He is the author of numerous articles, essays, the recently published *Preachers and Misfits, Prophets and Thieves: The Minister in Southern Fiction*, and two additional books on preaching and pastoral ministry. Married to Mary Leslie Dawson-Ramsey, he has two children, ages 15 and 19. When not working, he prefers to be caught reading fiction or wading in rivers casting a fly to rising trout.



Tim Ross

Hopwood Christian Church, Elizabethton, Tenn.

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Ross has served as minister, missionary, and educator in varied settings. Ross has been a church planting missionary among the Maasai of Kenya, taught at Milligan College and Emmanuel School of Religion, and has served as preaching minister of the Hopwood Memorial Christian Church since 1996. He is a graduate of Milligan College (B.A.), and Emmanuel School of Religion (M.Div. '87, D.Min. '08).



Maggie Zeller

Saint Christophers Episcopal Church, Kingsport, Tenn.

Margaret Zeller is rector of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Kingsport, Tenn. She graduated from Florida State University, State University of New York at Buffalo, and The School of Theology, University of the South. A native of Delaware, Zeller has two grown children.



Gordon Turnbull

First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn.

The Rev. Dr. Gordon A. Turnbull has served as Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn. since April, 1999. He came to Bristol after an eight-year pastorate in Shelbyville, Tenn. Before entering the ministry, he served as an English teacher and department chairman at the Harpeth Hall School in Nashville. Gordon grew up in Mobile, Ala. He has academic degrees from Davidson College, Vanderbilt University, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and Princeton Theological Seminary. Gordon has been married since 1983 to his wife, Betsy, a school counselor in the Bristol, Va. school system. They have three sons: Alec, Thomas, and John.



Anne McKee

Maryville College Chaplain, Maryville, Tenn.

The Rev. Anne D. McKee has been the campus minister at Maryville College since June 2001. A life-long Presbyterian, she grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana and is a graduate of Rhodes College and Yale Divinity School. Before coming to Maryville, she served churches in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area and the Presbytery of East Tennessee, including being the associate pastor at Farragut Presbyterian Church for seven years. McKee is married to Dr. Mark D. Hulsether, who teaches in the Religious Studies department at U.T. They have three children, ages 14, 17 and 20.



Elizabeth Patrick

Presbyterian Church (USA) Bristol, Tenn.

The Rev. Elizabeth Patrick is an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She lives in Bristol, Tenn., where she regularly supplies pulpits in the area and enjoys being a part of the King College community. Before moving to Tennessee, Patrick served as solo pastor at Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs, S.C., for five years. Before seminary, Patrick practiced health care law in Greenville, S.C. Patrick is a graduate of Erskine College, Duke University School of Law, and Princeton Theological Seminary.



Jeff Munroe

Regional Director of Young Life in Western Europe, Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Rev. Jeff Munroe is the Regional Director of Young Life in Western Europe, and supervises ministry in eight European countries. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and Western Theological Seminary. Munroe and his wife, Gretchen, live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but are relocating to Dordrecht, the Netherlands, in the spring.



Barbara Brown Taylor

Episcopal Priest and Professor of Religion, Clarkesville, Ga.

An Episcopal priest since 1984, Barbara Brown Taylor teaches religion at Piedmont College in rural northeast Georgia, where she holds the Harry R. Butman Chair in Religion and Philosophy. She also serves as adjunct professor of Christian spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. Before becoming a full-time teacher, Taylor spent fifteen years in parish ministry, first at All Saints Church in Atlanta and then at Grace-Calvary Church in Clarkesville, Georgia. In recent years, she has lectured on preaching at Yale, Princeton and Duke Universities, and has preached at churches across the country. A columnist for *The Christian Century* and sometime commentator on Georgia Public Broadcasting, she is the author of eleven books, including *When God is Silent* and *Home By Another Way*. *Leaving Church*, her first memoir, received the 2006 award for Best General Interest Book from the Association of Theological Booksellers and a Georgia Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association in the category of creative nonfiction.