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Illinois Wesleyan University

# PRESIDENT'S CONVOCATION



Westbrook Auditorium  
Presser Hall  
September 26, 2007  
11:00 a.m.

# PROGRAM

President Richard F. Wilson, *Presiding*

Prelude

Doris Hill

*Professor of Organ*

Sonata I — Op. 65  
Allegro moderato e serioso  
Allegro Assai Vivace

*Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy*  
(1809-1847)

Invocation (*please stand*)

Hope Luckie

*University Chaplain*

Welcome

Richard F. Wilson

*President*

Greetings from the Student Senate

Kelly Petrowski '08

*President, Student Senate*

Introduction of Speaker

Beth Cunningham

*Provost and Dean of the Faculty*

Address

Tracy Kidder

"One Way to Live a Meaningful Life"

Alma Wesleyana

Ms. Hill

(*please stand and join in singing led by William Dwyer '08*)

NATIONAL HYMN

*George William Warren*

From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,

(1828-1902)

Where'er we wander, over land or sea;

Through time unending, loyal we will be—

True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

When college days are fully past and gone,

While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn,

Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—

Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

—*Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)*

Benediction (*remain standing*)

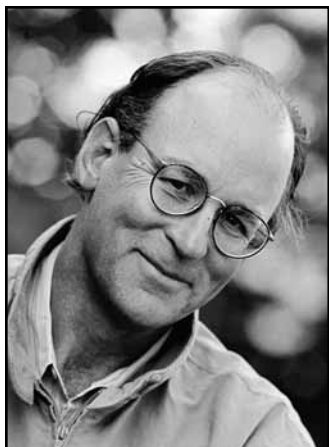
Chaplain Luckie

Postlude (*remain standing*)

Ms. Hill

Boëllmann Suite for Organ Op. 25  
IV Toccata — Allegro

*Léon Boëllmann*  
(1862-1897)



## TRACY KIDDER

Pulitzer Prize-winning author, journalist, and Vietnam War veteran Tracy Kidder has a noted, distinctively textured hands-on research style, devoting countless hours to careful research and thousands of handwritten pages to on-site observations.

For his acclaimed 2003 publication *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World*, Mr. Kidder crisscrossed the globe with Dr.

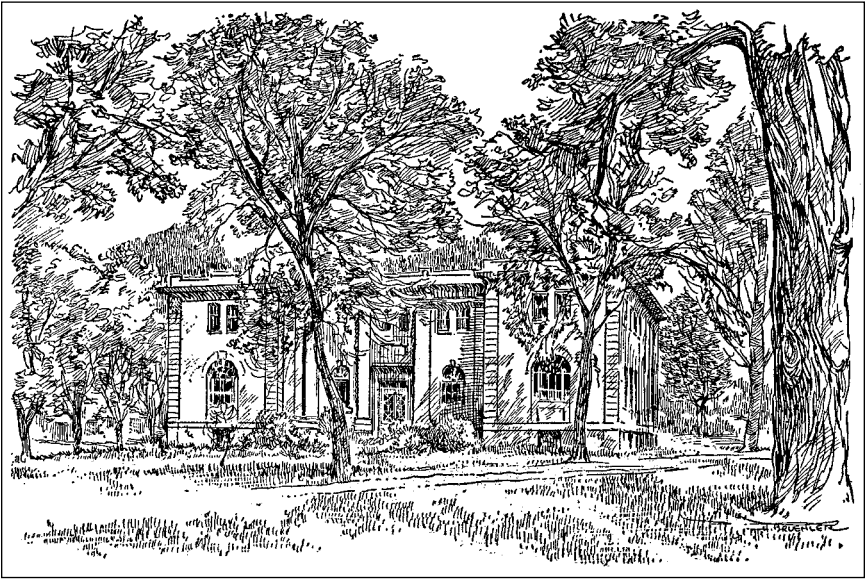
Farmer, traveling from New York City to Siberia, Boston to Haiti, and chronicling the unconventional physician's inspiring work as founder of the not-for-profit Partners In Health in Haiti, an organization dedicated to improving international health care. Illinois Wesleyan was pleased to feature the book in the Summer Reading Program for the Class of 2011, who participated in small group intellectual conversations with faculty, staff, students, and alumni during orientation week.

With the exception of his exploration of Dr. Farmer's extraordinary work, Mr. Kidder has focused his research on the daily lives of ordinary people and places. His books range widely in subject and scope; *Among Schoolchildren* (1989) tells the story of a classroom of fifth-graders and their teacher, while *House* (1985) satirically depicts the construction of a residential home in Massachusetts.

A prolific writer, Mr. Kidder is well known for *The Soul of a New Machine* (1981), which earned him both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award in 1982. He is the author of six other books, including his most recent, *My Detachment* (2005), a personal memoir of his experiences in Vietnam for which he was awarded a Bronze Star. For his works, Mr. Kidder has received multiple honors, such as the Robert F. Kennedy Award and the Ambassador Book Award in 1990, and the Sarah Josepha Hale Award in 1998. He contributes regularly to the *New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly*, and *The New York Times Book Review*.

Born in New York City in 1945 and raised in Oyster Bay, Long Island, Mr. Kidder graduated from Harvard College in 1967. He earned a Masters in Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa and participated in its prestigious Writers' Workshop. Mr. Kidder now lives with his wife in Massachusetts and Maine.

## SCIENCE HALL



*From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches:*

*“THIS BUILDING WAS MADE POSSIBLE LARGELY  
BY A GIFT OF ANDREW CARNEGIE IN 1910 AND  
HAS CONSTANTLY BEEN KEPT MODERN IN  
EVERY RESPECT DURING THE PAST TWENTY  
YEARS. CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, ZOOLOGY, AND  
PHYSICS DEPARTMENTS ARE QUARTERED IN  
THIS ATTRACTIVE BUILDING.”*

*The Edgar M. Stevenson Hall of Nursing, formerly known  
as Science Hall, was dedicated on October 9, 1965.*

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