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# FOUNDERS DAY CONVOCATION



Westbrook Auditorium

Presser Hall

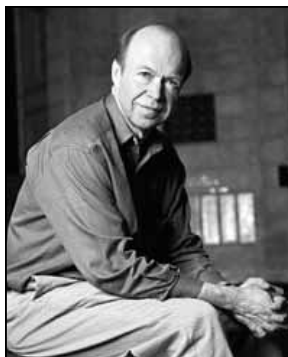
February 19, 2008

7:30 P.M.

# PROGRAM

President Richard F. Wilson, *Presiding*  
Professor Abigail Jahiel, Associate Professor of Environmental  
and International Studies, *Mace Bearer*

Prelude	Doris Hill, Pianist <i>Adjunct Professor of Organ</i>
Impromptus Opus 142, #2 Allegretto	<i>Franz Schubert</i> (1797-1828)
Processional ( <i>please stand</i> ) Quartet No. 2 in D Major Movement 1	<i>Alexander Borodin</i> (1833-1887)
	Janet Lyu '11, violin Dana Kurzka '10, violin Sarah Cornish '10, viola Rosa Kleinman '11, cello
Invocation ( <i>please stand</i> )	Hope Luckie <i>University Chaplain</i>
Founders Day Remarks	Richard F. Wilson <i>President</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Beth Cunningham <i>Provost and Dean of the Faculty</i>
Remarks	
"Climate Tipping Points: The Threat to the Planet"	James E. Hansen
Alma Wesleyana	Mrs. Hill
	NATIONAL HYMN
( <i>please stand and join in singing</i> )	<i>George William Warren</i> (1828-1902)
From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee, 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.	
	— <i>Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)</i>
Benediction ( <i>remain standing</i> )	Chaplain Luckie
Recessional & Postlude ( <i>remain standing</i> ) Variationen Uber Die Hymne "GOTT ERHALTE"	Mrs. Hill <i>Franz Josef Haydn</i> (1797-1828)



## **Dr. James E. Hansen**

**Renowned Climate Scientist**

**Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Goddard Institute for Space Studies**

Dr. James E. Hansen, one of the nation's foremost researchers on climate change, has been encouraging the debate on global warming for more than 30 years. Called upon to testify before Congress, he has been openly critical of both the Clinton and Bush administration's stances on climate changes.

A member of the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Hansen has published more than 50 articles in scientific journals and reviews on the effects of climate change, and continues to gather and analyze data. He sees the nature of today's climate as a potential "perfect storm" — an accelerated disaster out of humanity's control. Professor Hansen believes young people may provide a tipping point to draw needed attention to global warming.

Dr. Hansen has twice received the NASA Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive. He has been awarded the John Heinz Environment Award in 2001, the Roger Revelle Medal from the American Geophysical Union in 2002, the Duke of Edinburgh Conservation Medal from the World Wildlife Fund in 2006 and the Leo Szilard Lectureship Award from the American Physical Society in 2007.

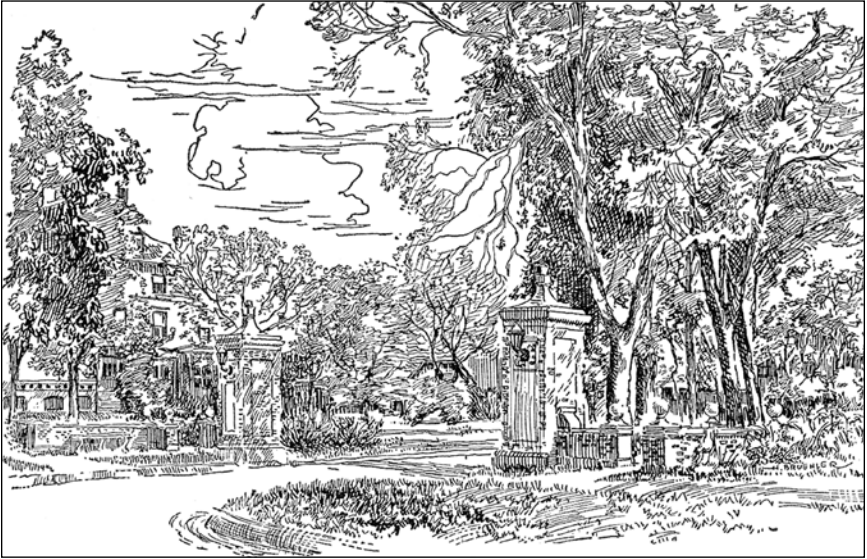
Working with the Goddard Institute for more than 30 years, Dr. Hansen has seen his work soar to other planets, but says he discovered the most exciting planetary research involves trying to understand the climate change on earth.

Dr. Hansen began his work with NASA as a graduate trainee while still at the University of Iowa, where he earned his bachelor's degrees in physics and mathematics in 1963, a master's in astronomy in 1965 and a doctorate in physics in 1967. He joined the Goddard Institute as a research fellow after graduation, and became a staff member in 1972. He was named director of the institute in 1981.

During the 1970s, Dr. Hansen was an investigator for several missions, including the Pioneer Venus Cloud Orbiter and the Voyager Photopolarimeter Experiment. He was principal investigator on the Galileo orbiter to Jupiter, which earned a NASA Group Achievement Award. He then became manager of the Goddard Institute's planetary and climate programs, working to develop research to effectively monitor and study global climate changes.

Professor Hansen also teaches at the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Columbia University and was listed as one of *Time Magazine's* 100 Most Influential People in 2006.

## Founders Gates Inscription



*From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches of Illinois Wesleyan University*

*WE STAND IN A POSITION OF INCALCULABLE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GREAT WAVE OF POPULATION OVERSPREADING THE VALLEY OF THE MISSISSIPPI. DESTINY SEEMS TO POINT OUT THIS VALLEY AS THE DEPOSITORY OF THE GREAT HEART OF THE NATION. FROM THIS CENTER, MIGHTY PULSATIONS, FOR GOOD OR EVIL, MUST IN THE FUTURE FLOW, WHICH SHALL NOT ONLY AFFECT THE FORTUNE OF THE REPUBLIC, BUT REACH IN THEIR INFLUENCE OTHER AND DISTANT NATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

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