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FOUNDERS’ DAY
CONVOCATION

Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
February 17, 2010
11:00 AM
Program

President Richard F. Wilson, Presiding
Professor Michael C. Seeborg, the Robert S. Eckley Professor of Economics,
Mace Bearer

Prelude and Processional
(please stand during Processional)
Fugue in 3b Major
Doris Hill
Organist
J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Invocation (remain standing)
Hope Luckie
University Chaplain

Founders’ Day Remarks
Richard F. Wilson
President

Special Music
Wesleyan Chapel Gospel Choir
Stefan Riley ’12, Director
No Weapon
Fred Hammond
(b. 1960)

Introduction of Speaker
Beth Cunningham
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Remarks
“Environment, Social Justice,
and the Challenge of Sustainability”
Dorceta E. Taylor

Alma Wesleyana
(please stand and join in singing)
Ms. Hill
National Hymn
George William Warren
(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.

—Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)

Benediction (remain standing)
Chaplain Luckie

Recessional (remain standing)
Toccata
Ms. Hill
Eugene Gigout (1844-1925)
Dr. Dorceta Taylor has spent her career shedding light on the connections between nature, race and gender, making her a pioneer in the study of environmental racism and an activist for environmental justice. Named in 2007 to “Who’s Who Among American Teachers and Educators,” Dr. Taylor is not only a long-time advocate for the environmental movement, but also of inclusion within the movement.

Dr. Taylor participated in the landmark 1990 environmental justice conference at the University of Michigan’s School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) known as the “Race and the Incidence of Environmental Hazards,” and contributed to the book that evolved from the conference titled *Race and the Incidence of Environmental Hazards: A Time for Discourse* (Westview Press, 1992).

In 2005, she held a National Summit on Diversity in the Environmental Field at the SNRE, and convened an international Faculty Diversity and Environmental Justice Research Symposium at the University of Michigan in 2007 to discuss diversity in the environmental field and the state of environmental justice research.

The author of three ground-breaking books that explore race and gender within the environmental movement, Dr. Taylor’s latest work is *The Environment and People in American Cities, 1600s-1900s: Disorder, Inequity, and Social Change* (Duke University Press, 2009). The book provides a previously unexplored perspective of problems such as overcrowding, pollution and urban poverty in the context of environmental racism. She is also the author of *Race, Class, Gender, and American Environmentalism* (Diane Publishing, 2003) and *Ethnic Leisure Pursuits* (Mellen University Press, 1992).

Dr. Taylor earned joint doctorates in sociology and forestry and environmental studies from Yale University in 1991, to which she returned in 2005 as the Edward P. Bass Distinguished Visiting Environmental Scholar at the Institute for Biospheric Studies. She earned master’s degrees from Yale in sociology and forestry and environmental studies in 1988 and in forest science in 1985. Her undergraduate degrees from northeastern Illinois University are in environmental studies and biology.

Dr. Taylor is currently an associate professor of Environmental Sociology and Afroamerican and African Studies at the University of Michigan, where she helped to develop one of the nation’s first environmental justice programs at the university. Along with teaching courses at the University of Michigan in environmental politics and justice, women and the environment, and gender development and equality, Dr. Taylor is the Program Director of the Multicultural Environmental Leadership Development Initiative (MELDI), which is aimed at enhancing career development skills and leadership opportunities for students of color and minority professionals in the environmental field.
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.

FOUNDERS OF ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

Peter Cartwright  
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