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Illinois Wesleyan University

FOUNDERS DAY CONVOCATION



Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
February 17, 2016
11:00 AM

PROGRAM

President Eric R. Jensen, *Presiding*

Professor Nancy Sultan

Professor and Director of Greek and Roman Studies, *Mace Bearer*

PRELUDE	Susan Klotzbach <i>Organist</i>
Prelude in E-Flat Major, BWV 552	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i> (1685-1750)
PROCESSIONAL (<i>please stand</i>)	
Processional March	<i>Enrico Rossi</i>
A FOUNDERS INVOCATION (<i>remain standing</i>)	Elyse Nelson Winger <i>University Chaplain</i>
FOUNDERS DAY REMARKS	Eric R. Jensen <i>President</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Jonathan D. Green <i>Provost and Dean of the Faculty</i>
REMARKS	
“Interfaith Leadership: Engaging Faith and Philosophical Diversity in the 21st Century”	Eboo Patel
ALMA WESLEYANA	Ms. Klotzbach
(<i>please stand and join in singing led by John McHugh '17</i>)	NATIONAL HYMN <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>
RECESSIONAL (<i>remain standing</i>)	Ms. Klotzbach
Fugue in E-Flat Major, BWV 552	<i>J. S. Bach</i>

*Processional participants include the University's Endowed Professors
and Faculty Committee Chairs*

Eboo Patel

Prominent leader in the movement for interfaith cooperation

Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC)

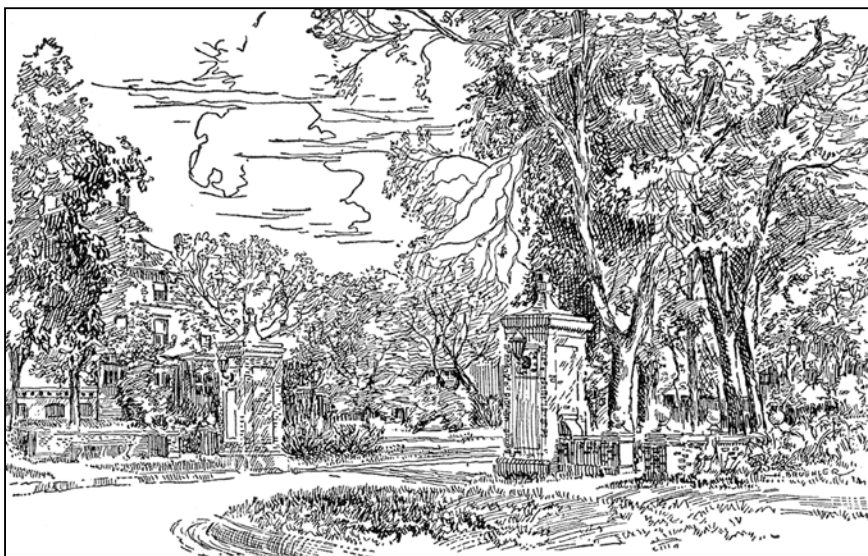


Eboo Patel is a leader at the forefront of the movement for cooperation among different religious faiths and backgrounds. He is the founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a national nonprofit organization that works to make interfaith cooperation a social norm. IFYC, based in Chicago, works with higher education institutions to help realize a future where religion is a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division.

Raised in Glen Ellyn, a Chicago suburb, Dr. Patel holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship. Named by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of America's Best Leaders of 2009, Dr. Patel served on President Barack Obama's Inaugural Faith Council. Dr. Patel wrote the book *Acts of Faith* (Beacon Press, 2010), his account of growing up as a Muslim in the United States and his process of coming to believe in religious pluralism. *Acts of Faith* won the Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion, which honors highly significant contributions to religious and spiritual understanding. Dr. Patel is also the author of *Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America* (Beacon Press, 2013) and the forthcoming publication *Interfaith Leadership: A Primer*.

Dr. Patel regularly contributes to the public conversation regarding religion in the United States. His work has been featured in the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Huffington Post*, *NPR*, and *CNN*. He is a frequent speaker and guest lecturer at colleges and universities across the United States, bringing his message on the topic of religious pluralism to young adults. He has also spoken at events such as the Clinton Global Initiative, the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, and as a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum.

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.

FOUNDERS OF ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

Peter Cartwright	W. H. Allin	Thomas P. Rogers
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J. C. Finley	John E. McClun	Lewis Bunn
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