

2019-2020 Evans Chair Lectures Not to Miss!



First Annual Richard L. Evans Memorial Lecture

**CONVICTED CIVILITY:
KEY TO INTERFAITH RELATIONS**



Richard J. Mouw
Author, Professor, and former President of Fuller Theological Seminary

September 19, 2019 at 7:30pm
Hinckley Center Assembly Hall



A new, annual lecture is being launched to honor Elder Richard L. Evans, former member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles and pioneering interfaith bridge-builder. The featured speaker, Dr. **Richard J. Mouw**, is an outstanding scholar, an educational statesman, and a great friend of the Church (he spoke in the Tabernacle a decade ago). His extensive experience in fostering interfaith goodwill, his deep understanding of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and his genuine affection for his many Latter-day Saint friends make him ideally suited to launch this new lecture series. Here is a brief bio (his full CV is 27 pages in length!):

Richard Mouw is Professor of Faith and Public Life at Fuller Theological Seminary, where he also served for twenty years as the school's president. Mouw earned a Master's degree in philosophy at the University of Alberta, and a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. Before joining the Fuller faculty in 1985, Mouw taught philosophy at Calvin College for seventeen years. He has written numerous books, including *Restless Faith*, *Adventures in Evangelical Civility*, *Uncommon Decency*, *Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport*, and *The Smell of Sawdust*. He serves on the board for Dordt College and Biologos.

Laurie L. Patton is the 17th president of Middlebury College, ranked #5 in *U. S. News and World Report's* classification "National Liberal Arts Colleges," and she is the first woman to lead the institution in its 218-year history.

Patton is a leading authority on South Asian history and culture, and the author or editor of 11 books in these fields. She has also translated the ancient Hindu text, *The Bhagavad Gita*, for the Penguin Classics series. Additionally, she is the author of three books of poetry—the most recent book, *House Crossing*, was published in May 2018.

Patton began her career at Bard College, where she was an assistant professor of Asian religions from 1991 to 1996. From 1996 to 2011, Patton served on the faculty and administration at Emory University, where she was the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Religions and chair of the Religion Department from 2000 to 2007. From 2001-2015, Patton served as the Durden Professor of Religion and Duke University's Dean of Arts and Sciences. At Duke, she oversaw 36 academic departments and programs in arts and sciences for the school, which awards 80 percent of Duke's bachelor degrees.

At Middlebury, Patton is a persistent advocate for building a stronger and more resilient public sphere and fostering increased opportunities for informed discussion and debate about today's most challenging issues. She has inaugurated several new programs focusing on inclusivity on campus and is guiding Middlebury's masterplan toward ambitious, new environmental goals.

From 2008 to 2011, Patton served as president of the American Society for the Study of Religion and in 2018–2019 as president of the American Academy of Religion, an 8,000-member scholarly society for the study of religion.



Laurie L. Patton,
President of Middlebury
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