Grace Wolf-Chase online talk 6:30PM on March 6, "Cosmic Creation through the Ages"



Grace Wolf-Chase, a Senior Scientist and Senior Education & Communication Specialist with the Planetary Science Institute (PSI), will give an online talk, "Cosmic Creation through the Ages," March 6, 2023, at 6:30 PM as part of the *Epic of Creation* course at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). The *Epic of Creation* course provides an educational framework to theological students which promotes an accurate and informed discussion in the theology-science arena and includes occasions for wider discussion beyond the course participants themselves.

Wolf-Chase is currently Vice President of the Center for Advanced Study in Religion and Science (CASIRAS), which is hosting this lecture along with LSTC. After obtaining an A.B. in Physics from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in Astronomy from the University of Arizona, Wolf-Chase was awarded a National Research Council postdoctoral fellowship to study star formation at NASA Ames Research Center, followed by a University of California President's postdoctoral fellowship at U.C. Riverside. Wolf-Chase worked at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago from 1998-2020 prior to joining PSI. Her career combines academic research in astrophysics with public outreach and engaging diverse audiences in experiences with real science. She has published numerous scientific papers in her field of expertise; written articles and book chapters on science and religion (e.g., in Interactive World, Interactive God 2017 and Intersections of Religion and Astronomy 2021); and has worked with multiple organizations devoted to positive and creative interactions between science and religion, such as the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER).

To register for this lecture, please send an email to dglover@lstc.edu.

About CASIRAS

<u>CASIRAS</u> is a supporting organization for ZCRS in partnership with LSTC. It also supports *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* in partnership with IRAS and the International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR).

About LSTC

LSTC, a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is dedicated to bearing witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. Based in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, it is the leading urban Lutheran seminary training students for purposeful vocations in the global community. Aligned with its Lutheran heritage and built on a foundation of intellectual rigor, LSTC's innovative, nationally recognized curriculum gives students skills for visionary Christian leadership in the public sphere. LSTC recognizes that our school stands on the lands of the Potawatomi, Miami, and Peoria peoples. For thousands of years before their forced removal, this was their traditional homeland, and it continues to hold their ancestral stories and wisdom. We honor and thank the elders of these and other nations, past and present. These lands are still home to many indigenous people, and we are grateful to learn in this place.

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