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- **To promote the understanding and exploration** of Brethren in Christ history and contemporary life
- **To promote peace and conflict studies** (PACS) and to oversee the PACS program at Messiah University, especially the peace and conflict studies major and minor in the Messiah University curriculum

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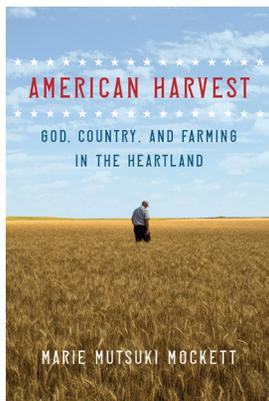
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# THE 2022 ANNUAL SCHRAG LECTURES

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### Lecture: "On Loving Our Enemies"

*Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m.,  
Martin Commons*

America today seems like an increasingly divided place—politically, economically, religiously, culturally. In this moment, what does it mean to build bridges and love our enemies? In this lecture, author Marie Mutsuki Mockett will

attempt to answer this question by drawing on the lessons she learned while writing her book, "American Harvest," which follows a group of Brethren in Christ-connected wheat harvesters across the American heartland.

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### Dessert reception

*Thursday, March 31 at 7:45 p.m., Martin Commons*

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### Panel discussion and Q&A

*Thursday, March 31 at 8 p.m., Martin Commons*

Mockett will interview members of the Wolgemuth family, whose experiences she chronicled in "American Harvest." A question-and-answer session with the audience will follow.

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The lecture and panel discussion are open to the Messiah University community and the general public. RSVP requested at [siderinstitute@messiah.edu](mailto:siderinstitute@messiah.edu).

*Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, updated guidelines for social distancing and wearing of masks will be provided the week prior to the event for those who indicate their attendance.*

**NOTE:** *Due to budget changes, there will be no Sider Institute annual banquet this year.*

## PREVIOUS SCHRAG LECTURERS

2021 Virtual Anabaptist Book Festival	2010 Nathan Emerson Yoder
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2012 James Forbes	2001 Alan and Eleanor Kreider
2011 Ronald J. Sider	2000 Myron S. Augsburg
	1999 John D. Roth

## ABOUT THE 2022 SCHRAG LECTURERS



**Marie Mutsuki Mockett**, a writer of fiction and nonfiction, was born to an American father and Japanese mother. Her most recent book, "American Harvest: God, Country and Farming in the Heartland" (Graywolf), follows Mockett's journey through seven

heartland states in the company of evangelical Christian harvesters, some with ties to the Brethren in Christ Church. The book examines the role of GMOs, God, agriculture and race in society, and won the 2021 Northern Californian Book Award for General Nonfiction. Mockett's memoir, "Where the Dead Pause, and the Japanese Say Goodbye" (W.W. Norton & Co., 2015), examines grief against the backdrop of the 2011 Great East Earthquake in Japan and was a finalist for the 2016 PEN Open Book Award, the Indies Choice Best Book for Nonfiction and the Northern California Book Award for Creative Nonfiction. Mockett lives in San Francisco with her family.



## IN HONOR OF THE SCHRAGS

The Schrag Lectures are named to honor Martin Schrag (1919–2002), professor emeritus of church history at Messiah University, and his wife Dorothy Schrag (1918–2017), assistant professor emerita of music. Both were also active in the Brethren in Christ Church.

Martin was an outstanding scholar of Anabaptist history and theology. His best-known publication was "The European History (1525-1874) of the Swiss Mennonites from Volhynia" (1974), in which he traced his ancestors' journey from Switzerland to Russia and then to the United States. With co-author John K. Stoner, he also wrote "The Ministry of Reconciliation" (1973). His last book, "Christian Leshner: Nineteenth-Century Brethren in Christ Bishop" (2003), was in press at the time of his passing. Martin's biography is one of three that is featured in "Embracing Scholarship, Piety and Obedience" (2009), published by the Brethren in Christ Historical Society.