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The objectives of the Sider Institute include the following:

- To support programming which encourages and promotes a greater understanding of Anabaptism, Pietism and Wesleyanism
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- To promote peace and conflict studies and to oversee the Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) program at Messiah College, especially the Peace and Conflict Studies major and minor in the Messiah College curriculum

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## THE 2016 ANNUAL SCHRAG LECTURES

### *"The Curious History of the Christian Worldview: Theological Origins of the Culture Wars"*

**Dr. Molly Worthen**

**Parmer Cinema, Messiah College**

**March 17, 2016 at 7 p.m.**



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Lecture: "The Curious History of the Christian Worldview: Theological Origins of the Culture Wars" \*

Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m.

Parmer Cinema, Boyer Hall

\* This lecture is open to the Messiah College community and the general public. No ticket is required.

### Sider Institute Annual Banquet

Thursday, March 17, 5 p.m.

Howe Atrium, Boyer Hall

Advanced reservations required

The cost of the banquet is \$15 per person.

To make reservations, contact Shirley Groff at [groff@messiah.edu](mailto:groff@messiah.edu) or 717-766-2511 ext. 2025

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Space is limited and reservations must be made by March 10. A vegetarian dinner is available upon advanced request. Please make this request known along with your reservation.



### 2016 SCHRAG LECTURER

**Dr. Molly Worthen** is assistant professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She earned her B.A. (2003) and Ph.D. (2011) in religious history from Yale University.

As a scholar, Worthen's research focuses on North American religious and intellectual history, particularly the ideas and culture of conservative Christianity. Her most recent book, "Apostles of Reason: The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism" (Oxford, 2013), examines American evangelical intellectual life since 1945. The book has been favorably reviewed in Slate, Books and Culture, The Journal of American History, and many other scholarly and popular outlets.

At UNC Chapel Hill, Worthen teaches courses in global Christianity, North American religious and intellectual culture, and the history of politics and ideology. She is a contributing opinion writer for the New York Times and has also written about religion and politics for Slate, the Boston Globe, Foreign Policy and other publications.

### PREVIOUS SCHRAG LECTURERS

2015 J. Nelson Kraybill	2006 Keith A. Graber Miller
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2013 David W. Shenk	2004 Susan L. Biesecker-Mast
2012 James Forbes	2003 Nancy R. Heisey
2011 Ronald J. Sider	2002 Tom Yoder Neufeld
2010 Nathan Emerson Yoder	2001 Alan and Eleanor Kreider
2009 June Alliman Yoder	2000 Myron S. Augsburg
2008 Martin Mittelstadt	1999 John D. Roth
2007 Barry L. Callen	



### IN HONOR OF THE SCHRAGS

The Schrag Lectures are named to honor Martin Schrag (1919-2002), professor emeritus of church history at Messiah College, and his wife, Dorothy Schrag, 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 are featured in "Embracing Scholarship, Piety and Obedience" (2009), published by the Brethren in Christ Historical Society.