

Author Gertrud Mueller Nelson to present the 1992 winter Eugene Burke Lectureship on February 29 in Peterson Hall at UCSD

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AUTHOR TO PRESENT BURKE LECTURE AT UCSD FEB. 20

Artist, illustrator and author Gertrud Mueller Nelson will present the 1992 winter Eugene Burke Lectureship on Religion and Society at 8 p.m. Feb. 20 in Peterson Hall at the University of California, San Diego.

Her talk, entitled "The Healing Journey of the Feminine," is open to the public without charge.

Nelson was educated at the College of St. Catherine in St.Paul, Minn., and studied print making in Cologne, Germany, the city of her birth. She also has a background in Montessori education and attended the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich.

Her newest book is Here All Dwell Free: Stories to Heal The Wounded Feminine (Doubleday). Nelson also is the author of To Dance With God, a book on ceremony and ritual for family and community which journalist Bill Moyers said "has been important in my life for some time now." She has illustrated both of these books and almost a dozen others as well.

Although Nelson delves primarily into the experience of women, her work has much to offer men as well. She feels that each of us has a responsibility "to find and know the story that is our own." As she notes, "to know our own story is to find that the pull of gravity into our past is stronger than we thought."

The Burke Lectureship was established "to provide a forum for intellectually rigorous public discussions of spiritual themes from a variety of points of view." Former Burke lecturers have included Dan Sullivan, drama critic, Los Angeles Times; Hans Kung, theologian, University of Tubingen; Martin Marty, professor, University of Chicago; Ted Peters, theologian, Pacific School of Religion, and Elizabeth Johnson, theologian, Catholic University. A series on justice included Daniel Berrigan, poet, peace and social justice advocate, New York; Charles Curran, professor of ethics, Notre Dame, and Karen Lebacqz, professor of Biblical Studies, Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Further information about the Feb. 20 lecture may be obtained from Diane Curran, chair, 454-4181.

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