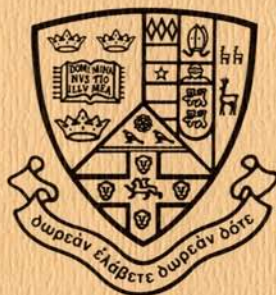


# DREW UNIVERSITY



## Special Convocation

Craig Chapel  
Seminary Hall

March the Eighth, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-four

# Convocation Program

PAUL HARDIN, *President of the University*, Presiding

Prelude "Concerto in B Minor"

Walther

Processional Hymn

Huber

God who spins the whirling planets,  
Fills the seas and spreads the plain,  
Molds the mountains, fashions blossoms,  
Calls forth sunshine, wind, and rain —

We, created in Your image,  
Would a true reflection be  
Of Your justice, grace, and mercy,  
And the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful  
In our life and ministry.

We respond in grateful worship  
Joined in one community.

When we blur Your gracious image,  
Focus us and make us whole.  
Healed and strengthened as Your people,  
We move onward toward Your goal.

God, Your word is still creating,  
Calling us to life made new.

Now reveal to us fresh vistas  
Where there's work to dare to do.

Keep us clear of all distortion.  
Polish us with loving care.  
Thus, new creatures in Your image,  
We'll proclaim You everywhere.

Invocation

DORA SCHNEIDER  
*M.Div. candidate '84*

Welcome

PRESIDENT HARDIN

Conferring of Honorary Degree

NELLE K. MORTON, Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, presented by  
DAVID GRAYBEAL, *Professor of Church and Society*; hooded by THOMAS OGLETREE,  
*Dean of the Theological School* and JANET FISHBURN, *Associate Professor of  
Teaching Ministries*

Address

DR. BEVERLY HARRISON

*Professor of Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary (NYC)*

The Fourth Annual Nelle Morton Lecture: "Restoring the Tapestry of Life:  
the Vocation of Feminist Theology"



Benediction

MARIE ROBERTS  
*University Chaplain*

Recessional

Postlude "Toccatà"

Boellmann

Convocation Marshal

HAROLD A. BRACK  
*Professor of Speech and Homiletics*

Director of Music

LESTER W. BERENBROICK  
*Professor of Music*

All are invited to share in the following events of this day:

12:15 Buffet Luncheon, Kirby Lounge, Seminary Hall (lower level)

12:45 Unveiling of Portraits of two emeritae faculty members of the  
Theological School, Main Lounge, Seminary Hall

MILDRED MOODY EAKIN, 1932-1955, Assistant Professor of Christian  
Education, *emerita*

NELLE K. MORTON, 1956-1971, Associate Professor of Christian  
Education, *emerita*

These portraits have been sponsored by the Women's Concerns  
Committee of the Theological School and will become a part of the  
portrait collection of Theological School faculty and administrators.  
The portrait artist is Sarah Haviland.

2:00 Informal discussion with the morning's speaker, DR. BEVERLY HARRISON,  
University Center, Rear Lounge



## NELLE K. MORTON

Born in Sullivan County, Tennessee, Nelle Morton is a graduate of Flora Macdonald College (B.A.) and New York Theological Seminary (M.R.E.). She has also studied at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, the University of Geneva, Switzerland, the Graduate Ecumenical Institute in Celigny, Switzerland, and L'Institut de Rosseau, Geneva. St. Andrews Presbyterian College honored her with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1979.

Nelle Morton joined the faculty of the Theological School at Drew in 1956, in the field of Christian Education, following the retirement of Mildred Moody Eakin, continuing at Drew until 1971 when she retired as Associate Professor of Christian Education, emerita. Prior to coming to Drew, Professor Morton served as Director of Christian Education in several local churches, on the youth ministry staff of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and as Executive Secretary for the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen.

Over the years, she has lectured and offered occasional courses at a number of colleges, theological schools, and universities, including Union Theological Seminary, Andover Newton Theological School, Perkins School of Theology, and Pacific School of Religion. Europe, as well as America, has been a field of her endeavors. In 1965, Professor Morton attended a conference in East Berlin on "Marxist-Christian Dialogue", was the plenary speaker at the World Council of Churches' conference on "Sexism in the Sixties" in 1974, and gave the plenary address at the World Federation of Methodist Women in Dublin, Ireland in 1976.

Professor Morton has authored several books, including *The Bible and Its Use*, *The Church We Cannot see*, and *The Biblical Faith and Your Campus in Dialogue*, as well as contributions to a number of religious journals and anthologies. Her lectures, research, and writing have increasingly dealt with feminist issues and implications for personal and social change. She is currently working on a book on woman, language, and theology growing out of her research as a Fellow in the Institute of Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. In her teaching, Professor Morton pioneered in raising "The Woman Question" in the context of theological inquiry and education, and many women scholars, theologians, and pastors see in her not only a sister, but a foremother as well.

## BEVERLY WILDUNG HARRISON

Beverly Wildung Harrison is a graduate of Macalester College (B.A., 1954) and Union Theological Seminary, New York (M.R.E., 1956; Ph.D., 1975). She joined the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in 1964 and has been professor of Christian Ethics since 1979. Prior to her appointment at Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Harrison served as Associate Presbyterian University Pastor, University of California at Berkeley, and as the Associate for International Seminars, United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. She has taught at various times at San Francisco Seminary, Graduate Theological Union, Iliff School of Theology, and Drew. Dr. Harrison has published numerous essays and articles concerning sexism and religion, human sexuality, ethics and energy, aging, social justice and ministry, and liberation theology in the Americas. She is the author of *Our Right to Choose: Towards a New Ethic of Abortion* (Beacon Press) and has a forthcoming book entitled: *Essays in Feminist Social Ethics*, edited by Carol Robb.

Active in many committees and societies, Dr. Harrison was president of the American Society of Christian Ethics in 1982, is a founding member of the Feminist Theological Institute, and plays a major role in Feminist Scholars in Religion.