

Registration

Registration Fee: \$50 per person

Attendees will be responsible to make their own arrangements and to cover the costs for lodging, air travel and ground transportation to their place of lodging. **Transportation will be provided to and from the conference from designated lodging site.** Please refer to the website for further information.

Please register online at:

<http://www.christ-in-cultures.com/>

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Christ in Contemporary Cultures Conference

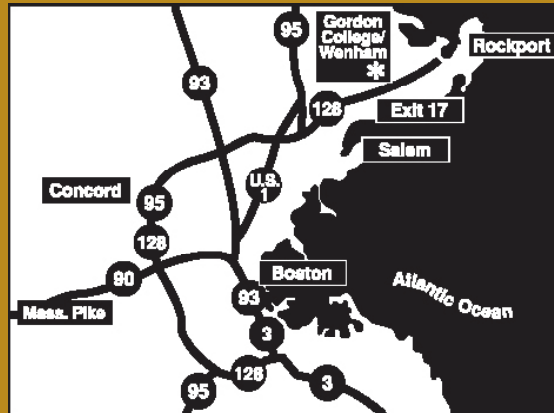
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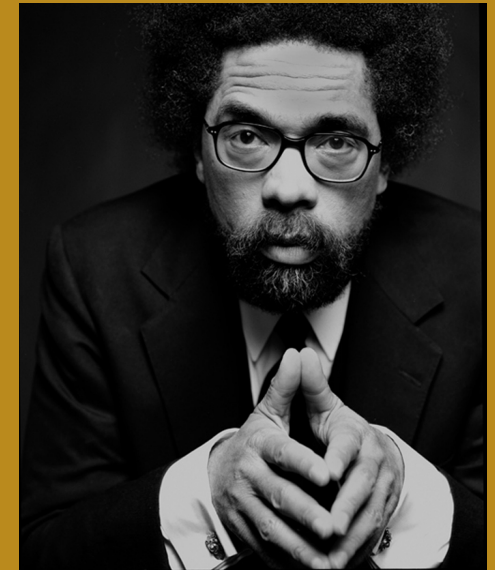
Location

Gordon College is located 25 miles north of **Boston** on approximately 500 acres of land in the North Shore area communities of Wenham, Manchester and Hamilton.



Christ in Contemporary Cultures: A Cultural Studies Conference

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cornel West
Groundbreaking Author



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Christ in Contemporary Cultures

About the Author

One of America's most gifted and provocative public intellectuals, Dr. Cornel West's writing, speaking and teaching weaves together the American traditions of the Black Baptist Church, progressive politics and jazz. Dr. West graduated from Harvard in three years, *magna cum laude*, and Martin Kilson, one of Dr. West's professors, recalls him as "the most intellectually aggressive and highly cerebral student I have taught in my 30 years here."

He has published 17 books and edited 13 texts. In his major bestseller, *Race Matters*, philosopher Dr. Cornel West burst onto the national scene with his searing analysis of the scars of racism in American democracy. *Race Matters* has become a contemporary classic, having sold more than 400,000 copies. Praised by *The New York Times* for his "ferocious moral vision," Dr. West speaks with an utterly distinctive voice about the thorniest social and political issues of our day and bridges the gap between black and white opinions.

In *Democracy Matters* Dr. West returns to the analysis of the arrested development of democracy—both in America and in the crisis-ridden Middle East. In a strikingly original diagnosis, he argues that if America is to become a better steward of democratization around the world, we must first wake up to the long history of imperialist corruption that has plagued our own democracy.

Dr. West is Class of 1943 University Professor at Princeton University. He has held previous

positions at Union Theological Seminary, Yale University, Harvard University and the University of Paris.

Dr. West was an influential force in developing the storyline for the popular *Matrix* trilogy. Not only is he the spokesperson for this box-office hit series, Dr. West also had recurring roles in the final two volumes.

Topics Dr. West Has Been Addressing Include:

- The African-American Century: What Next?
- Reflections on Hip-Hop: The Role of Black Music in American Culture
- Race and Democracy
- Heart of American Darkness
- Race Matters

Program

The program includes papers and panels that explore, analyze, critique, investigate, theorize and/or contend with representations of Christ in a wide variety of contexts—including, but not limited to, the political sphere, visual arts, architecture, film, television, literature, history, print media, music, mental/physical health treatment, megachurch discourse, urban environments/ethnic communities and wider academic discourse. This conference is designed to promote generous intellectual exchange among scholars with a variety of perspectives.

Please check the conference website for detailed program information at:
<http://www.christ-in-cultures.com/>

Conference Agenda

Thursday, September 28, 2006

7 P.M.—Opening Lecture—Dr. Cornel West
A. J. Gordon Memorial Chapel

8:30 P.M.—Reception
Presidents Dining Room, *Lane Student Center*

Friday, September 29

8:30–10 A.M.—Concurrent Session I

10:25–11:25 A.M.—Dr. Cornel West
A. J. Gordon Memorial Chapel

11:30–12:45 P.M.—Lunch on your own
Lane Student Center

1–2:30 P.M.—Concurrent Session II

2:30–3 P.M.—Refreshment Break
Jenks Mezzanine, *Jenks Learning Resource Center*

3–4:30 P.M.—Concurrent Session III

4:30–5 P.M.—Reconvene
Presidents Dining Room, *Lane Student Center*
Refreshments will be served

*Dinner on your own—Free time

Saturday, September 30

8:30–10 A.M.—Concurrent Session I

10–10:30 A.M.—Refreshment Break
Jenks Mezzanine, *Jenks Learning Resource Center*

10:30 A.M.—NOON—Concurrent Session II

NOON—Adjournment