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Presents the 2009-2010 Lecture Series

"Flannery O'Connor: The Language of God in the Land of Georgia"

Dr. William Sessions

Regent's Professor Emeritus at Georgia State University

Thursday, January 28, 2010

What would it be like to be one of the very few Catholics in the heart of the Bible belt? Today in Georgia, Catholics have a very strong presence and voice; when O'Connor wrote in the 50's and 60's, the Catholic presence was far more subtle and the voice muted. Thus, she used bold characters and striking language in order to be heard. Before she died at an early age, she wrote 32 short stories and 2 novels.



Dr. William Sessions, a leading O'Connor scholar who knew the author personally, will discuss Flannery O'Connor and how this Southern writer reflected her own Catholic faith, morals, and ethics throughout her works. You won't want to miss this opportunity to deepen your own faith and fortitude as you listen to the strength and courage of Flannery O'Connor in a very different Georgia.

Dr. William Sessions completed his Master's and Ph.D. at Columbia University in English and Comparative Literature. He has authored six books and over 75 articles. His plays [A Shattering of Glass](#), [To Boundary House](#), and [The Blue Heron](#) have all received national awards and recognition. He is now completing the authorized biography of Flannery O'Connor.

The lecture will take place in the College lecture theatre,
located on the second floor of McDonough Hall.

Refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m. with the talk following promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The lectures are free and open to the public, but seating is limited.
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