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## Lectures by Dr. Melanie Harris

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**7 p.m. April 22, 2015**

**Welcome**

*President Jay Rundell*

**African American Environmental History  
and Ecowomanism: Black Self Recovery  
and Earth Care**

*Melanie Harris*

**Discussion**

**Reception**

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**1 p.m. April 23, 2015**

**Welcome**

*Dean Lisa Withrow*

**Interfaith Womanism and Ecology:  
Sharing Values, Sharing Earth**

*Melanie Harris*

**Discussion**

**Dr. Melanie Harris** is associate professor of religion and ethics at Texas Christian University, where she teaches in the areas of Christian social ethics, womanist religious thought, African-American literature and religion, and media and religion. She is the author of the book *Gifts of Virtue, Alice Walker, and Womanist Ethics*.

An ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Harris received doctorate and Master of Philosophy degrees from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Iliff School of Theology and a bachelor's degree from Spelman College.

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