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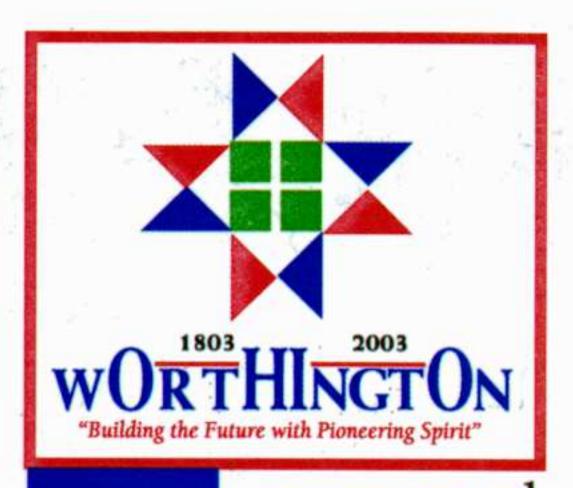
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hen James Kilbourne and the Scioto Company stepped foot on the land that would become Worthington, they had a vision -- to create a community deeply rooted in the values of education, religion and lifelong learning. One of their first orders of business was to establish a school, church and library on the Village Green. 200 years later, Worthington remains a vibrant community, strong in its commitment to these values. Informative and provocative, the three-part Village Talks lectureships feature notable speakers reflecting on these issues and their impact on our lives today.

## TICKET INFORMATION

\$10 for individual Village Talks

\$25 for entire series

Tickets are available at the door. Cash or checks only.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Village Talks begin at 7:30 p.m.

**General Admission Seating** 

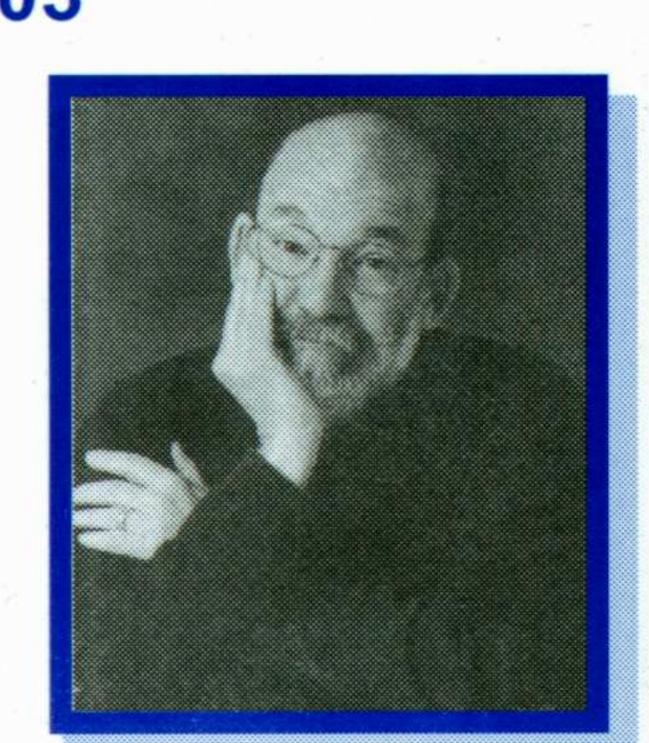
For additional information about the Village Talks, please visit www.worthington.org

The Village Talks is one of a series of extraordinary Signature Events commemorating Worthington's Bicentennial.

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# The LITERARY ARTS

with Frederick Busch
January 30, 2003



Taster Craftsman."..."An immensely gifted and mindful writer."..." A writer of intelligence and tenderness."..."One of the finest contemporary American writers today." These are a few of many accolades spoken about Frederick Busch, American novelist, short story writer and essayist.

Busch is Fairchild Professor of Literature at Colgate University and nominee for the PEN/Faulkner Award for The Children in the Woods: New and Selected Stories and The Night Inspector. With over 20 novels and three works of non-fiction to his credit, Busch has been described as a "writer's writer". Frederick Busch peoples his writing with ordinary, albeit intelligent people who attempt to lead "just and ...loving lives." The domesticity that inhabits his work is the vehicle by which he seeks to convey the extraordinariness of everyday life. Marriages, relationships, the death of children, the impact of war on ordinary citizens, and the inner workings of ones' life all are revealed in his writing. Sit back to listen and enjoy a lively evening with a charming, engaging American author.

Presiding for the evening: Mr. David Citino, professor in the Creative Writing Department at The Ohio State University.

Advance copies of Mr. Busch's newest novel, "A Memory of War" will be available for sale and for signing by the author.

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# **EDUCATION**

with Jerry Sue Thornton May 1, 2003



These words describe Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, President of Cuyahoga Community College, the largest community college in Ohio. Dr. Thornton is dedicated to providing high-quality, accessible and affordable educational opportunities that promote individual development and improve the overall quality of life in a multicultural community. "It's a ministry for me. It's a passion... It's a commitment," says Dr. Thornton.

Dr. Thornton has spearheaded many innovative programs to encourage more students to pursue a college education. She has developed partnerships with local high schools and is also credited with positioning Cuyahoga Community College to react quickly to changes in the economy, providing workforce training to retrain workers who have lost their jobs and supporting new business initiatives in the community. Thornton is described as a leader in national and state community college circles.

Her "just folks" style will delight you and her enthusiasm, foresight and passion will inspire you.

Presiding for the evening: Ms. Valeriana Moeller, President, Columbus State Community College.

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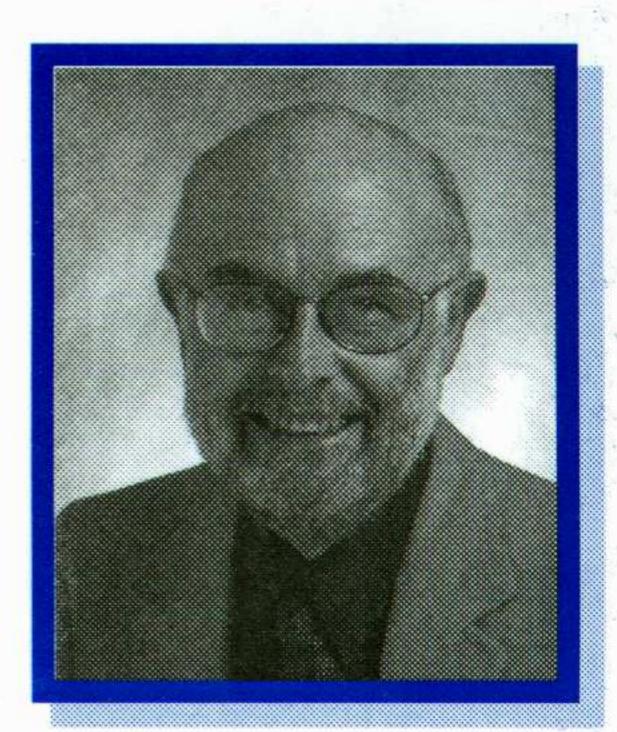
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## RELIGION

## with Paul Knitter

**November 13, 2003** 



Tot only is the religious landscape of America rapidly changing, but we have become one of the most multi-religious countries in the world! What is really new is the proximity of different religious traditions in numerous cities and towns where one can find churches, synagogues, mosques, temples and gurdawaras. Ohio is no exception. Paul Knitter is a writer, scholar and teacher who has a national and international reputation in the field of interreligious dialogue.

Knitter is Professor of Theology at Xavier University and general editor of Orbis Books' series on interreligious dialogue, "Faith Meets Faith." He is the author of twenty books and articles that have been published in English, German, Spanish and Italian. Among his publications are One Earth, Many Religions: Multifaith Dialogue and Global Responsibility, Faith; Faith, Religion and Theology: A Contemporary Introduction; and Introducing Theologies of Religions.

"At a time when religion, in its fanatical, dangerously closed form has enabled acts of terrible destruction, interfaith partnerships among religious believers working for a better world are more important than ever. Such a partnership gave birth to his [most recent] book," *Subverting Greed: Religious Perspectives on the Global Economy*, which Knitter co-edited with Chandra Muzaffar. Come to an evening lecture and discussion that promises to be engaging, challenging and dialogical.

Presiding for the evening: Ahmad Al-Akhras, President, Ohio chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

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Methodist Theological School in Ohio and the Dentists of Worthington

#### DIRECTIONS

The Village Talks take place in the Jessing Center on the beautiful campus of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street.

#### From the North & South:

Take Interstate 71 toward Columbus. Take Route 270 (Columbus outer-belt) to Exit 23 - Delaware (High Street). The Josephinum tower will be visible on your left as you proceed north on High Street. Turn left at the first light, Campus View Blvd., and right into the campus.

#### From the East & West:

Take Interstate 70 toward Columbus. Take Route 270 (Columbus outer-belt) and head north to Exit 23 - Delaware (High Street). The Josephinum tower will be visible on your left as you proceed north on High Street. Turn left at the first light, Campus View Blvd., and right into the campus.

### Once on campus:

Follow signs to The Jessing Center. Parking is adjacent to the facility and is free.