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Theologian and cultural critic, exploring the intersections between film and popular culture, literature, religion and politics.

Biography

Dr. Greg Garrett is The Carole McDaniel Hanks Professor of Literature and Culture at Baylor University and a prolific author, speaker and media guest. The author of almost 30 books, including five acclaimed novels, two books of memoir and a multitude of nonfiction books on race, religion, politics and culture, his primary work comes at the intersection of religion and racism. In 2021, he received a half million-dollar grant from the Baugh Family Foundation to explore racial myths, build national and international collaborations, and program public gatherings around racial reconciliation, and he served as a Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford's Centre for Religion and Culture that Fall. Garrett also serves as Canon Theologian at the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris, France, where he writes, teaches, and preaches part of every year. Garrett has spoken at Oxford, Cambridge, Kings College London, Villanova University, Washington National Cathedral, Gladstone's Library in Wales, Trinity Church Wall Street, the American Library in Paris and hundreds of other venues across the United States and Europe. He has written for print and web publications, including The Spectator, FOX News, The Washington Post, Christianity Today and Salon.com, and is a Senior Columnist for Baptist News Global. He has been covered or interviewed by MSNBC, BBC Radio, National Public Radio, The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Los Angeles Times, Christianity Today, The New Statesman, Radio Free Europe and Men's Health, as well as dozens of other media outlets. Garrett's most recent books are "Rowan Williams and Greg Garrett: In Conversation (2020)," "A Long, Long Way: Hollywood's Unfinished Journey from Racism to Reconciliation" (2020) and the novel "Bastille Day" (2023). His book "The Gospel according to James Baldwin: What America's Great Prophet can teach us about Life, Love, and Identity" will be released in September 2023.

Industry Expertise

Writing and Editing, Research, Education/Learning, International Affairs, Political Organization

Areas of Expertise

Public Speaking, Media Resource, Creative Writing, Religion and Culture, Popular Culture and Society, Literature, Culture, Afterlife, Film History, Faith and Politics, Depression and Mental Illness, Grief and Suffering, Narrative

Education

Oklahoma State University
Ph.D. English

University of Central Oklahoma
M.A. Creative Studies

Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest
M.Div.

University of Central Oklahoma
B.A. English & History

Accomplishments

Texas Institute of Letters
Named a member of the Texas Institute of Letters for lifetime literary achievements, 2005

William Faulkner Prize for Fiction, Novella
Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society, New Orleans, LA, 1993

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