



PROFESSOR MARTIN MARTY

Martin E. Marty is the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at The University of Chicago, where he taught for 35 years. His specialty is religion in North America, and his concentration is on the founding period of the United States in the late 18th century and on religion in the 20th century.

Professor Marty has written thousands of columns, magazine and journal articles, and over fifty books in the fields of religion and culture. Under the auspices of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he completed a five-volume study of fundamentalism in major world religions. He has made many important contributions to interfaith studies and endeavors.

Among the many awards Professor Marty has received are the National Book Award, the National Medal of the Humanities, the medal of the American Academy of Arts and Science, and, closer to home, the Abraham Lincoln Medal, Illinois' highest honor. He also has received 80 honorary doctorates and has served on two presidential commissions. Upon his retirement, the University of Chicago renamed its distinguished institute for the advanced study of religion "The Martin Marty Center."

An enduring interest of Professor Marty's career has been the role of religion in public life.



Marjorie Hall Thulin
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Mrs. Thulin received a B.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences from the University of Illinois in 1931. As a student she served on the staffs of the *Daily Illini* and the *Illio* and was invited to join the prestigious Illinois Poetry Society. She enjoyed a successful career in advertising. She also published poetry and children's literature, and edited a book on the history of Glencoe, Illinois, where she was a long-time resident and active community member. Mrs. Thulin traveled the world and enjoyed summers at her home in Michigan. She was an accomplished sailor and active in charitable work with the Salvation Army Woman's Auxiliary, Glencoe Library, and the League of Woman Voters.

*You are cordially invited to a reception
immediately following the lecture.*

MARJORIE HALL THULIN LECTURE ON
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**Thursday, April 12, 2012
8:00 p.m.**

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