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Marking the five hundredth Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation



2017 TOWN AND GOWN LECTURE featuring

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To the Ends of the Earth:

Religious Transformations in the Age of the Reformation

The voyages of Columbus and the religious changes of the Reformation are often seen as ushering in the modern world, but they are usually examined separately. This talk will bring them together, discussing religious changes around the world in the sixteenth century. Some of these occurred because of interactions between cultures that resulted from the voyages of discovery, but many grew out of movements of reform within various religious traditions as highly-educated thinkers and ordinary people changed religious beliefs and practices and sought to redefine the relationship between the divine and the human. Seeing the Reformation within the context of religious transformations across the globe does not diminish its importance but allows us to understand it in a new way.

Professor Wiesner-Hanks is an author or editor of more than thirty books and nearly 100 articles that have appeared in ten languages. Her books include scholarly monographs, translations, thematic overviews, edited collections, textbooks and source readers for the college classroom, and books for young adults and general readers. Her research has been supported by grants from the Fulbright and Guggenheim Foundations, among others.

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