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**Bethel to Host McGuire Lecture April 11**

MCKENZIE, Tenn.—The Division of Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences at Bethel University is pleased to announce The Maribeth McGuire Lecture in the Humanities on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ayers Lecture Room of the Morris Science Building.

This inaugural lecture will feature a poetry reading by Dr. James Scruton, Professor of English and Associate Academic Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Scruton will present selections from his two most recent collections, *Crossing the Days* (Prolific Press) and *The Rules* (Green Linden Press), as well as other poems.

The author of seven collections of poetry in all, Scruton has received numerous awards for his writing, including the Frederick Bock Prize from *Poetry* magazine, the Finishing Line Press Chapbook Award, and the Grayson Books Poetry Prize. His poems and reviews have appeared widely in such publications as *Poetry, North American Review, The Florida Review*, and *Southern Poetry Review*.

The Maribeth McGuire Lecture in Humanities is named for Maribeth McGuire, who began teaching as an associate professor of English at Bethel in 1985 and became the chair of the Humanities Division in 1995. She was appointed academic dean in 1998 and served in that capacity until her retirement in 2005. Shortly thereafter, upon the unanimous recommendation of the Bethel University faculty, the Board of Trustees awarded Maribeth McGuire the title of faculty emerita, the first in Bethel’s history.

Bethel University, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Division of Humanities invite everyone to this inaugural edition of The Maribeth McGuire Lecture in the Humanities, which is free and open to the public.

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