

Dr. Mel Bringle to speak at Guilford College graduation

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Dr. Mary Louise "Mel" Bringle, Brevard College's professor of Religious Studies and chair of the Division of Humanities, will be the guest speaker at Guilford College's 168th commencement exercises May 7.

Bringle, a 1975 alumna of Guilford, was nominated by the college's community and was recommended by its Convocation and Celebration Committee to President Kent Chabotar.

"As an outstanding liberal arts college educator and alumna of the college, Mel Bringle can relate to the Guilford experience in so many ways. It is fitting that we welcome her back to speak to our graduates on their special day," said Chabotar.

A member of Brevard College's faculty since 2000, Bringle was selected as Faculty Member of the Year for 2003-04 by the Student Government Association. She taught at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, N.C., from 1983-2000 and has held a Jefferson-Pilot Distinguished Professorship since 1989.

She is the author of "Despair: Sickness or Sin?" and "The God of Thinness: Gluttony and Other Weighty Matters," and is currently writing a book on envy. In 2001, she was recognized by the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada for her composition of the hymn "Bless The Arms That Comfort." Written to the tune "Cranham" by Gustav Holst, the hymn honors the ministry of caregivers.

She also penned the hymn "When Terror Streaks Through Morning Skies," which has been used by churches around the country in services of worship/remembrance of the events of September 11.

Pancake dinner scheduled

Musical entertainment to feature President Van Horn, faculty and staff

Brevard College faculty and staff members will get a chance to show their appreciation to the student body by serving up pancakes at a study-break during final exam week.

From 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 at Myers Dining Hall, students will be treated to all the pancakes they can eat, hot coffee, and soft drinks. Live musical entertainment will feature Brevard College President Drew Van Horn along with members of the faculty and staff. It is not uncommon for students to relieve pre-exam jitters with a little dancing.

The tradition of cooking and serving pancakes to students during final exam week was started by the college's faculty and staff more than 20 years ago.

Final Exam Schedule

Exam day and time	Wednesday, May 4	Thursday, May 5	Friday, May 6	Saturday, May 7	Monday, May 9
8:30-11:30 a.m.	Classes meeting 1:30-2:20 p.m. MWF	Classes meeting 8:30-9:45 a.m. TTh	Classes meeting 8:30-9:20 a.m. MWF	Classes meeting 9:30-10:20 a.m. MWF	Classes meeting 4:00-5:15 p.m. MTWTh
1:30-4:30 p.m.	Classes meeting 10:00-11:15 a.m. TThF	Classes meeting 10:30-11:20 a.m. MWF	Classes meeting 11:30-12:20 a.m. MWF	Classes meeting 11:30-12:45 p.m. TTh	Classes meeting 12:30-1:20 p.m. MWF
6:00-9:00 p.m.	Classes meeting 1:00-2:15 p.m. TTh	Classes meeting 2:30-3:45 p.m. MW	Classes meeting 6:30-9:15 p.m. MTWTh	Classes meeting 2:30-3:45 p.m. TTh	

Final Exam Notes:

- Final exams for classes not normally scheduled or overlaps not listed are scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m.
- No student will be required to take 3 exams on the same day. It is the student's responsibility to speak with the instructors involved and to request moving one of the exams to a time convenient for both the student and the instructor.
- All courses in physical education give their final exams during the last week of classes. Fine Arts courses which use juries, performances, or projects in lieu of a final exam are not required to schedule additional testing during the final exam week. All other courses are required to meet during the scheduled exam time for testing and/or instructional activity.

- Classes which meet more than 3 hours per week and, therefore, use 2 exam times in the schedule, will take the final exams during the exam time for the first scheduled class period, e.g., Monday class. Any exceptions must be approved by the respective Division Chair and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- The exam for a class that meets 3 hours straight should be scheduled at the time period most similar to it or use one of the two general times.
- Faculty should not schedule an exam (studio or other) for a group of students in a time slot that has been set aside for another class time. Doing so places a burden on other faculty for rescheduling. There are open times in the exam schedule that can be used for special group exams.