2010 Newcomb-Tulane College Lecture Series
Dr. Brian Greene
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Tulane Uptown Campus - Dixon Hall

Renowned physicist and best-selling author Brian Greene will speak at Tulane University as the guest of the 2010 Newcomb-Tulane College Lecture Series. Dr. Greene’s audio/visual presentation entitled “Why Science Matters” will take place on Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Dixon Hall.

In addition to being one of the best known string theorists in the world, Dr. Greene is a brilliant, entertaining communicator of cutting-edge scientific concepts.

Greene was born on February 9, 1963, in New York City. He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and his doctorate from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He joined the physics faculty of Cornell University in 1990, and after five years he joined Columbia University where he is a professor of physics and mathematics. He has lectured at both a general and a technical level in more than twenty-five countries and is widely regarded for a number of groundbreaking discoveries in superstring theory.

In addition to his theoretical work, he has also published two books. In his national bestseller, The Elegant Universe, Greene recounts how the theories of general relativity and quantum mechanics transformed our understanding of the universe, and he introduces us to string theory, a concept that might be the key to a unified theory of the universe. In 2003 this work was adapted into an Emmy Award-winning NOVA special, “The Elegant Universe” on PBS.

His latest book, The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time and the Texture of Reality, spent six months on The New York Times bestsellers list and inspired The Washington Post to describe him as "the single best explainer of abstruse concepts in the world today." This work is currently being adapted into a four-part NOVA miniseries which will debut in 2011. Greene has also had multiple television appearances and film cameos.

The Newcomb-Tulane College Lecture is an annual program that brings a prominent public figure to campus to speak on a timely subject. The program allows undergraduates the opportunity to hear from some of the great minds of our time, in the hope that students will be inspired toward a greater level of engagement with the world around them. Speakers will be chosen from a wide variety of disciplines, with the goal of rotating through the arts, the humanities, the social sciences and the sciences over the course of every four years.