The next lecture is by John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Lederach is internationally known for his pioneering work on conflict transformation, which is reflected in two of his major publications, *Building Peace: Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies* and *Preparing for Peace: Conflict Transformation across Cultures*.

As a practitioner, Lederach has engaged in conciliation work and trainings in many areas around the world. He has extensive experience in intercommunal and organizational conflict, with special expertise in conflicts involving interethnic, cross-cultural, and religious issues. The founding director of the Conflict Transformation Program at Eastern Mennonite University, he has helped design numerous training programs in many countries.

The lecture will draw upon Lederach’s most recent book, *The Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace*, which represents his thinking and learning during the past several years. He will talk about how he has come to see peacebuilding as both a learned skill and a creative practice that requires staying close to the messiness of real processes and change and recognizing the serendipitous nature of the discoveries and insights that emerge along the way.