

## **JAMES CHILDRESS**

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<http://pewforum.org/events/1005/>

#### **NPR Special Report: A Just War?**

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#### **Engaging the Mind: Commonwealth 2020 Lecture Series**

<http://www.virginia.edu/facultysenate/speakers/2020/>

#### **The Institute for Practical Ethics at the University of Virginia**

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#### **UVa School of Continuing and Professional Studies – Hampton Roads**

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## **About the speaker:**

James F. Childress is the Edwin B. Kyle Professor of Religious Studies and Professor of Medical Education at the University of Virginia, where he also directs the Institute for Practical Ethics. He served as Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, 1972-1975 and 1986-1994, as Principal of UVa's Monroe Hill College from 1988 to 1991, and as co-director of the Virginia Health Policy Center 1991-1999. In 1990, he was named Professor of the Year in the state of Virginia by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Professor Childress has served on several national committees addressing bioethics, including the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, to which he was appointed by President Clinton in 1996. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. In addition to teaching at UVa, he has been the Joseph P. Kennedy Sr. Professor of Christian Ethics at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University (1975-79) and a Visiting Professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School and Princeton University. He has lectured at over one hundred colleges and universities. Professor Childress received his B.A. from Guilford College, his B.D. from Yale Divinity School, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University.

