

**Name of sponsoring Christian Science Organization:** Washington University  
In St. Louis

**Type of event:** Women's History Month

**Name of lecturer (if applicable):** Christine Driessen

**Title of lecture (if applicable):** Mary Baker Eddy and her Legacy of Alternative  
Health Care in the 21st Century

**Date/time of event:** March 25<sup>th</sup>—7:00

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**What led you to organize this event?**

I really wanted to do a big event with the CSO before I graduated and had seen Christine speak at a TMC event at Cedars and knew she would be perfect for the Wash U audience. The original plan of an alternative health care panel fell through but it happened to work perfectly with women's history month.

**What were your expectations from this event? How did you prepare for it?**

I practically single handedly advertised, reached out to specific departments, raised student body awareness, and contacted and obtained the lecturer and contacts for funding so because of all my work I had very high expectations. I did far more TECHNICAL preparation than SPIRITUAL preparation which I wish was not the case retrospectively.

**What was your overall response to this event? Did it meet your expectations? Were you surprised? Was it successful? How did your intended audience respond?**

I thought it was a good event. It certainly didn't reach my monolithic expectations but we had about 15 non scientists attend and gave out 15 or so Science and Healths. I learned much more about myself and how I view my identity as a Christian Scientist, what my responsibility as a Christian Scientist is, and really coming to terms with speaking more freely about my religion because of the event. My audience responded just about how I would expect. There is quite a bit of student apathy on campus when it comes to non-sensationalist events and this certainly met that. There were a few antagonist questions about Christian Science not being a science, AND Christian Science not being a Christianity that I felt the lecturer handled very well. I am pleased with what happened but now know that I have a greater responsibility then I ever have thought before.

**Is there anything you would do differently?**

I would definitely pray more. I would also not be so afraid to express my beliefs and feel stigmatized because of Christian Science's non-social conformity. I will

know more about the perfection and loving nature of my fellow peers and work more about knowing the truth about THEM than about MYSELF or the situation.