

Carol Christ: We are here today to honor a truly remarkable individual: a 30-year member of the Smith College faculty whose intellectual and humanist work has come to have extraordinary reverberations across cultures and conflicts, continents and regimes. Eric's transformation from public policy neophyte to one-man NGO is a remarkable story and an exceptional achievement. To help us understand and appreciate the impact of Eric's work on the Darfur crisis, I now invite Rebecca Hamilton, special assistant to the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, to offer a tribute to Eric Reeves.

Rebecca Hamilton: Knowing that I am just one of many people who have enormous respect for the work that Eric has been doing, it didn't seem right just to speak on my own behalf. So I got in touch with a few of just the many people who are admirers of Eric's work to see if there was anything that they also wanted to share. And they certainly did. Let me start with UNICEF ambassador, actor and Darfur activist Mia Farrow. Mia says, "For reasons best known to himself, Eric Reeves has taken on the grim task of chronicling a genocide. A man who loves books and music, sports and movies, a man who can wood-turn like a wizard, is now focused with unflinching fury on Sudan. We've watched Eric's regular analysis grow from 700 words to more than 7,000. Every week he transmits to the world invaluable information from impossibly diverse sources, in torrents of moral outrage, uncompromising contempt and deep compassion. He is always available to all of us in the advocacy community. We are more effective, smarter, better advocates because of him." Eric on behalf of myself and so many countless others, thank you for being you.

Susie Borque: Madam President, Madam Chair, I have the very great honor to present Charles Eric Reeves for the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Carol Christ: Charles Eric Reeves, scholar, Sudan analyst, humanitarian. Over the course of a decade, with eloquence and relentless inquiry as your tools, you have emerged as a widely respected Sudan analyst and an international voice of conscience. Condemning the Khartoum government's campaign of genocide, you spurred a multi-national divestment movement. A scholar of Shakespeare and Milton, you have long recognized the persuasive power of language. But in the Sudan chapter of your life, you've seen your words move governments, ease suffering, save lives. Smith College commends your furious eloquence and personal courage. By virtue of the authority of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, vested in the Board of Trustees of Smith College and by them delegated to me, I now confer this degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, and admit you, Charles Eric Reeves, to all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.