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MINISTERS WEEK 2018 February 5-7, 2018

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University, we invite you to campus for three days of inspiring worship, thought-provoking lectures, enriching workshops and an uplifting organ recital and hymn sing. This year, in the midst of uncertainty and social division, we reflect on the call of Jeremiah to seek the shalom of the place in which we find ourselves for in its shalom, we find our own (Jeremiah 29:7). Our preacher is Rev. Dr. William Barber II and plenary speakers are Andrew Root, Scott Bader-Saye, and Shelly Matthews.

As this event is a gift from Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University and University Christian Church there is no general registration fee; however, pre-registration is encouraged.

We look forward to seeing you at Ministers Week 2018!

Newell Williams

*President and Professor of Modern and American Church History
Brite Divinity School*

Angela Kaufman

*Minister to the University and Church Relations Officer
Texas Christian University*



THE WELLS SERMONS



Rev. Dr. William Barber, II

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is Pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Goldsboro, North Carolina and architect of the Forward Together Moral Movement that gained national acclaim with its Moral Monday protests at the North Carolina General Assembly in 2013. A highly sought after speaker, he has keynoted hundreds of national and state conferences, including the 2016 Democratic National Convention. He has served as president of the North Carolina NAACP and sits on the National NAACP Board of Directors. A former Mel King Fellow at MIT, he is currently Visiting Professor of Public Theology and Activism at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York and is a Senior Fellow at Auburn Seminary. Dr. Barber is regularly featured in media outlets such as MSNBC, CNN, New York Times, Washington Post and The Nation Magazine, among others. He is the 2015 recipient of the Puffin Award and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award. His two most recent books include *Forward Together* (2014) and *The Third Reconstruction* (2016).

THE DAVIS WORKSHOP IN MINISTRY



Dr. Andrew Root

1. "Faith Formation in a Secular Age: How the Theological is Done, Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer"
2. "The Secular Age, Science, and Faith Formation: Is There a Way Forward?"

Dr. Andrew Root is the Carrie Olson Baalson Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary. He is most recently the author of *Faith Formation in a Secular Age* (2017) and *The Grace of Dogs: A Boy a Black Lab and Father's Search for the Canine Soul* (2017). He has also authored *Christopraxis: A Practical Theology of the Cross* (2014) and *Bonhoeffer as Youth Worker* (2014). Dr. Root puts together theology and storytelling to explore how ministry leads us into encounter with divine action. His book, *The Relational Pastor* (2013), as well as a four book series called *A Theological Journey Through Youth Ministry* break new ground in this direction. In 2012 his book *The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry* (with Kenda Creasy Dean, 2011) was Christianity Today Book of Merit. He has written a number of other books on ministry and theology such as *The Children of Divorce: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being* (2010) and *The Promise of Despair* (2010). Dr. Root earned his PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary and has worked in congregations, parachurch ministries, and social service programs.

THE MCFADIN LECTURES



Rev. Dr. Shelly Matthews

1. "No One Deserves to be Crucified: Quarreling with the 'Good Thief' (Luke 23:39-43)"
2. "'No tear shall be lost': Resurrection Hope in Desperate Times"

Rev. Dr. Shelly Matthews, Professor of New Testament at Brite Divinity School, is the co-editor, with Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, of the Feminist Studies in Religion Book Series, FSRBooks, and the co-founder and co-chair, with Tat-Siong Benny Liew, of the Society of Biblical Literature consultation on Racism, Pedagogy and Biblical Studies. Her current projects include a feminist biblical theology of resurrection and a co-authored feminist commentary on the Gospel of Luke. Previous publications include *Perfect Martyr: The Stoning of Stephen and the Construction of Christian Identity* (2010), *The Acts of the Apostles: Taming the Tongues of Fire* (2013), and an essay on domestic violence and Christian scripture, included in *Sexual Violence and Sacred Texts* (ed. Amy Kalmanofsky, 2017). Dr. Matthews holds the ThD from the Harvard Divinity School, the MDiv from Boston University School of Theology, and the BA from the University of North Dakota. She is an ordained United Methodist minister from the Dakotas area conference.

THE SCOTT LECTURES



Dr. Scott Bader-Saye

1. "Fear and the Common Good: Why Fear is a Bad Guide but a Good Companion"
2. "Fear and Proximity: The Power of Being With"

Dr. Scott Bader-Saye is the Academic Dean and the Helen and Everett H. Jones Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. He is the author of *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear* and *Church and Israel After Christendom*. His most recent book is *Formed by Love*, a contribution to the series *Church's Teaching for a Changing World*. He is also a contributor to *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics* and *The Cambridge Companion to the Gospels*. He received his degrees from Davidson College, Yale Divinity School, and Duke University. As an active layperson, he has served in volunteer and staff positions for youth ministry and adult formation in various churches, most recently as Theologian in Residence at St. Julian of Norwich Episcopal Church in northwest Austin. While teaching at the University of Scranton, he and his wife founded Peacemeal, an Episcopal house church community. His current research focuses on the theology and ethics of transgender affirmation.

ORGAN RECITAL AND HYMN SING



Mr. Guillermo Martinez

Mr. Martinez earned both the BMus and the MMus in Organ Performance from Texas Christian University, where he studied with Emmet G. Smith. Under a Fulbright Scholarship he studied organ with Johannes Geffert at the Robert Schumann Conservatory in Düsseldorf, Germany. He has been on the faculty of the TCU Music Preparatory Division since 1991, where he has taught private piano and organ and developed the music technology program. In 1994, he joined the faculty of the TCU School of Music, teaching piano and theory; during the 1995-1996 academic year, he served as Interim Professor of Organ and Church Music/University Organist. He was appointed Coordinator of Class Piano in June of 2001. He currently serves as organist at St. Monica Catholic Church in Dallas.

This program is made possible by the Emmet G. Smith Endowment Fund of Texas Christian University.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

W1. Build Your Prayer

Taking Jeremiah 29:7 as our guide (*But seek the welfare of the city, where I sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare*), we will use LEGO® bricks to build what the city of your exile is like and your prayers for it. Even if you've never played with LEGOS, you can do this--we do a little skill building to get you started, and your hands will take over and surprise you with what they build.

Dr. Susan Chiasson, a co-conspirator at Galileo Christian Church, is a qualitative social science researcher who spent years listening to people NOT say what they meant. Then she discovered and was trained in the LEGO® Serious Play® methodology and materials. She now does interactive workshops to help people express thoughts that are taken-for-granted or ideas-I-didn't-realize-I-had. She talks a little, her audience builds and talks more, everyone learns something. For more information, check out poweredbyplay.net.

W2. Funeralizing in Americana: Landscape, Meaning, and Narrative

"It's just a funeral, not a coronation." This perception was whispered by a layperson as we shook hands and exited for the graveside; we nodded slightly toward one another in agreement. The fiercely individualistic and self-absorbed culture of Americana is pushing and pulling the Christian funeral away from its liturgical and pastoral moorings. This decades old movement is accelerating. "It's just a funeral," however, is a slight; the funeral is a significant act of worship and pastoral work. There are moments

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in every funeral when hearts and ears are opened to receiving a transcendent word; death stills and stops all. In this ever changing landscape, the minister can still speak meaningful words that point toward the One God who created and loves all. Knowing the landscape, creating meaning, and using narrative can strengthen this significant ministry.

Newly retired, Rev. Neill Grimes stepped down from 37 years of ordained ministry in the fall of 2017. An MDiv graduate of Brite Divinity School (1980) with a DMin from Wesley Theological Seminary (2000) in "Story and Suffering," Neill pastored four churches in four different locales, from the small, rural congregation to the large, multi-staff downtown church. During these years, he has observed and navigated the challenging nature of doing Christian funerals. Local customs, national trends, biblical and liturgical illiteracy, and a national funeral industry, all contribute to complicate this important pastoral task.

W3. Reimagining Justice: Ending the Death Penalty in Texas

Since 1982, the State of Texas has executed 543 people. For many the death penalty is an abstract concept of justice perceived as affecting only the individual on death row. DeAnna Golsan will share her firsthand experience walking with the mother of a young man facing execution, paint a new picture of what really happens on that last day, and discuss the different implications of a conviction for Murder versus Capital Murder. Kristin Houlé will discuss recent death penalty developments in Texas, talk about the current charge for change, and tell you how you can help lead that change.

Rev. DeAnna Golsan serves Disciples Christian Church in Plano as their Senior Pastor. She is a proud graduate of Brite Divinity School and is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In 2013, DeAnna had a life changing experience when she met the mother of a young man sentenced to death for murder. Since that time, she has walked through his execution and found a new passion for ending the death penalty.

Kristin Houlé serves as the Executive Director of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, a statewide grassroots advocacy organization based in Austin, TX. She has held this position since December 2008. As a Soros Justice Fellow from 2007-2008, Kristin conducted research and public education around the intersection of the death penalty and severe mental illness in Texas. Previously, she served for five years as the Program Associate for Amnesty International USA's Program to Abolish the Death Penalty in Washington, DC. Kristin graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1998 with a BA in History.

W4. Passion Meets Purpose: Accompanying Young Adults for Mutual Transformation

Many congregational leaders don't know much about accompanying 21-30 year olds through big developments in their personal and faith lives, or even the transition from CYF to adulthood. Both young adults and congregational leaders could benefit from greater wisdom and better resources for mutual accompaniment and transformation. Come explore how some young adults, congregations and general ministries are approaching this work.

Bonnie Osei-Frimpong has worked with NBA XPLORE for four years, facilitating the vocational and professional formation of young adults discerning hearts for care and service, and with XPLORE host congregations ready to experience transformative fellowship with young adults. Bonnie lives in intentional community in Athens, GA. Derek Wilkerson is a former XPLORE Resident and current student at Brite Divinity School.

MEALS

Brite Divinity School Luncheon

2018 Distinguished Minister Award Recipients

Rev. Phillip N. Jones

Rev. Jaquetta Chambers

Rev. Don Morrow

Rev. Dr. Irie L. Sessions

The Kenneth L. Teegarden Award

Rev. Robert & Gwen Bray

The Being Brite Award

First Christian Church, Longview

Retired Ministers Dinner

Rev. Dr. Todd Adams

"For the Support of Ministry"

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Adams serves as the 9th Chief Executive of Pension Fund of the Christian Church. Adams previously served as the Associate General Minister and Vice President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, the Interim President of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Interim President of Church Finance Council and Senior Minister of Memorial Drive Christian Church, Houston, TX. Todd is a graduate of Chapman University with an MDiv from Phillips Theological Seminary. He earned a DMin from Wesley Theological Seminary and was awarded an Honorary DDiv degree from Bethany College.

Texas Christian University Luncheon

Dr. Kathy Cavins-Tull

"A Rich Past & A Vibrant Future:

TCU's Strategic Plan"

Dr. Kathy Cavins-Tull joined TCU in 2011 as the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. In that role, she directs the out-of-class environment for students focusing on a wide range of areas including student health and wellness, leadership development and engagement, multicultural and international services, religious and spiritual life, Greek life, and career services. This also includes oversight for residence life, housing, campus dining, conduct, public safety and crisis intervention. In addition, Dr. Cavins-Tull serves as an adjunct professor in the College of Education. Outside of TCU, Dr. Cavins-Tull has served on the advisory board for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Center for Women, the James E. Scott Academy Advisory Board and as a faculty member for the Small College Institute. She currently serves as National Co-Chair for the NASPA Fraternity and Sorority Knowledge Community.

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

We strongly recommend that you pre-register to assure your seat at the lectures, workshops, and meals.

1. **Online** at www.brite.edu/mw/

To register, select the quantity by each event and click the ADD button. Multiple registrations can be made on the same form. Successful registration is acknowledged by email with a listing of your selections.

2. **Mail** completed registration form to:

Office of Lay and Continuing Education
Brite Divinity School
TCU Box 298130
Fort Worth, TX 76129
(Make payment out to Brite Divinity School)

3. **Call** 817.257.7580

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Visit www.brite.edu/mw/ for a list of local hotels.

LOCATIONS & PARKING

Events are scheduled at the following locations:

Blue Mesa Grill

612 Carroll Street
Nachos and Networking

University Christian Church

2720 S. University Drive

Registration, plenary sessions, workshops, evening worship, Organ Recital and Hymn Sing, Women in Ministry Breakfast, Retired Ministers Dinner

Parking (with MINISTERS WEEK PARKING PASS)

- 1) SW corner of Rogers and McPherson
- 2) NE corner of University and Cantey
- 3) After 5:00 pm you may park in the reserved lot at the corner of Cantey and Rogers or in the parking lots behind (east of) Robert Carr Chapel.
- 4) Handicap parking is located at the front of the church. *For all others, please do not park in the lot immediately adjacent to UCC.*

Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center

2820 Stadium Dr.

Brite Luncheon
TCU Luncheon

Parking is available in the lot immediately adjacent to the Kelly Center or in the nearby Frog Alley Parking Garage.

ALL OTHER PARKING LOTS ARE RESERVED. PARKING IN AN UNAUTHORIZED PARKING AREA MAY RESULT IN TICKETING WITH FINES UP TO \$100.

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SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 4:00 pm Registration Opens (University Christian Church)
- 5:00 pm Nachos and Networking (Blue Mesa Grill)
- 7:30 pm Worship Service & Wells Sermon I,
Rev. Dr. William Barber II
- 8:30 pm Texas Christian University Reception

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 9:00 am Davis Workshop in Ministry, Dr. Andrew Root
- 10:00 am Coffee Break
- 10:30 am Davis Workshop in Ministry, Dr. Andrew Root
- 12:00 pm Brite Divinity School Luncheon
- 2:30 pm Scott Lecture, Dr. Scott Bader-Saye
- 3:30 pm Coffee Break
- 3:45 pm Scott Lecture, Dr. Scott Bader-Saye
- 4:50 pm Conversation with the Christian Church in the Southwest
(Disciples of Christ)
- 7:30 pm Worship Service & Wells Sermon II,
Rev. Dr. William Barber II

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 8:00 am Complimentary Breakfast Honoring Women in Ministry
- 9:00 am McFadin Lecture, Dr. Shelly Matthews
- 10:00 am Coffee Break
- 10:30 am McFadin Lecture, Dr. Shelly Matthews
- 12:00 pm Texas Christian University Luncheon,
Speaker- Dr. Kathy Cavins-Tull
- 2:15 pm Workshops
- 4:00 pm Organ Recital and Hymn Sing
- 5:15 pm Retired Ministers Dinner, Speaker- Rev. Dr. Todd Adams
- 5:15 pm Clergy Women Informal Gathering
- 7:30 pm Worship Service & Wells Sermon III,
Rev. Dr. William Barber II

