



BRITE

DIVINITY SCHOOL

Spring Celebration

April 21, 2022
Robert Carr Chapel
11:00 a.m.

BRITE SPRING CELEBRATION

Thursday, April 21, 2022

WELCOME

President D. Newell Williams

INVOCATION

Erin Beall

RECOGNITIONS

President Williams

President's TCU Staff Award for Outstanding Service

FACULTY BOOK AWARDS

Associate Dean Jeffrey Williams

Biblical Interpretation

Dr. Ariel Feldman

A Companion to Biblical Interpretation in Early Judaism, Matthias Henze

Dr. Wil Gafney

Holy Imagination: A Literary and Theological Introduction to the Whole Bible, Judy Fentress-Williams

Dr. Francisco Lozada

Using Our Outside Voice: Public Biblical Interpretation, Greg Carey

Dr. Shelly Matthews, presented by Dr. Wil Gafney

Towards an Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics: An Intersectional Anthology, Gale A. Yee

Dr. Jeremy Williams

The Cross and the Lynching Tree, James Cone

Theology and Ethics

Dr. Charles Bellinger

Saved from Sacrifice: A Theology of the Cross, Mark Heims

Dr. Natalya Cherry

Believing Into Christ, Natalya Cherry

Dr. Namsoun Kang

In Search of Radical Theology: Expositions, Explorations, Exhortations, John Caputo

Dr. Michael Miller

After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging (Theological Education between the Times), Willie James Jennings

Dr. Oluwatomisin Oredein, presented by Dr. Jeremy Williams

The How: Notes on the Great Work of Meeting Yourself, Yrsa Daley-Ward

History of Christianity

Dean Michael Miller

Dr. James Duke, presented by Dr. Jeffrey Williams

The Oxford Illustrated History of Christianity, John McManners, editor

Dr. Timothy Lee

Introducing World Christianity, Charles E. Farhadian, editor

Dr. Newell Williams

A Life of Alexander Campbell, Douglas A. Foster

Practical Theology

Dr. David Cho

No Cure for Being Human: (And Other Truths I Need to Hear), Kate Bowler

Dr. Russell Dalton

From Lament to Advocacy: Black Religious Education and Public Ministry, Anne Streaty Wimberly, Annie Lockhart-Gilroy, Nathaniel D. West, editors

Dr. Barbara McClure

Soulful Spirituality: Becoming Alive and Deeply Human, David G. Benner

Dr. Lance Pape

Virus as a Summons to Faith, Walter Bruggemann

Dr. Tim Robinson

The Spirit of Soul Food: Race, Faith, and Food Justice, Christopher Carter

Dr. Stephen Sprinkle

Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong To: Spirituality without Stereotypes, Religion without Ranting, Lillian Daniel

Intersectional Theology: An Introductory Guide, Grace Ji-Sun Kim and Susan M. Shaw (agency based)

Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation, William C. Placher, editor (parish based)

PROGRAM AWARDS

President Williams

Black Church Studies

Dr. Oluwatomisin Oredein, presented by Dr. Jeremy Williams

This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories That Make Us, Cole Arthur Riley

Elaine V. Kellam Latino/a Student Award

Dr. Francisco Lozada

This book award is given in honor of Elaine V. Kellam, a past chairperson of the Brite Divinity School Board of Trustees. The award is given to an outstanding student who holds promise for significant contributions to the Latina/o community. *Light in the Dark/Luz en lo Oscuro: Rewriting Identity, Spirituality, Reality (Latin America Otherwise)*, Gloria Anzaldúa

Jewish Studies

Dr. Ariel Feldman

The Literary Imagination in Jewish Antiquity, Eva Mroczek

DENOMINATIONAL AWARDS

Associate Dean Williams

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Studies

Dr. Lance Pape and Dr. Stephen Sprinkle

Student Pastoral Ministry Award – Established in 2002, first consideration is given to a woman who is a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and who is engaged in student ministry.

Barbara and Curtis L. Keith, Jr. Award – Established in 2008, the recipient of this award will be a Disciples of Christ student who, while serving as a student minister with a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), excels in evangelism and church revitalization.

The Hackley/Salmon Student Award for Excellence in Pastoral Ministry in a Rural or Small Church Setting – Established in 2013, the award shall be given to a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) student who has done outstanding work in pastoral ministry in a rural or small church setting during the current academic year.

Book Award

The People's New Testament Commentary, M. Eugene Boring and Fred B. Craddock

Baptist Studies

Dr. Michael Miller

William L. and Lois Hendricks Baptist Studies Program Award – Established in 1997 by Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks, this award is a cash gift given to a Baptist student at Brite Divinity School who exemplifies scholarship, service and promise in ministry. Dr. Hendricks, a respected teacher and theologian, served as Director of Baptist Studies and Lecturer in Theology at Brite.

Stone-Campbell Movement Promising Scholar Award

President Williams

Established in 2010, an outstanding Disciples student is awarded a one-year subscription to the *Stone-Campbell Journal*.

Ecumenical Award

Dean Miller

Dr. Jeffrey Williams and Dr. Michael Miller

Baxter F. and W. Dell Thomas Excellence Award for Christian Ministry – Established in 1997, this ecumenical award is given annually to a deserving student who meets designated criteria and does not qualify for awards from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Methodist Church, or the Baptist Church.

Episcopal Studies

Dr. Jeffrey Williams

Bishops Ted Gulick and Wallace Ohl Award for Pastoral Leadership – Established in 2013, the award is presented to an Episcopal student preparing for pastoral ministry as a Priest (or Deacon) that demonstrates promise for pastoral leadership. The award was established through the generosity of Fr. J. Fred and Judith Barber.

Book Award

Twentieth Century Theologians: Explorations in a Global Tradition (The Great Theologians), Stephen Burns, Bryan Cones, and James Tengatenga, editors

Presbyterian Studies

Dr. Warner Bailey

Aliens in Your Native Land, 1 Peter and the Formation of Christian Identity, Warner Bailey

United Methodist Studies

Dr. Natalya Cherry and Dr. James Sanders

Gilbert L. Ferrell United Methodist Studies Award – This cash award is given to an outstanding Methodist student based upon academic achievement, service to the church, and commitment to social justice. Gilbert Ferrell served the Brite community in United Methodist Studies for nearly twenty-eight years.

Book Award

Stuff That Needs to Be Said, John Pavlovitz

FIELD AWARDS

President Williams

Andrew D. Lester Memorial Student Award

Dr. Barbara McClure

Established by family and friends, the Andrew D. Lester Memorial Student Award is given annually to a gifted PhD student who shows outstanding promise in the discipline of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology. Dr. Lester was a leading figure in the discipline of pastoral theology and Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling at Brite, having joined the faculty in 1991.

Preaching

Dr. Lance Pape

Barrett T. Moore Preaching Award – Established by Ron Moore in memory of Barrett T. Moore and in appreciation of his ministry. The award is given annually to an outstanding student in homiletics.

The Walker Committee

Granville T. and Erlene Walker Ministerial Scholarships – The Walker Ministerial Scholarship Foundation recognizes the contributions to the Christian ministry of Dr. Granville Walker and his wife Erlene. The purpose of the foundation, begun with a gift from a couple who deeply appreciated the preaching of Dr. Walker, is to assist in the training of superior preachers. Scholarships are awarded to students from Brite and other Disciples of Christ related theological schools who demonstrate exceptional promise in preaching.

Religious Education

Dr. Russell Dalton

Peggy and Richard Ziglar Student Award for Excellence in Christian Education – Brite Alumna/us, Revs. Peggy and Richard Ziglar established the award in 2012. This is an annually gifted student award to help and affirm students who show promise in the field of Christian Education.

Roy Melugin Student Award

Dr. Michael Miller and Dr. Jeffrey Williams

Established in 2009, this award is presented to a student who, in the spirit of Dr. Roy Melugin, exhibits and demonstrates love of neighbor.

FACULTY AWARDS

Dean Miller

Louise Clark Brittan Endowed Memorial Faculty Excellence Award

Ashley Newlin, BSA

This award was established in 1997 by Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Brittan honoring the memory of his mother, Louise Clark Brittan. Louise was a graduate of AddRan College. She highly valued formal education and worked tirelessly so that her children could complete degrees. This fund benefits Brite faculty. Recipients are chosen each year by the student body.

Catherine Saylor Hill Endowed Faculty Excellence Award

Dean Miller

This award was established in 1998 by James Calvin Hill in honor of his mother, Catherine Saylor Hill. It is funded by the James Calvin Hill Brite Divinity School Foundation. Recipients are chosen each year by the faculty.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Monica Bradley

***HYMN**

Let All Things Now Living

Chalice Hymnal #717

DeShay Jackson, Piano

Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished,
All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces.
The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God
divine.
We, too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

DISMISSAL

President Williams

August 2021 Graduates

Certificate of Theological Studies

Lee Newberry Jones

Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry

Torey Bernard Franklin

Master Of Divinity

Grant Dooley

Doctor Of Ministry

Janet Waggoner

December 2021 Graduates

Master of Divinity

Jonathan Pangelinan Cabrera
William Deshay Cortez Jackson
Margarito Ramirez
Valleri Jean Sewell

Master of Theological Studies

Stacie Dawn Donaldson

Master of Theology

Charles Sone Ngabe

May 2022 Graduates

Certificate of Theological Studies

Donald Lee Brown

Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry

Chelsea Nicole Jones

Master of Divinity

Allison Marie Bright
Taylor Ann Condre
Jeffry Paul Faircloth
Addison Lynn Gardner
Vance Halfaker
Jody Keith Hoover
Katherine Elizabeth Kammerdiener
Lori King-Nelson
Shane Andrew Mullin
Shelby Dean Nowland
Emily Suzanne Sheppard
Rebekah Elizabeth Stutheit
Mayme Yvonne Taylor
John Rudolph Villamor
Patricia Anna Warner
Michael Mason Wagner
Debra Welch

Master of Theological Studies

Jason Manriquez
Tyler Sterling
Miriam Ann Zimmerman

Master of Theology

Sylvia Marie Artiles

Doctor of Philosophy

Jennifer Bluestein
Christina Lynn Bryant

Fall 2021 Dean's List

Arellano, Joshua

Greer, Jonathan

Bailey, Kearstin

Junek, Allen

Bright, Allison

Kuykendall, Evve

Cabrera, Jonathan

Richards, Adam

Cleghorn, Renee

Sewell, Valleri

Condre, Taylor

Shores, Remi

Evans, Daren

Villamor, Johnru

Gardner, Addison

DEAN'S LIST GUIDELINES

Each fall and spring semester, M.Div., M.T.S., and M.A.T.M. students who achieve a grade point average of 3.80 or above in a given semester on a minimum of nine completed (graded) credit hours are honored by being named to the Dean's List. Students with one or more grades designated "Incomplete" are ineligible for the Dean's List that semester.