

## **WELCOME FROM THE DEAN**

The teaching-learning community at Brite Divinity School seeks to transform individuals, churches and communities through the integration of scholarship, justice and practice. Brite is a place where we encourage you to be bold: ask questions, struggle with your faith, make a difference in the world, get to know faculty and staff, become conversation partners with peers and colleagues. I invite you to explore our degree programs and use your imagination to help you envision how you might use one of these to further the integration of your mind and spirit. Whether your vocation is one that fits the more traditional models of denominations and churches, non-profit administration and service, or teaching and leadership, theological education can support your present and future!

I look forward to greeting you on the campus of Brite Divinity School,

Rev. Dr. Joretta L. Marshall  
Executive Vice President and Dean  
Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling

## **BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL HANDBOOK FOR STUDENTS**

Brite Divinity School reserves the right to change any statement, policy or procedure set forth in this handbook, when deemed in the best interest of the Brite Divinity School and within established procedures. This handbook is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a contract between any student and Brite Divinity School.

Brite Divinity School regularly reviews and assesses program requirements and program offerings. From time to time necessary changes occur which will have an impact upon a student's progress toward degree completion. While the Divinity School will strive to accommodate students in implementation of changes, the Divinity School reserves the right to make such changes and to require students to adjust their programs accordingly. Changes to academic programs are not made lightly. There is no guarantee that an entering student will not experience changes in requirements before graduation, especially if time to graduation is longer than the time to complete the program as a full-time student.

The Divinity School's distinctive purpose is educating persons for varied ministries in churches and communities. Churches, however, retain the exclusive right and responsibility to determine the appropriate qualifications for ordained and licensed ministry, to assess the fitness for ministry of individual candidates, and to credential persons for ministerial leadership.

## **THE MISSION STATEMENT OF BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL**

Brite Divinity School educates and inspires people to serve God's diverse world as leaders in churches, the academy, and public life.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIVINITY SCHOOL**

Texas Christian University has had a concern for the education of ministers since its founding as AddRan College in 1873. In the early years, it fulfilled this concern within the framework of the undergraduate B.A. program. Classes in Bible were offered to all students; those wishing to prepare for the ministry simply devoted a large part of their junior and senior years to concentration in Bible and religion. In the 1890s, the board of the University set in motion plans to establish a separately endowed and governed school to provide both undergraduate and graduate education for church leadership. By 1895, bylaws for a College of the Bible had been approved. However, it was not until 1907, that the first graduate theological degree, the Bachelor of Divinity, was awarded. The B.A. was regarded as a prerequisite of this new program, but the two curricula were scarcely distinguishable.

The College of the Bible received its name, separate charter of incorporation, and its first permanent building in 1914 as the result of a gift from L.C. Brite, cattle rancher of Marfa, Texas. Though graduate enrollment was on the rise, Brite College continued to serve also as the undergraduate Department of Religion for AddRan College for another twenty-five years. In 1939, Brite initiated a standard three-year curriculum for the B.D. degree and became a member of the American Association of Theological Schools, giving up its undergraduate instruction in order to meet accreditation standards for graduate theological institutions. Two years later, this body recognized Brite as an accredited graduate theological seminary—the second Disciples seminary to receive this accreditation.

In 1963, the charter was renewed and the name was changed to Brite Divinity School. The name of the basic degree earned at Brite was changed from Bachelor of Divinity to Master of Divinity in 1967. Two years later, the Divinity School began to offer a program of study leading to the Doctor of Ministry degree. In 1988, the Master of Theological Studies and the Certificate of Theological Studies were introduced. In 1997, the American Association of Theological Schools granted Brite preliminary approval to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in two areas: Biblical Interpretation and Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling (now known as Pastoral Theology: Transforming Persons, Communities, and Practices). In 1999, Brite introduced two new accredited degree programs, the Master of Theology and the Master of Arts in Christian Service. The three degree programs received ongoing approval from the Association of Theological Schools in 2006. Brite changed the name of the Master of Arts in Christian Service program in 2013 to the Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry to reflect more accurately the diversity of students' academic and vocational goals.

In the school's earliest years, administrative tasks were carried as an added responsibility by persons whose primary concern was teaching. Since Brite's separate incorporation in 1914, the school has had a series of deans who have given major attention to administration with part-time teaching responsibilities. They are Colby D. Hall (1914-1947), D. Ray Lindley (1947-1950), Roy C. Snodgrass (1950-1955), Elmer D. Henson (1955-1971), William E. Tucker (1971-1976), M. Jack Suggs (1976-1989), Leo G. Perdue (1989-1999), Mark G. Toulouse (1999-2002), Interim Dean David J. Gouwens (2002-2005), Nancy J. Ramsay (2005-2012), and Joretta Marshall (2012-present).

Since 1978, TCU and Brite have affirmed a series of formal agreements specifying the relationship between the two corporations. In 1999, the Brite Board of Trustees created the Office of President. Three persons have served in this office: Leo G. Perdue (1999-2002), Interim President D. Duane Cummins (2002-2003), and D. Newell Williams (2003-present).

In 1953, Brite moved into the south wing of the TCU Religion Center which was completed that year. In 1998, this main building of the Divinity School was renamed to honor contributions made to the life and work of the Divinity School by Jo Ann and Wayne Moore. The central unit of this complex is the Robert Carr Chapel. In 2001, Leibrock Village, Brite's student housing complex, opened for occupancy. The Divinity School completed a significant expansion of its classroom, office and special event space with the construction of the W. Oliver and Nell A. Harrison Building, which opened in 2012.

## CORPORATE RELATIONSHIPS

### **Affiliation with Texas Christian University**

Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University are independent institutions. They have a rich historical relationship and enjoy a shared heritage, affiliation, traditions, and values with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Both institutions recognize the tangible and intangible benefits of a supportive and collaborative relationship especially in areas of teaching and scholarly programs. Brite and TCU have a formal agreement that articulates the University's contractual commitment to provide essential administrative support, operational and maintenance services, and the vision of both institutions to assure a continuing spirit of mutual involvement, cooperation, and support for the benefit of students, staff, and faculty. [www.tcu.edu](http://www.tcu.edu)

The University has a full-time faculty numbering over 630 and a student enrollment of almost 10,500. The University offers graduate degrees in over 50 master's level programs, and 28 areas of doctoral study. The resources and facilities of the University enrich and complement the Divinity School program. Students are urged to consult the online Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Bulletins of the University for details regarding the many opportunities and services available to them as members of the University community.

### **Affiliation with Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

Brite Divinity School is related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in many official and unofficial ways. It reports biennially to the Plenary Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest. It is a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Council on Theological Education of the Higher Education and Leadership Ministries. It receives financial support through the denomination's Church Finance Council. Many of the administrative officers, faculty and students of Brite Divinity School serve the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at the local, regional and general levels.

## ACCREDITATION

Brite Divinity School is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award masters and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Brite Divinity School. Website: [www.sacs.org](http://www.sacs.org)

Brite is also accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and the following degree programs are approved:  
M.Div., M.A.T.M., M.T.S., D.Min., Th.M., Ph.D.

The Commission contact information is:

The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools  
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Telephone: 412-788-6505; Fax: 412-788-6510  
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## **NONDISCRIMINATION POLICIES AND ETHOS**

Brite Divinity School is an institution that values diversity and challenges structures that intentionally or unintentionally encourage discrimination. As such, we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, social class, age, disability status, citizenship status, membership or application for membership in a uniformed service, or any other category protected by applicable law. Where there are discrepancies with Federal and State policies, they supersede Brite's policies.

Brite Divinity School is an equal opportunity employer and maintains a policy of nondiscrimination with respect to all employees and applicants for employment. All personnel actions, such as recruitment, hiring, training promotion, transfer, layoff, recall, compensation and benefits, discipline, termination, and educational, recreational, and social programs are administered under the provision of our general nondiscrimination and inclusion statement. Employment decisions, subject to the legitimate business requirements of Brite, are based solely on an individual's qualifications, merits, and performance.

Brite is committed to promoting a diverse and just environment, in which language and practices support the achievement of inclusion. Specifically, Brite seeks to remove all barriers to the maintenance and aspirations of its Mission Statement and Non-Discrimination Statement in the following ways:

- Brite Divinity School promotes the intentional use of Inclusive language. This includes reference to such matters as language about God and humanity as noted in our Nondiscrimination and Inclusion Statement. Inclusive language in the classroom, chapel, and in common discourse is expected of students, staff, and faculty.
- Brite Divinity School maintains nondiscrimination in all its programs and activities, admission to these programs and activities, financial aid, and housing.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL**

The Board of Trustees has authority and responsibility for the School. The Board sets and reviews basic policies of the institution and through its corporate officers provides for leadership, management, and oversight of the School.

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Administrative staff members are persons appointed by the President with responsibilities for specified administrative tasks requiring part-time or full-time service. They carry out their administrative duties under general supervision of the School's executive and academic officers, in partnership with them and with the Permanent Faculty. Occasionally, administrative positions are connected with faculty appointments, which may or may not be tenure-track.

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## THE PERMANENT FACULTY

The Permanent Faculty is comprised of persons engaged in instruction and other services on a continuing and full-time basis who hold academic rank of full professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, lecturer, or Minister-in-Residence. The Permanent Faculty confer and act, in partnership with the School's executive and academic officers, to review academic policies of the School, and in cooperation with the Dean, to develop and provide for matters relating to the scope, nature, integrity, and quality of the School's educational undertakings.

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B.S. (Portland State University), 1985; M.A. (Pacific School of Religion), 1987; M.A. (University of Virginia), 1992; Ph.D. (University of Virginia), 1997; M.S.L.S. (University of Illinois), 1998. Roman Catholic. Since 2000.

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B.A. (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand), 1976; B.D. (Melbourne College of Divinity), 1985; Th.M. (Ibid.), 1986; Ph.D. (Princeton Theological Seminary), 1991. Ordained 1985. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)/New Zealand Baptist Union. Since 2007.

NATALYA CHERRY, *Assistant Professor in Methodist Studies and Theology*  
B.A. (Georgetown University), 1998; M.Div. (Wesley Theological Seminary), 2001; PhD (Southern Methodist University), 2018. Ordained 2005. United Methodist. Since 2018.

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B.A. (Central Michigan University), 1984; M.Div. (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary), 1988; Th.M. in New Testament (Harvard Divinity School), 1990; Ed.D., (Union Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Virginia), 1998. American Baptist Churches USA. Since 2004.

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B.A. (University of Maryland), 1968; M.Div. (Vanderbilt), 1971; M.A. (Ibid.), 1974; Ph.D. (Ibid.), 1975. Ordained 1971. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Since 1991.

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B.A. (University of Haifa), 2002; M.A. (Ibid.), 2004; Ph.D. (Ibid.), 2008. Judaism. Since 2011.

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B.A. (Earlham College), 1987; M.Div. (Howard University School of Divinity), 1997; Ph.D. (Duke University), 2006. Ordained 2008. Episcopal Church. Since 2014.

NAMSOON KANG, *Professor of Theology and Religion*  
B.Th. (Methodist Theological Seminary, Seoul), 1979; Th.M. (Ibid.); M.Phil. (Drew University), 1991; Ph.D. (Ibid.), 1993. United Methodist. Since 2006.

TIMOTHY S. LEE, *Associate Professor of Church History*  
B.A. (University of Illinois [Urbana]), 1983; M.A. (University of Chicago), 1986; Ph.D. (Ibid.), 1996. Ordained 1996. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Since 2002.

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B.A. (John Carroll University), 1988; M.T.S. (Vanderbilt University), 1990; M.A. (Ibid.), 1994; Ph.D. (Ibid.), 1997. Roman Catholic. Since 2007.

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B.A. (Westmar College), 1976; M.Div. (Iliff School of Theology), 1980; M.A. (Vanderbilt University), 1989; Ph.D. (Ibid.), 1992. Ordained 1981. United Methodist. Since 2007.

SHELLY MATTHEWS, *Professor of New Testament*

B.A. (University of North Dakota), 1984; M.Div. (Boston University School of Theology), 1987; Th.D. (Harvard Divinity School), 1997. Ordained 1987. United Methodist. Since 2011.

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B.A. (Houghton College), 1989; M.Div. (Princeton Theological Seminary), 1996; Ph.D. (Emory University), 2003. Presbyterian Church (USA). Since 2013.

LANCE B. PAPE, *Granville and Erlene Walker Associate Professor of Homiletics*

B.A. (Austin Graduate School of Theology), 1991; M.Div. (Yale Divinity School), 1994; Ph.D. (Emory University), 2010. Ordained 1994. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Since 2010.

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B.A. (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), 1971; D.Min. (Union Theological Seminary in Virginia), 1975; Ph.D., Religion and Personality (Vanderbilt University), 1987. Ordained 1975. Presbyterian Church (USA). Since 2005.

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B.A. (Milligan College), 1987; M.Div. (Emmanuel School of Religion), 1993; Ph.D. (Graduate Theological Union), 2006. Ordained 1993. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Since 2006.

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A.B. (University of California), 1990; M.Div. (Princeton Theological Seminary), 1993; Ph.D. (Emory University), 2004. United Church of Christ. Since 2013.

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B.A. (Barton College), 1974; M.Div. (Yale Divinity School), 1977; Ph.D. (Duke), 1997. Ordained 1977. The Alliance of Baptists. Since 1994.

ED WAGGONER, *Assistant Professor of Theology in the Rt. Reverend Sam B. Hulseley Chair in Episcopal Studies*

B.A. (Willamette University), 1991; M.A.R. (Yale Divinity School), 2000; M.Phil., M.A. (Yale University) (2006), Ph.D. (Yale University), 2007. Episcopal Church. Since 2012.

D. NEWELL WILLIAMS, *Professor of Modern and American Church History*

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1997; M.A. (Vanderbilt University), 1999; Ph.D. (Claremont Graduate University), 2005.  
Episcopal Church. Since 2005.

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TONI CRAVEN, *Emerita Professor of Hebrew Bible*  
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CAROLYN OSIEK, *Emerita Charles Fischer Catholic Professor of New Testament*  
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## OCCASIONAL FACULTY (*Over the Past Three Years*)

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B.A. (Texas Christian University), 1960; M.Div. (Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary), 1964; M. Phil. and Ph.D. (Yale University), 1967-1970.

VIRGINIA O. BASSFORD, *Practical Theology*

B.L.S. (St. Edward's University), 1992; M.Div. (Perkins School of Theology), 1997; Ph.D. (Texas Woman's University) 2009.

RITA NAKASHIMA BROCK, *Religion and Culture*

B.A. (Chapman University), 1972; Rel.M. (Claremont School of Theology), 1975; M.A. (Claremont Graduate University), 1981; Ph.D. (Ibid.), 1988.

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B.A. (University of Texas at Arlington), 1980; M.T.S. (Brite Divinity School), 1999; Ph.D. (Southern Methodist University), 2006.

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B.A. (University College Dublin), 1967; M.A. (Ibid), 1969; Ph.D. (Harvard University), 1972; D.LITT, (Hon) (University College Dublin), 2009; Th.D. (Hon) (Zurich), 2015.

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B.A. (University of South Florida), 1983; M.A. (University of Arizona), 1989; Ph.D. (University of Arizona), 1998.

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M.Div. (Yale Divinity School), 1994; D.Min. (Princeton Theological Seminary), 2010.

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M.Div. (University of Heidelberg), 1992; M.A. (Harvard University), 1996; Ph.D. (Harvard University), 1997

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B.A. (University of North Texas), 1978; M.S. (Ibid.), 1978; M.Div. (Perkins School of Theology), 1994; Ph.D. (Texas A&M University), 1993.

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B.A. (Howard University), 2009; M.Div. (Vanderbilt Divinity School), 2012; Ph.D. in progress (Chicago Theological Seminary), ABD.

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B.A. (University of Central Arkansas), 1994; M.A. (Tennessee State University), 1999; M.Div. (Vanderbilt University), 2000; M.A. (ibid), 2011; Ph.D. (ibid), 2014

RICKY McCLATCHY, *Baptist History*

B.A. (Howard Payne University), 1981; M.Div. (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary); 1984; Ph.D. (ibid.) 1990

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B.A. (University of Minnesota), 1999; M.A. (Graduate Theological Union and Jesuit School of Theology), 2007. Ph.D. (Brite Divinity School), 2015.

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B.R.E. (Tyndale University College), 1994; M.A. (University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto), 2000; Ph.D. University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto), 2008

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## **PROGRAMMATIC INITIATIVES**

### **ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONSHIPS DENOMINATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMS**

The student body, faculty, and staff at Brite Divinity School are interracial, international and ecumenical. While the largest numbers of students at Brite are Disciples and United Methodists, more than twenty-five different denominations are represented in the student body. Faculty and staff are active members in over ten different denominational/religious bodies. The ecumenical spirit is also strengthened by Brite's membership and participation in the Council of Southwestern Theological Schools embracing eleven Protestant and three Roman Catholic institutions. Selected students and faculty members from COSTS schools have participated in inter-seminary courses on a variety of topics, including an intensive experience in interfaith dialogue. COSTS institutions continue to explore further possibilities of regional and sub-regional cooperation.

Faculty and students are engaged in local, state and national ecumenical organizations and programs. With the support of the faculty, local churches, and judicatory leaders, Brite offers formal and informal programs that connect with various denominational and faith traditions.

#### **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

The Disciples Formation program prepares students to lead in ministry by assisting in the ordination process, providing personal and professional support and engaging students in the larger denomination. Directed by a member of the Permanent Faculty, programs offer opportunities for students to develop their theological stance and pastoral identity.

#### **Baptist Studies Program**

The Baptist Studies Program is an integral part of the Divinity School. Designed to meet the special interests and needs of Baptists, this Program offers graduate courses in Baptist history, thought, and polity and provides opportunities for Baptist students in field settings in Baptist churches, worship, and other community experiences. Special lectures and workshops by Baptist professors and ministers enrich the seminary experience of Brite students. A limited number of student scholarships are provided by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to support Cooperative Baptist Fellowship M.Div. students. This program is directed by a member of the Permanent Faculty.

#### **Episcopal Studies Program**

The Episcopal Studies Program at Brite Divinity School provides a continuing Anglican/Episcopal presence within a broadly ecumenical theological school. The program offers a community of learning, worship, and fellowship within the Brite Community. Our graduates will be trained to serve effectively in ordained and lay leadership positions in the Episcopal Church.

#### **Metropolitan Community Churches**

Brite Divinity School is a recognized partner school of the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). MCC students preparing for ordination may complete their required coursework at Brite and receive advising in the ordination process.

#### **Presbyterian Studies**

The Presbyterian Studies Program supports Presbyterian women and men who are in the process of discerning a call to ministry. By mentoring, providing a Reformed and Presbyterian focus, and enriching Brite's work through relationships with the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as well as Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, the Program seeks to prepare students to meet all constitutional requirements for ordination or certification to ministry in Presbyterian congregations. The Program embraces students in all degree plans, but focuses primarily on those preparing for professional ministry in local churches as pastors or directors of Christian education.

### **United Church of Christ**

Students from the United Church of Christ tradition will find courses at Brite Divinity School that support their pastoral identity and formation within this denomination. In addition, Brite has several graduates who are leaders within the United Church of Christ, and who serve as informal mentors for students.

### **United Methodist Studies**

The University Senate of the United Methodist Church has approved the Divinity School to teach United Methodist students. The courses taught at Brite in United Methodist history, doctrine, mission, and polity—which are required for ordination in the United Methodist Church—have been officially approved by appropriate denominational offices. With the assistance of the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, students preparing for deacons' ordination may meet UMC expectations with either the Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry or the Certificate of Theological Studies.

## **OTHER PROGRAMATIC INITIATIVES**

### **Asian (Korean) Church Studies Program**

The Asian (Korean) Church Studies Program provides resources for Brite students to learn about the history, culture, and theology of Asian and Asian-American Christianity. This is done through regularly offered courses on the subjects and lectures offered by visiting scholars and church leaders in Asian/Asian-American communities. The program also serves as a center for promoting Asian/Asian-American theological studies and training leaders for Asian-American churches (especially those affiliated with the Christian Church [Disciples of Christ]).

### **Black Church Studies**

The Black Church Studies program offers an interdisciplinary range of courses for shaping ministerial preparation and theological reflection for seminarians of all races, aimed at providing wider knowledge of the issues of Black life and American Christianity. Students may choose to concentrate their coursework in order to pursue a Certificate in Black Church Studies at Brite Divinity School. Also, the Black Church Studies program offers events throughout the academic year in an effort to educate the public and promote the vitality of Black religious scholarship and the legacy of the Black Church.

### **Latina/o Church Studies**

Latina/o Church Studies supports the intercultural training of students; addresses Latina/o issues and concerns in churches and community; sponsors continuing education seminars and workshops for Latina/o pastors; and encourages students preparing for ministry in Hispanic contexts. Brite participates in Hispanic Summer Program for Masters Students and the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium that supports doctoral work in theological education and Latina/o scholars.

### **Hispanic Summer Program**

The Hispanic Summer Program seeks to train leaders in the Hispanic tradition. Brite Divinity School is a sponsor of HSP, which provides summer courses which students can take for academic credit. The program is designed primarily for Latina/o students, and they have also welcomed about 10% of non-Latina/o students nationwide who are involved in Latino-centered ministries and advocacy. The (HSP) provides the opportunity for students to study with Latina/o peers and professors. Each summer, the HSP brings together nearly 70 participants from the U.S. and Puerto Rico, representing a wide variety of traditions, denominations, and theological perspectives. The HSP also provides a limited number of slots for Latina/o pastors seeking continuing theological education.

### **Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium**

Brite Divinity School is a member of the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium (HTIC), a consortium comprised of Ph.D.-granting institutions seeking to support and advance the work of Latina and Latino scholars in order to address the need for more representation of Latina and Latino students and faculty in higher theological education. Brite Divinity School supports the

mentoring and networking costs for HTIC scholars. Additionally, Brite Divinity School recognizes that pooling resources and building communities are essential elements for securing a stronger and more diverse scholarly theological body.

### **Jewish Studies**

Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University together sponsor the Jewish Studies Program, designed to support the teaching and scholarly study of Judaism and to promote the historical contribution of Judaism to civilization. The Program fosters a better understanding of the faith heritage of Christianity, as well as more informed dialogue and understanding among Jews and Christians. The Program is committed to serving people of all faiths and to contributing to the education of the local community. With the generous support of numerous donors, elements of the Program include Rosenthal faculty positions for courses available to students at both Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University, the Barnett International Scholarship, the Gates of Chai Annual Lectureship in Contemporary Judaism, the Jack B. Friedman Judaica Library in Honor of Barbara Friedman Rakover in the TCU Mary Coats Burnett Library, and the Bermont Family Undergraduate Jewish Student Scholarship Fund.

### **Carpenter Initiative in Gender, Sexuality, and Justice**

The Carpenter Initiative in Gender, Sexuality and Justice is designed to engage people around issues related to gender, gender identity and sexual orientation through courses, workshops, worship experiences, speakers, and other events. The program, directed by Dean Joretta L. Marshall, supports the work of the Brite community, local churches and leaders as they respond to these broader issues of justice.

### **Soul Repair Center**

In 2012, Brite Divinity School launched the Soul Repair Center through a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. The Center conducts research on moral injury in combat veterans and others whose work involves socially sanctioned violence, and it educates seminarians, religious leaders, their communities, and the general public in supporting recovery.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Brite Divinity School is committed to the development of a comprehensive year-round program of continuing education for ministers, religious educators, and church leaders.

The program includes an annual Ministers Week with lectures, sermons, and workshops as well as topical seminars/conferences for church leaders. The Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity offers half-day seminars by leading scholars for the laity and clergy, and, along with the Council on Christian Unity, co-sponsors a biennial Joe A. and Nancy Vaughn Stalcup Lecture on Christian Unity. Each year, Brite hosts and supports a variety of lectureships open to the public, including such events as the Gates of Chai Lectureship and the Black Church Studies Events.

### **VISITING LECTURERS**

***Brite/TCU Ministers Week*** annually presents distinguished Christian leaders in a four-day program of enrichment.

*THE WELLS SERMONS*, founded in 1943, are made possible by an annual gift from the East Dallas Christian Church in honor of its former minister, L. N. D. Wells. Past Wells preachers have included Edwin McNeil Poteat, Halford E. Luccock, Walter W. Van Kirk, Nels F. S. Ferré, George Arthur Buttrick, Harold Cooke Phillips, Roy C. Snodgrass, Granville T. Walker, McGruder E. Sadler, James W. Clarke, Albert C. Outler, Merriman Cunnigim, Robert James McCracken, Richard C. Raines, James A. Pike, C. E. Lemmon, James T. Cleland, Ralph W. Sockman, Carlyle Marney, Robert Clyde Yarbrough, A. Wayne Braden, Gustave A. Ferre, Harold A. Bosley, David H. C. Read, Jack Finegan, Browne Barr, Fred B. Craddock (twice), Charles L. Allen, Perry E. Gresham, James M. Moudy, Ernest T. Campbell, John Claypool, Joseph A. Johnson, Jr., William Muehl, Lawrence W. Bash, P. Hunter Beckelhymer, Elizabeth Achtemeier, Wallace E. Fisher, Gilbert D. Davis, Eugene W. Brice, Albert M. Pennybacker, James A.



Wharton, Gardner Taylor, William Sloan Coffin, Jr., Peter J. Gomes, James A. Sanders, K. David Cole, Joseph R. Jeter, Jr., Zan Holmes, Thomas G. Long, Eugene L. Lowry, Bryan G. Feille, Joan Brown Campbell, Alvin O. Jackson, Paul Scott Wilson, Barbara Brown Taylor, Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Pablo A. Jiménez, Patrick J. Willson, Dan P. Mosley, L. Susan Bond, Brian K. Blount, Douglas B. Skinner, William Lee, Holly McKissick, Sharon E. Watkins, John W. Kinney, Mike Graves, Anthony Bailey, Lance Pape, Cynthia Hale, Barbara Lundblad, Amy Butler, Frederick Douglas Haynes III.

*THE McFADIN LECTURESHIP* was founded in 1943 by an annual gift from the McFadin Ministerial Loan Fund set up by D. G. McFadin of Dallas, Texas, to be administered by Brite Divinity School. These lectures cover a broad range of theological and pastoral concerns. They have been given in the past by Rollo Resse May, Kelley O'Neill, Alexander Paul, C. W. Longman, Homer Carpenter, Samuel Guy Inman, Hampton Adams, Gaines Monroe Cook, A. T. DeGroot, George P. Fowler, W. A. Welsh, C. C. Morrison, John Knox, William L. Reed, J. Philip Hyatt, Lewis J. Sherill, Martin Rist, T. Hassell Bowen, Charles F. Kemp, A. Campbell Garnett, Howard E. Short, M. Jack Suggs, Langdon B. Gilkey, Glenn C. Routt, Ronald Osborn, Leslie R. Smith, James Mulenburg, Robert A. Raines, Dwight E. Stevenson, Schubert M. Ogden, John W. Stewart, James D. Glasse, B. Davie Napier, William R. Baird, Muriel James, Sydney E. Ahlstrom, Samuel Sandmel, John H. Westerhoff, III, James A. Sanders, William L. Hendricks, Peggy Ann Brainard Way, Krister Stendahl, James W. Fowler, William H. Willimon, James O. Duke, Leander E. Keck, John Deschner, David G. Buttrick, Jeffrey William Rowthorn, Toni Craven, M. Eugene Boring, Lewis Smedes, Maria Harris, Phyllis Tribble (twice), William O. Paulsell, Sheila Greeve Davaney, D. Moody Smith, Susan J. White, David Balch, Carol Meyers, Adela Yarbro Collins, Amy-Jill Levine, C. David Grant, Carolyn Osiek, Ronald J. Allen, Sandra M. Schneiders, Cain Hope Felder, Marcus Borg, Choon-Leong Seow, Warren Carter, Richard H. Lowery, Jeremy Schipper, Willie James Jennings, John Shelby Spong, Sara Miles, Norman Wirzba, John Holbert, and Shelly Matthews.

*THE OREON E. SCOTT LECTURESHIP* on "Crucial Current National and International Issues from the Christian Point of View," was established in 1952 by the Oreon E. Scott Foundation of St. Louis. The Scott Lectures have been delivered by Samuel Guy Inman, Walter H. Judd, Ellis Gibbs Arnall, Robert G. Storey, Roswell Barnes, Cleveland Kleihauer, Gerald H. Kennedy, M. Searle Bates, Albert C. Outler, Harold L. Lunger, Irwin Miller, Harold F. Fey, John E. Hines, Levi A. Olan, Robert E. Lucey, Brooks Hays, Ernest C. Colwell, Frank Porter Graham, Howard Lowry, Waldo Beach, James M. Gustafson, Joseph C. Hough, Jr., James I. McCord, Wernher von Braun, C. Shelby Rooks, Roger L. Shinn, Martin E. Marty, W. A. Welsh, T. J. Liggett, Thomas C. Oden, Jorge Lara-Braud, H. Jackson Forstman, Lawrence N. Jones, Donald W. Shriver, Jr., Gabriel Fackre, James Deotis Roberts, Walter Brueggemann, Max L. Stackhouse, Marjorie Suchocki, George Rupp, Don S. Browning, Jane Dempsey Douglass, George W. Stroup, Don E. Saliers, Beverly Roberts Gaventa, Ronald B. Flowers, Clyde E. Fant, Justo L. González, Michael Kinnamon, Martin E. Marty, Andrew Lester, Molly Marshall, Tex Sample, Mark G. Toulouse, Howard W. Stone, Nancy T. Ammerman, Charles Kimball, David J. Gouwens, Daisy L. Machado, Christie Cozad Neuger, Elaine Robinson, Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, William Paul Young, Tim Hessel-Robinson, Namsoon Kang, Rita Brock, William Kondrath, Phil Snider, Elizabeth Drescher, Timothy Sandoval, Larry Rasmussen, Melanie Harris, and Scott Bader Saye.

*THE DAVIS WORKSHOP IN MINISTRY* was established in 2004 and made possible by gifts in honor of Dr. Gilbert Davis, former Director of Church Relations at TCU, and his wife, Hilda. This workshop focuses on strengthening skills for engaging in pastoral ministry. Leaders of the workshop have included George Bullard, Fred B. Craddock, George A. Mason, Anthony B. Robinson, Joretta Marshall, Gilbert Rendle, Suzanne Stabile, Diana Butler Bass, Bruce Epperly, Deborah Creamer, Karen McClintock, Craig Gelder, Peter Steinke, Nora Gallagher, and Andrew Root.

***The Joe A. and Nancy Vaughn Stalcup Lecture on Christian Unity***, jointly sponsored with the Council on Christian Unity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), is held every other summer in Dallas. It brings together the participation of a wide diversity of institutional colleagues from the congregational, regional, and national levels. Lecturers are leaders in the ecumenical movement. Presenters of this lecture include Joan Brown Campbell, Leander E. Keck, Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr., Roberta C. Bondi, Justo L. Gonzalez, Rita Nakashima Brock, S. Wesley Ariarajah, Deborah DeWinter, Michael Livingston, John H. Thomas, Sharon E. Watkins, Diana Eck, Jose Morales, Jr., and Teresa Jefferson-Snorton.

***The Louis and Madlyn Barnett Visiting International Scholars Program in Jewish Literature and Thought*** was established by Dr. and Mrs. Louis Barnett of Fort Worth, Texas. This visiting scholars program is a part of the Jewish Studies Program at Brite. The first Barnett International Scholar was Israel Finkelstein in 2001. Other visiting scholars have included Richard Sarason, Avigdor Shinan, Paul Mendes-Flohr, Isaiah Gafni, Yair Zakovitch, Pamela Barmash, Adele Reinhartz, Benjamin Sommer, Gary Rendsburg, Tamara Cohn Eskenazi, Ross Kraemer, Hindy Najman, Maxine Grossman, John J. Collins, and Matthias Henze.

***The Gates of Chai Distinguished Lectureship for Judaic Studies*** was established in 1997 by the Gates of Chai, Inc., a foundation whose founder and president is Marcia Kornbleet Kurtz. It is established in memory of Larry Kornbleet as well as family members who perished in the Holocaust. Lecturers have included Chaim Potok, Harold Kushner, Elie Wiesel, Morris Dees, Susan Estrich, Joel Siegel, Thomas Cahill, Bruce Feiler, Dennis Ross, Susannah Heschel, Irwin Kula, Jack Bemporad, Carol Meyers, Amy-Jill Levine, Burton L. Visotzky, Judith Clurman, Bruce Ruben, Ted Merwin, Bishop Brian Farrell, Rabbi David Rosen, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, and Charles Asher Small.