

# Violence and Religious Lives of Christians in the United States

Saturday, April 6, 2019  
9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church Dallas

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The Christian tradition has long hoped and worked for a world free of violence. Yet violence also insinuates itself into Christian thought and practice in pervasive and often surprising ways. From hymns to theologies, narratives of religious experience to ways of imagining ourselves and others, violence figures prominently and functions in complex ways. This seminar will explore historical expressions of violence in the religious lives of American Christians, considering ways that violence often becomes constitutive of the very fabric of Christian life even as Christians confront violence in order to motivate efforts to overcome it. The seminar will conclude by considering how Christians can negotiate the violent dimensions of the tradition in ways that promote human flourishing.



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