

## **COURSES:**

(updated 8/14/21)

### **Yale Divinity School:**

<https://summerstudy.yale.edu>

#### **Sabbatical Theme:**

*Reclaiming and Proclaiming Resurrection Hope, Appreciation, and Gratitude in the Midst of Circumstantial and Systemic Traumas and Trials*

#### **OVERVIEW:**

Summer Study 2021 will take place June 7-11 in an online format. We will continue to offer a small, but high-quality program of varied seminars by renowned faculty. Courses will meet Monday - Friday, either 9:00-11:30 or 1:30-4:00 via Zoom.

Daily Community Prayer: Monday, June 7–Friday, June 11, 11:45-12:10 (8:45 AM – 9:10 AM PDT)

Keynote Address: David Kelsey, *Five Decades of YDS* Tuesday, June 8, 4:30-6:00 (1:30 PM – 3 PM PDT)

Workshop: Wednesday, June 9, 4:30-6:00, (1:30 PM – 3 PM PDT)

#### **CLASSES:**

### **The Practice of Faith during Traumatic Times**

June 7-11

9:00-11:30 (6 AM – 8:30 AM PDT)

This will be an online course instructed via Zoom. This course is capped at 19 participants.

The practice of faith can develop our skills for addressing our emotional and spiritual needs and wounds. Our faith can also guide us in our decision-making. How might our understanding of faith be an anchor and guide for us during a turbulent time? When surrounded by a stress- and trauma-inducing environment created by acts of hate, conflicting political ideologies, and a global pandemic, what spiritual skills might we practice that will contribute to our well-being and to our ability to relate to others? Even when the light of our faith is dim, what do we feel our faith can still offer us?

These and other questions will be examined in this course. Participants will reflect on selected biblical stories and passages (e.g., Book of Genesis, Book of Job, Beatitudes, and Matthew 6:24). We will also draw insights from Christian theological (Howard Thurman and Henri Nouwen) and non-religious writings (Maya Angelou, Brene Brown).

There are three goals for this course:

- 1) to deepen our understanding of what it means to practice our faith,
- 2) to identify some of the obstacles and challenges to the practice of faith, and
- 3) to identify concrete skills, we can employ to enhance our practice of faith.

Engaging our journey of faith is conceptual and personal. While those engaged in the ministry of preaching and various forms of pastoral care will come away from this class with concrete pointers and ideas, the course is intended for anyone wondering what their faith can do within today's threatening environment.

The course will be guided in a seminar format. Confidentiality, a sense of safety, and respect for the diversity of the group and for each participant's experiences and perspectives are the value foundations of the course. Course participants will be given readings and an exercise/assignment to complete prior to the first class meeting.

**Frederick J. Streets**

## Social Justice in Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer, and King

June 7-11

1:30-4:00 (10:30 AM – 1 PM PDT)

This will be an online course instructed via Zoom. This course is capped at 19 participants.

What, if any, are the implications of Christian commitments in the pursuit of social justice? For many Christians, it seems obvious that following Jesus implies a commitment to social justice, while for others, such a commitment leaves behind the essential heart of the gospel message about forgiveness of sins and the coming of God's reign. In this course, we look at three influential thinkers who took different positions on these questions.

Søren Kierkegaard asked the question of love and service to God and neighbor, in a context of placid and self-satisfied Christian culture that had lost any sense of the strangeness and otherness of God. As a result of his beliefs about God and his experiences of African-American spirituality and life in community, Dietrich Bonhoeffer found himself—despite his own inclinations—challenged to active resistance against an unjust regime. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a leader of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States whose transformation into icon has often eclipsed the radical and vital nature of his thought and the increasing intensity of his critique of American capitalism and militarism toward the end of his life. Using short readings from each of these authors, we will think carefully about the possibilities and limitations of Christian approaches to social justice, and we will consider the similarities and differences between the situation in the United States today and that of Kierkegaard in 19th-century Denmark, Bonhoeffer in Nazi Germany, and King in the America of the 1960's and the Vietnam War.

**Linn Marie Tonstad** received her MAR from YDS in 2003 and her PhD from Yale University in 2009. She is currently associate professor of systematic theology at Yale Divinity School, where she teaches courses on modern Christian thought and gender and sexuality studies. She is the author of two books, *God and Difference: The Trinity, Sexuality, and the Transformation of Finitude* (Routledge, 2016) and *Queer Theology: Beyond Apologetics* (Cascade, 2018). In addition, she has published articles and book chapters on the Trinity, eschatology, method in queer theology, and other topics. She is currently working on a book about method in theology and queer studies.

### WORKSHOP:

#### Leading Change: Three Schools of Thought

Wednesday, June 9, 4:30 - 6:00 (1:30 PM – 3 PM PDT)

This 90-minute, online, workshop will introduce participants to three different dynamics at play when communities experience change: reason, emotion, and power. For each dynamic, Andover Newton's Dean Sarah Drummond will provide a strategy to help a leader guide the community, through the turbulence associated with change, toward a better way of being together. Although the workshop will focus on concepts in leadership, Dean Drummond will use Andover Newton's move to Yale Divinity School as an illustration for each dynamic.

**Sarah B. Drummond**, Yale College '93, is the Founding Dean of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, and her most recent book – and the inspiration for this workshop – is *Dynamic Discernment: Reason, Emotion, and Power in Change Leadership* (Pilgrim Press, 2019). She teaches courses on leadership and UCC Polity at Yale Divinity School where she also leads Andover Newton's educational programs.

# Vancouver School of Theology:

<https://vst.edu/vst-summer-school/>

## OVERVIEW:

July 5th to 16th, 2021

Vancouver School of Theology is pleased to announce its plans for July summer school online programming. All courses will be taught in virtual classrooms using Zoom, which allows for easy face-to-face interactions with teachers and classmates.

## CLASSES:

### The Deeply Formed Life: Spiritual Formation for a New Generation

Dates: July 5, 2021 - July 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 am for 3 Hours (PT)

The training of pastors and leaders requires new frameworks and practices of spiritual formation to live vocationally faithful to God and contextually present to the surrounding culture. This course will explore the paradigm of formation as presented in Rich Villodas' *The Deeply Formed Life*. We will engage theological frameworks and practices around contemplative rhythms, racial reconciliation, interior examination, sexual wholeness, and missional presence.

**Rich Villodas** is the Brooklyn-born lead pastor of New Life Fellowship, a large, multiracial church with more than seventy-five countries represented in Elmhurst, Queens. Prior to becoming lead pastor, he gave oversight to New Life's small group ministry and served as preaching pastor. *The Deeply Formed Life* is the 2020 winner of *Christianity Today's* Book Award.

### Theologizing in the Time of COVID: Revelations from the Plague

Dates: July 5, 2021 - July 9, 2021

Time: 2:00 pm for 3 Hours (PT)

In this course, we will use the world created and revealed by the novel coronavirus as a platform for crafting more adequate theological understandings of our ongoing crises and opportunities. We will identify the things about the world revealed by COVID-19 for which meaning-making is critical. We want to look at the answers we've gotten to our questions about similar or related crises throughout our lives — what we have received — and ask what meaning we can make together out of those materials. What is the state of our understanding? How healthy are our meanings? In what directions does the experience of the plague push us?

**Donna Bowman** is a professor of interdisciplinary studies in the Norbert O. Schedler Honors College at the University of Central Arkansas. Her work in process theology focuses on reinterpreting Christianity as it is lived out in the pews and in the streets, with conceptions and meanings arising from ordinary people's experience. Her most recent books are *Prayer Shawl Ministries* and *Women's Theological Imagination* (Lexington, 2015) and *The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to Being Human* (Fortress, 2017).

### Living Faithfully With Mental Health Challenges: Why Theology Matters

Dates: July 12, 2021 - July 16, 2021

Time: 9:00 am for 3 Hours (PT)

The course will explore theological and practical issues around mental health and ill health. Often our perspectives and approaches to mental health are taken from the important fields of psychiatry and psychology. These are significant areas of mental health care. But what exactly does theology contribute to

our understanding that these other approaches do not? Does faith in the presence of God actually make a difference either to carers or those cared for? If it does, what does that difference *look* like? The course will develop a hospitable interdisciplinary dialogue within which these different dimensions of the healing process can come together faithfully with a view to exploring the theology and psychology of mental health challenges. The intention is to enable students to become faithful and hospitable careers *and* better theologians, who in a real sense continue the healing work of Jesus. Issues explored will include: depression, anxiety, psychosis, bipolar disorder, Christian community, healing, friendship, hospitality, the problem of evil and the centrality of faithful interdisciplinary conversations that seek to care *with* rather than just for people living with mental health challenges.

**John Swinton** is professor of practical theology and pastoral care at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and founding director of the Centre for Spirituality, Health, and Disability at Aberdeen. He is the author, most recently, of *Finding Jesus in the Storm: The Spiritual Lives of Christians with Mental Health Challenges* (Eerdmans).

## Trauma and Theology: Intersectional Narratives of Healing

Asynchronous

This course offers a space for reflection and analysis on the intersectionality of trauma, theology, and healing. This course understands the theology of trauma as an intersectional embodied *discourse of healing*. It focuses on the question of how theology responds to trauma that ruptures the Christian rhetoric of healing. Bringing into conversation the Gospel stories of healing, art, the local narratives of trauma and healing, and primary theological texts on trauma, the course aims to emphasize the urgency of theological voice and imagination on trauma healing, especially in the context of our world today.

**Septemmy E. Lakawa** teaches mission studies, contextual theologies, and feminist constructive theology at Jakarta Theological Seminary, the oldest ecumenical seminary in Indonesia. Her main research interests are on Christian self-understanding in the presence of religious differences; the changing contour of the interreligious landscape and the public and everyday character of interreligious dialogue shaped by women's experiences and imagination; and trauma, theology, and interreligious aesthetics in the aftermath of religious communal violence. Most recently, she served as the Director of the Graduate and Postgraduate Studies Program at Jakarta Theological Seminary from 2011 to 2015. She has published numerous articles and book chapters in and outside Indonesia related to her research interests. She is the winner of Müller-Krüger Award (2013) for her dissertation, "Risky Hospitality: Mission in the Aftermath of Religious Communal Violence" (Boston University, 2011). Since 2007, she has worked with several local congregations and her seminary, Jakarta Theological Seminary, to develop poetic and meditative dance as a form of doing Christian theological aesthetics in a multireligious context and she has incorporated this effort in her teaching and in some of her writings. From 2000 to 2003, she was the chief editor of *Sophia*, the first Indonesian Christian feminist theological journal.

### LECTURES:

#### Debt of Gratitude? How (not) to be grateful to God

Date: Tuesday, July 6th at 7pm (PT)

Many Christians, including great theologians like Thomas Aquinas, think that we have an obligation to "repay" God for the kindness God shows us. In this lecture, I hope to show why this is not a good way to practice gratitude to God.

**Miroslav Volf** is the Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School and Director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture. His book *Exclusion and Embrace* won the 2002 Grawemeyer Award in Religion.

## Come, Dance in “the water of life”: Thomas Merton’s Call to Joy

Date: Thursday, July 8th, 2021 at 7pm (PT)

Thomas Merton reminds us that we are “created for JOY” and invited to join God in “the mysterious dance of creation.” How do we awaken this joy and join creation’s dance? How do we embody its rhythms and share its songs? What does Merton have to teach us about dancing joyfully in life’s waters whether they be tranquil or troubled?

**Christine M. Bochen**, professor emerita of religious studies at Nazareth College, Rochester, New York and a founding member and past president of the International Thomas Merton Society, has taught courses, given retreats, and spoken on Merton in a variety of venues in the United States, Canada, and abroad. Christine is co-author, with William H. Shannon and Patrick F. O’Connell, of *The Thomas Merton Encyclopedia*; editor of *Courage for Truth, Learning to Love*, and *Thomas Merton: Essential Writings*; and co-editor, with William H. Shannon, of *Cold War Letters* and *Thomas Merton: A Life in Letters*.

## The “Hidden” Side Effects of COVID 19

Date: Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 at 7pm (PT)

Join John Swinton as he discusses the “Hidden” Side Effects of Covid 19: Racial inequality, toxic politics, loneliness and the need for a spirituality of lamentation.

**John Swinton** is professor of practical theology and pastoral care at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and founding director of the Centre for Spirituality, Health, and Disability at Aberdeen. He is the author, most recently, of *Finding Jesus in the Storm: The Spiritual Lives of Christians with Mental Health Challenges* (Eerdmans).

## Boston University School of Theology:

<http://www.bu.edu/sth/academics/lifelong-learning/online-offerings/reflecting-with-howard-thurman/>

### OVERVIEW:

Aware of the global and local challenges faith-based professionals face daily, the Boston University School of Theology (STH) strives to keep religious leaders well equipped for serving a broken but hopeful world. STH offers online opportunities for continuing your theological education in conversation with diverse students and world-class professors.

### CLASS:

#### Reflecting with Howard Thurman

Dates: Tuesdays, July 27<sup>th</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Time: 3:00 PM PDT for 75 minutes

Guided by *The Living Wisdom of Howard Thurman*, we will embark on a pilgrimage to the “inward sea,” charting the ebb and flow of our will to love, create, and become. This spiritual reflection group will listen to some of Christian theologian Howard Thurman’s most powerful recordings and exchange thoughts on what Thurman is saying to us and inviting us to say to God.

## **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **PACIFIC LUTHERAN SUMMER CONFERENCE IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY:**

<https://www.plu.edu/summertheology/>

#### **Ministry in a Secular Age: Sharing in the Experience of the Ministering God after a Pandemic**

May 25, June 1, and June 8, 2021 at 3:30pm PST

The turn into a more secular and less traditionally religious culture is no news to us in ministry in the Pacific Northwest. Yet we also know that God is very much active and moving in this time and place, and our congregations often struggle to understand where we fit in to God's ministry in our lives and in our communities. How can reclaiming an identity rooted in God's own action inform, challenge, and shape the ministries and communities we steward and lead? How has the vocation of congregational leaders shifted in this secular age, and where are we called to go from here?

Join in conversation and connection with our Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Andrew Root**, the Carrie Olson Baalson professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He writes and researches in areas of theology, ministry, culture, and younger generations. His most recent project is a three volume look at "*Ministry in a Secular Age*," including "*Faith Formation in a Secular Age*" (2017), "*The Pastor in a Secular Age*" (2019), and "*The Congregation in a Secular Age*" (2020).

### **2021 INTERNATIONAL eCONFERENCE ON RELIGIOUS TRAUMA**

<https://www.gcrr.org/religioustraumaconference>

The Global Center for Religious Research (GCRR) is hosting the 2021 International eConference on Religious Trauma, which will bring together specialists, psychiatrists, and researchers from all over the world to discuss the causes of religious trauma, as well as its manifestations and treatment options for those afflicted with the sometimes adverse effects associated with religion.

On Sunday, November 8, 2020, the [North American Committee on Religious Trauma Research](#) (NACRTR) formulated an official definition to help characterize the nature, scope, and meaning of "religious trauma." The official definition is as follows:

*"Religious trauma results from an event, series of events, relationships, or circumstances within or connected to religious beliefs, practices, or structures that is experienced by an individual as overwhelming or disruptive and has lasting adverse effects on a person's physical, mental, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being."*

The purpose of this multidisciplinary virtual conference is to advance the clinical and psychological understanding of religious trauma. On May 29-30, 2021, this two-day conference will provide an interdisciplinary platform for scholars, educators, and practitioners to present their research to international audiences from all different backgrounds.

And because the virtual conference is held online, scholars and students can attend from the comfort and safety of their own home without having to worry about travel and lodging expenses.

### **Duke Divinity School Summer Institute:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgccQwiQLPpiRL6iO5K4GhA/videos>

### **St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary Education Day:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pDiPOjkyk>

## **VIRTUAL OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE:**

<https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/news-article/the-national-pilgrimage-2021-a-change-of-plan/>

The **National Pilgrimage** has been taking place on the late May bank holiday almost every year since the 1930's. Originally known as the Whit-Monday Pilgrimage, this great pilgrim gathering to honour Our Lady of Walsingham was renamed the National Pilgrimage in 1959. In 2021, despite the challenging circumstances, we are determined to celebrate our flagship event with renewed zeal.

The National Pilgrimage is always a great day of celebration at the Shrine and this year's **National Pilgrimage at Home** will be no exception. While we are unable to come together and celebrate in person on 31 May, we have moved into digital realms and will be streaming Sung Mass live from the Shrine Church. We warmly invite you to join us to celebrate this special day from your homes.

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## **PRAYER:**

### **The Mission of St. Clare – Daily Office Online**

<https://www.missionstclare.com/english/>

### **Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, New York**

<https://www.facebook.com/holy.cross.west.park>

<https://holycrossmonastery.com>

Vespers: Wednesday @ 5 PM (2 PM PDT)

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## **ADEVENTURE DAYS:**

Adventure Days are intentional days of discovery where I will explore the wonders of our region within a 100 mile radius of Tacoma in a series of weekly day trips of appreciation. These trips will be logged for sharing and reflection.

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## **SELECT FILMOGRAPHY:**

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*White Noise: Inside the Racist Right.* Dir. Daniel Lombroso. 2020. Film.

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