

SEMINARY For A Day

Equipping Church Leaders for Ministry

Bicentennial Educational Event
Saturday, March 3, 2012

Workshops led by faculty will refresh and inspire clergy and laity in their ministries. Come spend an enriching day learning new skills for ministry in the 21st century!



Forming Leaders.
Transforming the Church.

Schedule

9 to 9:30 a.m. Rose Reception, Early Center	Registration
9:30 a.m. Early Center	Welcome Keynote Speaker: Pamela Mitchell-Legg <i>The Church Must Teach</i>
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Morning Workshops
12:30 to 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 to 2:45 p.m.	Afternoon Workshops
3 p.m. Watts Chapel	Keynote Speaker: Rodger Nishioka <i>Making Disciples and Teaching all that Jesus Commanded: The Future of Christian Education</i>

Workshop Choices

Indicate your first, second and third choices for both morning and afternoon workshops.

(Include this sheet with your registration by mail.)

Morning Workshops

- Desperate Housewives? Engaging Tyrannical Texts*, Frances Taylor Gench
- Making the Web Work for Your Congregation*, Ann Knox
- Teaching with Energy and Imagination*, Rodger Nishioka
- Jesus and the Gospels: From the First- to the Twenty-first Century Church*, John T. Carroll
- Transforming Leaders: The Challenge of Adaptive Relationships*, Kenneth J. McFayden
- Can You Change Human Nature?: Theology, Education, and Neuroscience*, Thomas A. James
- Pastoral Care in the 21st Century*, Charles Brown

Afternoon Workshops

- Discipleship in a Wired World*, Samuel Adams
- Shaping the Sacred Space: Celebrating the Contributions of Women to the Church*, Beverly A. Zink-Sawyer and Carol L. Schnabl Schweitzer
- Urban Ministry for Today*, Samuel K. Roberts
- The Book of Revelation*, Brian K. Blount
- Sabbath Isn't Just for Sundays*, Edna Jacobs Banes
- Biblical Languages for Laypeople*, E. Carson Brisson
- Teaching Biblical Humanism*, Andreas Kurt Schuele
- Christian Witness in the Middle East*, Stanley Skreslet

Conference Leaders



Rodger Nishioka

Rodger Nishioka holds the Benton Family Chair in Christian Education as an associate professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. While he teaches in the area of Christian education and practical theology, he specializes in ministry with youth and young adults and 2nd generation ministries in Asian-American congregations. Prior to his joining the faculty at Columbia, Nishioka served for 12 years as denominational staff in youth and young adult ministry for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Nishioka earned a B.A. from Seattle Pacific University, a M.A.T.S. from McCormick Theological Seminary, a Litt.D. from Austin College and a Ph.D. from Georgia State University in

Atlanta. He has published several articles, chapters, and books largely focused on ministry with youth and young adults and the educational ministry of the church as spiritual formation.

Keynote: *Making Disciples and Teaching all That Jesus Commanded: The Future of Christian Education*

Workshop: *Teaching with Energy and Imagination*

Upon their ordination, teaching elders, ruling elders, and deacons are asked a crucial question: Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? In these days, many are saying that church leaders do not lack intelligence (we all too often delight in demonstrating how much we know) or even love (the greatest of these is...). But many are wondering about the depth of our energy and our ability to imagine. This workshop will focus on how one engages both energy and imagination in the task of teaching.



Pamela Mitchell-Legg

Sarah Belk Gambrell Professor of Christian Education

Keynote: *The Church Must Teach*



Frances Taylor Gench

Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation

Desperate Housewives? Engaging Tyrannical Texts

The Bible is full of embarrassing, offensive, and problematic texts that present serious interpretive challenges for contemporary Christian faith and practice. Should they be repudiated? Discarded? Silenced? Or are there perhaps more effective and faithful ways of handling them? The workshop will address the importance of engaging them directly and publicly, with the expectation that we may encounter the living God in our conversation with them. Texts that have proved oppressive in the lives of many Christian women will serve as a test case— participants will wrestle with such texts and consider interpretive strategies for engaging them with integrity.



Ann Knox

Director of the Instructional Resource Center, Morton Library

Making the Web Work for Your Congregation

The internet offers a variety of resources for congregational life. Participants in this workshop will consider how to evaluate the appropriateness of various websites, and will also explore a wide range of sites that offer help from scheduling meals to planning worship. Bring your own web resources and all participants will receive a document of links to the websites we explore.

Conference Leaders



John T. Carroll

Harriet Robertson Fitts Memorial Professor of New Testament

Jesus and the Gospels: From the First- to the Twenty-first Century Church

This workshop will explore passages from the New Testament Gospels that open up important themes in each Gospel and in the public ministry of Jesus. We will focus on meanings and messages in these texts that speak an especially timely word—of both challenge and encouragement—to churches today.



Kenneth J. McFayden

Dean of the Leadership Institute and professor of ministry and leadership development

Transforming Leaders: The Challenge of Adaptive Relationships

Church leaders have been discussing opportunities and issues related to adaptive challenges, adaptive work, adaptive change, and adaptive leadership for well over a decade. Missing from these discussions has been a focus on the impact of adaptive work on the relationships of leaders to their functions, their positions, and the individuals and systems they are called to lead. This workshop will explore this new concept of transformational leadership in depth, exploring why leaders may unconsciously resist or undermine the changes they seek.



Thomas A. James

Assistant professor of theology

Can You Change Human Nature?: Theology, Education, and Neuroscience

It is an old saw that “you can’t change human nature.” But recent developments in neuroscience may be challenging that idea, since it now seems that the structure of the human brain is in some respects “plastic”—that is, it can be shaped in powerful ways by experience and training. In this workshop we will explore some of this material, and think together about its implications for how we think about human beings as participants in God’s ongoing work of redemption and about transformative education in the church.



Charles Brown

William B. Oglesby Professor of Pastoral Theology

Pastoral Care in the 21st century

Today our church members are dealing with very complex life issues. The ‘sandwich generation’ taking care of young children and aging parents at the same time, the grief suffered with loved ones dying from cancer, separation and divorce happening more rampantly with parents of young children’s, addiction and drug and alcohol abuse...the issues are complex and yet we are not prepared to handle this challenges. How does the church respond? What kind of pastoral care do we offer?



Samuel Adams

Associate professor of Old Testament

Discipleship in a Wired World

The way we communicate has transformed rapidly, with little time to assess the changes or consider how they have influenced our faith practices. This workshop will consider many of the emerging technologies, with particular emphasis on social media and the perils and promise of such outlets as Facebook and Twitter. We will look to Scripture for any guidance in how to be a disciple in a wired world and also consider the pitfalls of these vehicles for communication.

Conference Leaders



Beverly A. Zink-Sawyer
Samuel W. Newell, Jr. Professor
of Preaching and Worship



Carol L. Schnabl Schweitzer
Associate professor of pastoral care

Shaping the Sacred Space: Celebrating the Contributions of Women to the Church

In this workshop we will explore the many contributions of women to the work and witness of the church, especially as women have moved into roles as pastors, preachers, and church leaders over the past several decades. We will reflect on the historical and contemporary experiences of women in church leadership and how their gender has shaped the sacred space in which they serve.



Samuel K. Roberts
Anne Borden and E. Hervey Evans Professor of Theology and Ethics

Urban Ministry for Today

Affirming that the first Christians were by and large urban dwellers, this workshop will re-imagine a theology for urban ministry. Participants will also explore how theology engages urban policy initiatives in critical areas such as education, housing and access to employment.



Brian K. Blount
President and professor of New Testament

The Book of Revelation

Apocalyptic Eschatology aims to reveal God's ultimate intent for humankind and for creation. It presents end time scenarios which demonstrate history reaching the goal God has set for it, in spite of obstacles—human, natural, and even supernatural forces placed in God's way. Inexplicably, there are times when humans, enticed by power, wealth, or success, find themselves lured into the fight on the side of the forces battling against God. But God never wavers. God continues to drive history toward a goal that would bring humans back into relationship with God. For eternity. God calls humans who will respond to what God is doing in the world to witness with and for God. To witness for God is to proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to live as though one's ultimate allegiance is to that Lordship alone. In so witnessing, believers in that Lordship fight with God to bring history to the goal God has set for it. This is the message of the Book of Revelation. It is no wonder that John of Patmos gave his work the title: Apocalypse. His work aims to reveal God's ultimate intent for humankind and creation and to narrate how humans can participate with God in bringing that intent about. Studying God's intent and our witness to it will be the focus of our time together in this workshop on the Apocalypse.



Edna Jacobs Banes
Dean of students and chaplain

Sabbath Isn't Just for Sundays

Although we profess the value and necessity of prayer and reflection for our Christian growth, finding the time to nurture such growth is difficult. Our Sundays are often as full as the other days of the week. This workshop will explore various everyday Sabbath practices for those of us on the go.

Conference Leaders



E. Carson Brisson

Associate dean for academic programs, director of graduate studies,
and associate professor of biblical languages

Biblical Languages for Laypeople

A Conversation with Biblical Languages: Koine Greek and Biblical Hebrew did not die. They are very much alive and willing to continue their long and beautiful conversation with those who desire their contribution to News so good the telling of it knows a thousand beginnings and no ending. This workshop will focus on a few practical ways busy ministers, laypersons, and congregations can include these conversation partners in understanding, proclaiming, and living the hope to which we belong.



Andreas Kurt Schuele

Aubrey Lee Brooks Professor of Biblical Theology

Teaching Biblical Humanism

The biblical traditions across both Testaments include thick and rich descriptions, not only of what human beings are, but also of what they are supposed to become. The texts display an awareness that humankind has not yet grown into its best and final form. In this workshop we will explore some of the biblical images of the new humanity and how these images can be brought to bear on the church's teaching ministry.



Stanley Skreslet

Academic dean, Richmond campus and F. S. Royster Professor of Christian Mission

Christian Witness in the Middle East

Middle Eastern Christians proudly lay claim to a deep history that reaches all the way back to the time of Jesus. They also face challenges few Christians in the West can imagine, as they seek to continue giving faithful witness in what are predominantly Muslim-majority societies. This workshop will attend to both sides of the Middle East Christian equation, focusing on the rich legacy of Christianity in the region and its extraordinary diversity today, while also taking into account some of the creative ways these communities are now living into their Christian vocation. How American Presbyterians since the nineteenth century have participated in the story of Middle Eastern Christianity through mission will also be considered.

Information and Conference Registration

Registration online

Go to <https://www.regonline.com/seminaryforaday>

Fees

A non-refundable registration fee of \$25, payable by check or credit card, includes a boxed lunch from Applespice. Choices are available with registration until February 24, 2012.

Housing

On-campus housing is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Guestrooms in Thompson House or Paisley Hall are \$25 per night double occupancy or \$40 per night single.

Hotel accommodations are also available at SpringHill Suites, 9701 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23059 at a rate of \$69/night. Call the reservations department at 1-888-236-2427 and ask for the Seminary for A Day Room Block at the SpringHill Suites Richmond Virginia Center.

Registration by mail

Name _____
(preferred name for name tags)

Daytime telephone _____ E-mail _____

Church name _____ Denomination _____

To register by credit card: Complete the following information, sign the registration form and mail to the address below.

Please charge \$25 registration fee to:

Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card Number _____ Security Code _____ Expiration Date _____

Name as it appears on card _____ Signature _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

To register by check: Complete the registration information below and enclose a check of \$25 for registration. Make your check payable to Union Presbyterian Seminary (please reference Seminary for A Day) and mail to:

Union Presbyterian Seminary

Seminary for A Day

3401 Brook Road

Richmond, VA 23227

OR

Call Crystal Sygeel (800) 229-2990, x251 along with the registration information below.

On-Campus Housing

I would like on-campus housing: single \$40/night double \$25/night male female

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____

Lunch Preference

Box Lunch from Applespice—all sandwiches served with pasta salad, potato salad, "frogeye" salad, apple wedges, baby carrots w/ranch dip or potato chips (baked chips upon request), dill pickle, a fresh-baked chocolate chunk cookie and a mint. Mustard and mayo on the side.

Select sandwich option:

Vegetable Sandwich Curry Chicken Salad

BLT Deluxe Club Sandwich

Yes, I would like child care, available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Register Five Participants for the Price of Four!