

What's Union's most valuable resource to share?

Our faculty!

In the following listing, each member of the faculty offers topics that he or she is interested in presenting. Please contact faculty members for more information.

You do not have to be a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary to learn from our highly regarded faculty. Many of them are recognized globally as leading experts in their field of study and are available to speak to your group. Invite any of our faculty members to speak at your church, lecture series, or conference. Here is a list of their names, contact information, and topics.

To inquire about our faculty members' availability to speak, or other topics they may present, please contact them directly. For more information on each faculty member, please go to: upsem.edu/about/faculty

BIBLE



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Wealth and Poverty in the Biblical World and Today
- » The Bible and American Politics
- » Death and the Afterlife



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » The New Testament and Current Ethical Challenges
- » Parables of Jesus
- » Gospels of Matthew and Luke



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » The Gospel as Gospels
- » Hebrew Narrative Theology
- » Creative Writing as Witness to the New Creation



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Gospels
- » Women in the Biblical World
- » Biblical Authority and Interpretation



BIBLE (CONTINUED)



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » The Bible and the Environment/Creation Ethics
- » Women/Gender and the Bible
- » Justice and the Old Testament Prophets



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Intersection of Race and Religion/Race and Scripture
- » Biblical Mandate for Social Justice/Justice and Scripture
- » Faith and Politics



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Migration in the Bible and the Life of the Church
- » Christian Egyptian Readings of the Book of Exodus
- » Monsters and Empires in the Bible and Horror Films



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » The Megilloth (Ruth, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, and Esther)
- » Biblical Languages and Issues in Translation
- » The Bible and Material Culture

THEOLOGY/ETHICS/HISTORY



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- » Public Theology
- » Confessing Jesus Christ Today
- » Christian Perspectives on Sin and the Human Condition



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- » Economic Ethics
- » Public Theology
- » Spirituality and Social Justice
- » Women and Reformation Traditions



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Theology in the Reformed Tradition
- » Food and Theology/Spirituality
- » Faith and the Problem of Evil



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Christian Ethics from the Margins
- » Leading or Leaving Religion?: Black Millennials and Digital Faith
- » Just Future(s): Models of Womanist Leadership

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THEOLOGY/ETHICS/HISTORY (CONTINUED)



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Race/Ethnicity and Enslavement in Christian History
- » Eastern Christian Traditions
- » Early Christian Spiritual and Liturgical Practices (e.g. pilgrimage, prayer and fasting)



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Being the Church in a Multi-Faith World
- » Global Christianity
- » Creeds and Confessions

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Life Cycle Theory & Pastoral Care
- » Crisis of Civilization & Pastoral Care
- » Latin American Perspectives on Pastoral Care



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Theology/Spirituality of Play
- » Embodied Faith
- » Multiple Intelligences



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Intercultural Ministry
- » Congregational Exegesis
- » Learning through Unlearning



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Leadership in the Midst of Congregational and Cultural Change
- » Strategic Planning: Calibrating Our Mission, Vision, and Priorities
- » Pastoral Care in Conflicted Relationships



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Christian Education and Formation in a Post-Covid Church
- » Teaching for Understanding and Public Engagement
- » Justice and Advocacy for Children and their Families



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Pastoral Care and Trauma
- » Chaplaincy
- » Moral Injury and Moral Distress

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PRACTICAL THEOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Resilience and Adaptive Leadership in Congregations and Agencies
- » Mission and Visioning Processes in Response to Cultural and Technological Changes
- » Intergenerational Leadership: A Biblical and Theological Exploration as Care for the Organizational Soul



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Children’s and Youth Spirituality
- » Digital Culture and Spirituality
- » Popular Culture (Music, Film, TV) and Faith



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TOPICS OF INTEREST

- » Preaching and Justice
- » Preaching from Youth and the Whole Church
- » Navigating Worship in the 21st Century

LIBRARY



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- » Value and Methods of Conducting Academic Research
- » Priestly Literature and World View in the Hebrew Bible
- » Biblical Concepts of Divine Embodiment

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