

PERKINS THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY

REACH *Deep*

March 3-5, 2016



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Come feed your spirit, stimulate your thinking and refresh your faith.



Join us and study the

*Bible, Theology
& Spirituality*

with Perkins faculty and guest speakers

Courses

Thursday/Friday Two-Day Courses

Choose one course below that will meet Thursday (2:00 – 4:30 p.m.) and Friday (9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

T/F-1 Theological Ethics in American Politics: From 1932 to the Present

Theodore Walker, Jr. | Associate Professor of Ethics and Society



Reinhold Niebuhr's 1932 book, *Moral Man and Immoral Society: A Study in Ethics and Politics*, taught American politicians (including Barack Obama) that Christian ethics [sacrificial love] applies only to individuals, families, and congregations; however, when dealing with large groups, such as tribes, states, and nations, we do "politics," not Christian "ethics." Hence, a Christian president can execute an unethical war because Christian ethics is not about politics. Martin Luther King Jr. disagrees with Niebuhr and argues for extending Christian ethics into national and international affairs. In this course, both Niebuhr's and King's arguments will be presented and critical deliberations will be invited by class participants.

T/F-2 Power Struggle as the Mother of Theology: Re-reading Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Sze-kar Wan | Professor of New Testament



No dry-as-dust doctrinal diatribe, the theology of Paul's letter to the Galatians was fired in the furnace of power struggle and bitter controversy. This class retraces the fault lines among the first Jesus followers still visible in the letter and reconstructs the crisis that sparked the most decisive turning point in the burgeoning Jesus movement.

* View suggested readings for each course at smu.edu/perkins/ptsl

Courses

Friday One-Day Courses

Choose one course below that will meet Friday (9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

F-1 Ways Forward for Old-Line Churches in the United States

Ted A. Campbell | Professor of Church History



This course will examine some of the challenges as well as strengths of old-line (main-line, historic, ecumenically engaged) denominations and congregations in the United States. It will consider ways forward for strengthening core constituencies, evangelism and outreach, and worship. We will reflect on whether ecumenical insights and contemporary challenges may lead us to re-think the meaning of denominations and “connectionalism” and the pooling of church resources for the common good.

F-2 Short Sentences from Long Experience: The Bible’s Proverbial Wisdom for Today

*Alyce McKenzie | LeVan Professor of Preaching and Worship | Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor
Director, Center for Preaching Excellence*



Proverbs are often called “short sentences drawn from long experience.” The Book of Proverbs is a rich resource of everyday wisdom, which promises that God gives us Divine Wisdom as a gift to guide us through the twists and turns of life. This study will get us in touch with the Book of Proverbs’ practical guidance for growing in faith, self-discipline, and courage.

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Courses

Saturday One-Day Courses

Choose one course from the following three that will meet Saturday (9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

S-1 The Bible's Longest Parable: The Gospel of Mark

O. Wesley Allen, Jr. | Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics



In this study, we will consider the possibility that Mark was not written as a journalistic or historical biography, but instead as a parable and intended to challenge and re-direct the early church's understanding of Jesus. But be warned: in the process of exploring this interpretation we may find Mark continues to challenge and redirect our own understanding of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God.

S-2 Cultural Intelligence: Understanding and Engaging a Culturally Complex World

*Robert A. Hunt | Director of Global Theological Education | Professor of Christian Mission and Interreligious Relations
Director, Center for Evangelism and Missional Church Studies*



Rapid change abounds in the demographic and cultural makeup of many churches, communities, and businesses. In order to navigate and engage this complexity, we need to do more than learn facts about different cultures. A more effective approach is possible by incorporating the strategy of cultural intelligence. This course will introduce you to cultural intelligence. It will explore the fundamental difference between modern and non-modern cultures, and through examples and exercises, it will deepen your ability to recognize cultural differences and respond to them with new strategies and behaviors.

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Courses

Saturday One-Day Courses (continued)

S-3 Praying with Early Christian Women

Tamara Lewis | Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity



practices.

This course travels back in time to rediscover the ascetic mothers of the desert who left mainstream society to devote themselves to worship, prayer, and contemplation of Christ through individual and/or community life in the deserts of Egypt and Syria. Despite the harshness of the terrain and physical dangers from men and beasts, these powerful women risked all to achieve what they believed were the essential mental, spiritual, and physical purifications for oneness with God. Included in the course will be reflection on their sayings and engaging in their prayer

EVENT PRICING

Event	By February 26	At the Door
Thursday/Friday Course	\$95.00	\$110.00
Friday Course	\$75.00	\$85.00
Saturday Course	\$75.00	\$85.00
Friday Box Lunch	\$15.00	N/A
Saturday Box Lunch	\$15.00	N/A
Seals Award Dinner (Friday Night)	\$50.00	N/A

Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit will be provided for a \$25 fee. For the Thursday/Friday course, .75 CEUs are available. For the Friday and Saturday One-Day Courses, .5 CEUs are available.

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NEW! DISCOUNT FOR FIRST TIME REGISTRANTS

Is this your first time attending Perkins Theological School for the Laity? **Receive a \$25.00 discount** per course. Save by using discount code: **NEW** when you register.

Registration is required for attendance at all continuing education events. You can register by the following methods:

1. Register online or download a registration form at: smu.edu/perkins/ptsl
2. Call 214.768.2390
3. At the door (Register in advance and save)

Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

1:00 - 1:30 PM	Registration (Thursday/Friday Courses)
1:30 - 1:45	Gathering & Welcome
2:00- 4:30	Thursday Afternoon/Friday Courses
4:45 - 6:00	Worship Service with Rev. Dr. Ella McDonald
7:00 - 8:30	Keynote Presentation by Larry James

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

8:45 - 9:00 AM	Registration (Friday One-Day Courses)
9:00- 9:15	Morning Praise
9:30 to 12:00 PM	Thursday/Friday Courses & Friday Courses
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch
1:30 - 4:00	Thursday/Friday Courses & Friday Courses
4:15 - 5:15	Reception
5:30 - 7:30	Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award & Person of Faith Award Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8:45 - 9:00 AM	Registration (Saturday One-Day Courses)
9:00 - 9:15	Morning Praise
9:30 - 12:00 PM	Saturday Courses
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch
1:30 - 4:00	Saturday Courses
4:00	PTSL adjourns

The School for the Laity will convene at Perkins School of Theology located at the southwest corner of the SMU campus. Perkins Theological School for the Laity is made possible in part by the Howard-Holbert Endowment.

Topics, courses, and schedule are subject to change.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved with the Marriott Courtyard Dallas Central Expressway; special rate of \$99.00 plus tax per night, breakfast, internet and shuttle are included. You must make your own reservations. The special room rate will be available until February 19 or until the group block is sold out.

Reserve online or call 1.800.321.2211. Ask for the rate under the **Southern Methodist PTSL group** code.

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