

Confessionalism Seminar

THE ROLE OF THE CONFESSITIONAL DOCUMENTS

June 1-3, 2023

3-DAY / 2-NIGHT EVENT | \$150

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**FOCUSED ON THE CONFESSITIONAL
WRITINGS OF THEODOSIUS HARNACK
AND ANDREAS RUDELBACH**

Hear from experts, present one's own research and closely study original texts, leading to a deeper understanding of the church's and the theologian's commitment to the Lutheran Confessions today.

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osing the occurrence of a "Confessional Revival" in the 19th century presumes that there had been a loss of attention to confessions. Such was certainly the case in the Lutheran churches of the 19th century. The revival of interest in the documents of the Book of Concord was not universal, and was not met without criticism.

This conference looks back at two theologians, Andreas Rudelbach and Theodosius Harnack, who argued in favor of renewed attention to the Lutheran Confessions. We have commissioned translations of their writings, so that a new discussion about the role of the Confessions can occur, resting on a broader foundation than previously available to the English-speaking theologian.

Translations will be distributed to participants in advance of the conference, and the "workshop" time will be dedicated to group study of these "new" texts.



Andreas Rudelbach (1792-1862) translated the Augsburg Confession and its Apology into Danish and served as a preacher in Copenhagen before being called to serve as Superintendent in Glachau (Saxony). Rudelbach was active in multiple Lutheran theological journals in his day, and known for his critique of Union churches, work on the relationship of church to state, and writings on the relationship of the Lutheran church to the Lutheran Confession.



Theodosius Harnack (1817-1889) taught Practical Theology in Dorpat (today Tartu, Estonia) and Erlangen. There he belonged to the renowned Erlangen Theology Faculty but opposed Johannes von Hofmann's theory of the atonement. His research on the theology of Martin Luther (2 volumes, 1862 and 1886) is among the most important Luther research of the 19th century. His son was the famous theologian Adolf von Harnack.

FEATURED PRESENTERS



Dr. Zachary Purvis is a lecturer in church history at Edinburgh Theological Seminary and a member of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He has an MA from Westminster Seminary California and a DPhil from the University of Oxford, and has received numerous awards and fellowships in Germany, Switzerland, Scotland and the United States. His book, *Theology and the University in Nineteenth-Century Germany* (OUP 2016) received the Best First Book Prize of the Ecclesiastical History Society.



Dr. Roland Ziegler is the Robert D. Preus Professor of Systematic Theology and Confessional Lutheran Studies and chairman of Systematic Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, IN), where he has taught since 2000. He is the author of numerous articles and the book *Das Eucharistiegebet in Theologie und Liturgie der lutherischen Kirchen seit der Reformation: Die Deutung des Herrenmahles zwischen Promissio und Eucharistie* (Edition Ruprecht 2013).

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

2:00 PM	Arrival/Registration
3:30	Welcome
3:45	Dr. Zachary Purvis
5:00	Workshop Session 1
6:00	Vespers

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:15	Matins
9:00	Introduction to Andreas Rudelbach
9:30	Break
9:45	Workshop Session 2 (Rudelbach)
11:15	Break
11:30	Chapel
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00	Introduction to Theodosius Harnack
1:30	Break
1:45	Workshop Session 3 (Harnack)
3:00	Break
3:15	Dr. Roland Ziegler
4:45	Participant papers
5:30	Vespers and dinner
6:30	Panel discussion

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30	Matins
9:00	Participant papers
10:00	Plenary conclusion and Chapel

SEMINAR HOSTS



Dr. Jacob Corzine is an associate professor of theology at Concordia University Chicago. He is the author of *Erfahrung im Alten Testament: Untersuchung zur Exegese des Alten Testaments bei Franz Delitzsch* (EVA Leipzig, 2018).



Dr. James Lee is an associate professor of theology and chair of the Division of Theology at Concordia-Chicago. He is the author of *Confessional Lutheranism and German Theological Wissenschaft: Adolf Harless, August Vilmar, and Johannes Christian Konrad von Hofmann* (De Gruyter 2022).