

# **60 MINUTE** **Seminary**

CPC 2019 Summer Series

June 2—August 25, 2019

9:45 a.m. | OAC Lobby/Atrium

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**Take a seat** in our seminary classroom each  
Sunday this summer.

**Learn from** some of the Atlanta area's  
outstanding professors as you experience what you  
would learn if you were attending seminary.

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**June 2 | Dr. Leanne Van Dyk**

### **Welcome to Seminary in 2019!**

Theological education is experiencing very profound changes that are fundamentally shifting the training and formation of ministry leaders. Come and learn about what seismic changes are occurring and why it matters to congregations like Central Presbyterian! Leanne Van Dyk is President of Columbia Theological Seminary.



**June 9 | Karen Scheib**

### **A Narrative Approach to Pastoral Care: Becoming Story Companions**

As a narrative practice, pastoral care attends to the inseparable interconnection between our own life stories, others' stories, the larger cultural stories, and God's story. As a ministry of the church, pastoral care is an ecclesial practice that derives its motivation, purpose, and identity from the larger mission of the church to bear witness to and embody God's mission of love that extends beyond the church for the transformation of the world. As a theological practice, pastoral care is grounded in God's love story. By close listening to the stories of others we become story companions in the ongoing and mutual process of growing in love **Karen Scheib** is professor of pastoral care and pastoral theology, Candler School of Theology



**June 16 | Christine Yoder**

### **Introduction to the Old Testament in Seminary**

This session considers the design and goals of an introductory course in Old Testament in a seminary context. We will explore how the classroom has changed in recent years and how that shapes our pedagogy; specific ways we seek to develop our students' interpretive skills and hermeneutical awareness; recurring

questions about the nature of biblical authority, truth, inspiration, and so on; and ways the class engages the significance and vitality of the Old Testament for Christian faith, proclamation, and mission. Christine Yoder is Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature, and Exegesis, Columbia Theological Seminary.



**June 23 | Melissa Browning**

### **The Importance of Context**

When we train students in ministry we know that only so much can be learned in the classroom. This is why contextual education is so important! When students serve in congregations and communities as part of their seminary experience, they are able to better discern their call to ministry while sharing their gifts with local congregations. In this session we'll talk about the importance for "contexts" and theological reflection, not just for seminarians, but for anyone seeking to connect their gifts with the communities and congregations to which God has called them. Melissa Browning is Interim Director and Visiting Assistant Professor of contextual Education.



**June 30 | Stan Saunders**

### **Performing the Gospels: Telling, Hearing, and Doing the Good News**

The early Christians likely heard the Gospels performed as wholes, then grappled with how to live into the stories themselves. Can we still "hear" the Gospels today? How do we let them get under our skin?

Stan Saunders is Associate Professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary

 **July 7 | Gary Rowe**

### **Digital Media, the Bible and Theology**

Based on courses he taught at McAfee School of Theology, Central member Gary Rowe will discuss the impact of digital media on seminary education, his work on the world's first multimedia biblical translations for the American Bible Society and a surprise filmmaker who is doing theology.

 **July 14 | Mark Douglas**

### **We're Just Talking Here**

What is "justice"? How does it matter? And why, if it matters so much to so many people, is it so hard to achieve? Mark Douglas is Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary.

 **July 21 | Martha Moore-Keish**

### **Teaching Resurrection**

In this class we will explore what it means to teach "systematic" theology today. What is theology anyway, and what is "systematic" about it? After brief methodological reflections, we will unpack a central theological claim of Christian faith: that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. What could this claim possibly mean for reasonable Christians today? Martha Moore-Keish is J. B. Green Associate Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary.

 **July 28 | Ryan Bonfiglio**

### **Teaching the Old Testament as Christian Scripture**

This session will explore what it means to teach the Old Testament as Christian Scripture in the context of a seminary curriculum (at Candler School of Theology). The discussion will address topics such as: the difference between the Old Testament and Hebrew Bible in content and organization; whether the OT explicitly refers to Jesus;

why the OT is so often ignored in Christian theology; and how specific themes in the OT can directly inform and shape various ministries of the church today. Ryan Bonfiglio is Assistant Professor in the Practice of Old Testament at Candler School of Theology.



**August 4 | Rod Hunter**

### **Doing Theology in a Practical Mode: The Emerging Field of Practical Theology**

Theology is not just a head trip; and theology is not just learned from books, but from our attempts to live out the meaning and implications of our faith by actually practicing it in the real world. How then can theology be seriously taught, learned, and developed through experience and practice, as well as through biblical knowledge and conceptual and historical learning? This is the question that the newly emerging field of “practical theology” attempts to answer. It expands and challenges the traditional seminary curriculum and its ways of teaching and learning theology and ministry, and it seeks to enable theological students, ministers, and lay Christians alike to become truly “practical theologians” in every situation in which they live and serve. Rod Hunter is Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and a long-time clergy affiliate at Central.



**August 11 | William Yoo**

### **Why American Church History is Powerful, Painful, and Productive**

In her 1997 Presidential Address to the American Historical Association, Joyce Appleby observed history is important because we live with “its residues, its remnants, its remainders and reminders.” This class explores how the history of Christianity in the United States is powerful and painful because we find a mixed record of courageous witness, inspiring faith, terrible violence, and harmful

discrimination. In addition to looking closely at specific historical moments that illustrate this complexity, the class aims to provide methods and tools for how we may productively apply lessons from the past to better understand our present. William Yoo is Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary.



**August 18 | Lisa Weaver**

### **Christian Initiation: The Journey into the Christian Life**

Many Christians are baptized as infants and don't remember their baptism. However, adult baptism was the norm in the early church. Come and learn how adults were prepared to become a part of the family of God. Lisa Weaver is the Assistant Professor of Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary.



**August 25 | Anna George Traynham**

### **The Seminary and the Church: Leadership for a New Day**

Without the church, there is no need for a seminary. Without the seminary, we would have a hard time staffing our churches! The Presbyterian Church and our seminaries lean on each other, learn from each other, and sustain each other. In this session, associate pastor Anna George Traynham will teach us about what she learned in seminary, what she wished she could have learned in seminary, and the trends she is seeing among young pastors and seminary students.

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## **Additional Opportunities for Learning & Fellowship**

### **Central Women**

Central Women (*FKA* Women's Studies Group) was formed in the early 1980s to provide a vehicle for exploring issues and topics of particular interest to women. It is an inter-generational group, which brings together not only Central

members but also women from throughout the community.

The members begin their time of fellowship by sharing a meal before moving on to the evening's main topic of discussion. With the help of books, articles, and guest speakers, the Central Women group has discussed issues as diverse as women's health, the civil rights movement, women's role in the political process, artistic interpretations, and women in the Bible. The group meets in members' homes on the **third Thursday of the month**, September through May (excluding December). Contact Larken McCord ([larkenmccord@gmail.com](mailto:larkenmccord@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **Central Men**

Men's Dinner | 7 p.m. third Monday of the month

Men of every age are invited to gather together at Dakota Blue in Grant Park, aka the "Eagle's Nest." Each month, Brian Bishop and friends host Central's men to learn, share, pray, and serve together. This is not an evening presentation to sit through, but rather a time to make and deepen friendships in Christ.

First Sunday Men's Breakfast | 8 a.m. first Sunday each month

Contact Brian Bishop ([bebishop@comcast.net](mailto:bebishop@comcast.net)) for more information.

### **Rebekah Circle**

The Rebekah Circle meets monthly on the second Monday from September through June, primarily at members' homes. These women engage in Bible study, usually the Presbyterian Women's *Horizons*' study, support various Presbyterian projects, discuss congregational cares and concerns, and enjoy fellowship during lunch, for which everyone brings a sandwich. For more information, contact Jane Conyers.

## **Bookworms**

The Bookworms group is for all Centralites and friends who love to read and talk about what they have read. We meet evenings, in members' homes, on the **fourth Tuesday of the month, September through May**. At our meetings, we discuss a book—fiction or nonfiction—previously selected. Our meetings are very informal, with discussion often branching out into diverse areas suggested by comments about the book. Discussion is followed by refreshments and individual conversations; we enjoy each other's company. For more information, contact Jean Ellen Jones (jejones@gsu.edu).

## **Central Young Adults**

This small group is a growing and vibrant new ministry of Central, offered to people in their early 20s-to-early-30s. Central Young Adults gather once a month for some fellowship, food, and faithful conversation. All are welcome! For more information, contact Anna Traynham (atraynham@cpcatlanta.org).

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