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Pacific School of Religion's Earl Lectures

A multid denominational Christian seminary in Berkeley, California, Pacific School of Religion (PSR) has been preparing bold leaders for historic and emerging faith communities since 1866. PSR graduates are known for their innovative ministries of compassion and justice around the world—in urban and rural parishes, on city streets and college campuses, in the arts, public policy, and many other fields. A member of the Graduate Theological Union (GTU), an interfaith consortium of nine seminaries and eight affiliated centers, PSR offers Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Ministry degrees. The school also offers five certificate programs, including the new Certificate in Sexuality and Religion. Programs developed by PSR's Institute for Leadership Development and Study of Pacific and Asian North American Religion (PANA Institute), Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, and Bay Area Faith and Health Consortium are fully integrated into the curriculum.

Earl Lectures. The Earl Lectures were created through a gift from Edwin T. Earl, a long-time friend of PSR who established an endowment in 1901 to bring eminent scholars to Berkeley to speak on themes important to Christian thought and life. Past Earl Lecturers include Theodore Roosevelt, Paul Tillich, Elie Wiesel, Maya Angelou, Alice Walker, and Gustavo Gutierrez.

Worship Services. PSR holds worship services each day of the event and brings a prominent clergyperson to Berkeley to lead the worship services as the Earl Preacher.

Pastoral Conference. Since 1921, the Earl Lectures have been accompanied by a Pastoral Conference for clergy and lay people. Today the Pastoral Conference consists of around 30 workshops that provide skills and tools to enhance participants' work in congregations and communities.

Panels. In recent years, PSR has added panel discussions to the schedule. The panels facilitate focused analysis of a specific topic by diverse voices representing multiple perspectives.

Supported by funding from Edwin T. Earl's endowment, the lectures, worship services, and panels are free and open to the public. The workshops of the Pastoral Conference are made possible through the fees paid by participants.

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Schedule of Events

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

3:30 pm–5:00 pm Badè Museum Lecture and Reception (at PSR)*
Opening of Badè Exhibit*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:45 am–9:00 am Registration
9:00 am–10:30 am Public Lecture by James Forbes
10:30 am–11:00 am Break
11:00 am–12:15 pm Pastoral Conference Workshops†
12:30 pm–2:00 pm Alumni/ae and Friends Brown Bag Lunch
(at the Wesley Foundation)*
Prospective Student Brown Bag Lunch*
2:30 pm–4:00 pm Lecture by Diane Winston
4:45 pm–6:00 pm Reception and Launch: The Progressive Christian Witness*
7:15 pm Opening Music
7:30 pm Worship with James Forbes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:45 am–9:00 am Registration
9:00 am–10:30 am Public Lecture by Hubert Locke
10:30 am–11:00 am Break
11:00 am–11:45 am Worship with PSR Students
12:00 pm–1:30 pm Denominational Lunches
1:45 pm–3:45 pm PANA Panel
4:00 pm–5:15 pm Pastoral Conference Workshops†
5:30 pm–6:30 pm Reception for PANA's Fifth Anniversary (at PSR)*
6:45 pm Alumni/ae and Friends Banquet (at PSR)*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 am–9:00 am Registration
9:00 am–10:30 am Public Lecture by Delwin Brown
10:45 am–12:00 pm Pastoral Conference Workshops†
12:15 pm–1:15 pm Closing Worship with Kwok Pui Lan

All events will be held at First Congregational Church of Berkeley or Trinity United Methodist Church unless otherwise noted.

* For more information on these events, see pages 6 and 7.

† Pastoral Conference workshops are described on pages 10 through 17.

GATHERING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: VOICES OF FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC SQUARE



Toward the successful end of the Montgomery Bus Boycott a half century ago, Martin Luther King Jr. reminded a church audience that more was at stake than seats on a bus: “The end is reconciliation, the end is redemption,” he said, “the end is the creation of the beloved community.” King’s vision is described in Charles Marsh’s *The Beloved Community: How Faith Shapes Social Justice, from the Civil Rights Movement to Today* (Basic Books, 2005). In recalling the spiritual vision that animated the civil rights movement, this year’s Earl Lectures probe the meaning of the progressive Christian movement and explore how faith can shape social justice.

Historically, progressive Christianity stands at the confluence of three theological streams. More than a century ago, the social gospel movement recognized that the gospel is addressed not only to individuals but to the social structure as well. In the 1930s, German theologians opposed to Hitler reminded us that the church should never be captive to principalities and power, sparking a movement known as neo-orthodoxy which also represented a renewed emphasis on God’s transcendence. A third stream took shape in the 1960s with black theology in this country, liberation theology in Latin America, feminist theology, and, more recently, Asian and Asian American and Queer theologies. These liberation movements remind us that God is fundamentally active among those who read scripture from the point of view of the marginalized, and that theology need not be declared from on high but can arise from the action of the people.

How do these various streams interact and communicate with each other? What are the theologies that undergird faith-based social justice movements today? How can progressive Christian movements attain greater visibility in national public life? The 2006 Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference will give students of these movements the opportunity to observe, challenge, and clarify the meaning of progressive Christianity. In the face of assaults from both the religious right and secularism, these Earl Lectures will gather together justice-oriented Christians to better define their mission and to explore how to bring about the beloved community for all of God’s people.



Other Earl Lecture Events

SPECIAL INTERSESSION CLASS

“The Christian Conscience, Dissent, and Public Policy in Contemporary American Society: The Clash Between Christ and Caesar”

January 17 to 20

10 am to 4 pm with break for lunch

Taught by Earl Lecturer Hubert Locke. Available for credit, CEU's, or audit. Contact ejohnson@psr.edu or 510-849-8267.

BADÈ MUSEUM LECTURE, RECEPTION, AND EXHIBIT OPENING

“Barely Visible but Very Real: Women’s Religious Culture in Ancient Israel”

Monday, January 23

3:30–5:00 pm

PSR 6; reception following in the Badè Museum

Join us for a lecture by Carol Meyers, the Mary Grace Wilson Professor in the Department of Religion at Duke University.

“Making Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: Family Religion in Ancient Israel”

Opening January 23

This new exhibit at the Badè Museum will feature sacred artifacts from the households of the biblical city of Mizpah, emphasizing the diversity of religious practices among the common people, and suggesting the importance of goddess worship.

PSR ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS BROWN BAG LUNCH

Tuesday, January 24

12:30–2:00 pm

Wesley Foundation, 2398 Bancroft Way

Join PSR Director of Alumni/ae and Major Gifts Randy Sweringen and special guests for a discussion and brown bag lunch. No registration required.



PSR INFORMATIONAL LUNCH FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Tuesday, January 24

12:30–2:00 pm

McLean Lounge, First Congregational Church of Berkeley

If you have ever thought about attending seminary or pursuing graduate studies in theological education, this lunch is for you! Come learn about PSR, our programs of study, and much more. This lunch is free. Please register on page 22.

RECEPTION AND LAUNCH: THE PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Tuesday, January 24

4:45–6:00 pm

Small Assembly Room, First Congregational Church of Berkeley

Celebrate the launch of our new website project, *The Progressive Christian Witness: A Ministry of Pacific School of Religion*. We will present a tour of the website and discuss ways that this project—with your help—can support the creation of a clear and compelling progressive Christian voice in public discussion, especially in communities in the United States where the most powerful “Christian” voice is that of the right wing.

DENOMINATIONAL LUNCHES

Wednesday, January 26

12:00–1:30 pm

Please join your denominational group for a lunchtime program and fellowship. You must pre-register on page 22. Space is limited, so please register early.

RECEPTION CELEBRATING PANA’S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday, January 26

5:30–6:30 pm

Badè Museum at PSR

Please join us in celebrating the first five years of progressive and vital programming by PSR’s Institute for Leadership Development and Study of Pacific and Asian North American Religion (PANA Institute).

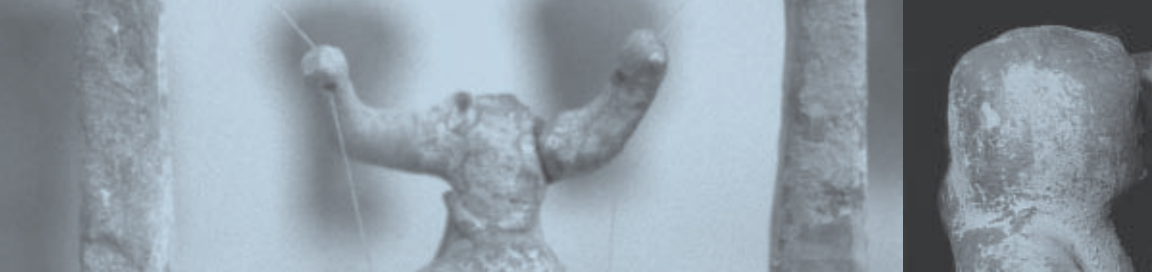
PSR ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS BANQUET

Wednesday, January 26

6:45 pm (reservations required; please register on page 22)

D’Autremont Dining Hall at PSR

Join your seminary friends, faculty, and staff for this annual gala presentation of the Distinguished Alumni/ae Awards. All reunion classes will also be honored in a special way. Please indicate the total number in your party on the registration form on page 22. For more information, contact Randy Sweringen, director of alumni/ae and major gifts, at 510/849-8218.



Earl Lecturers and Preachers

James A. Forbes Jr.

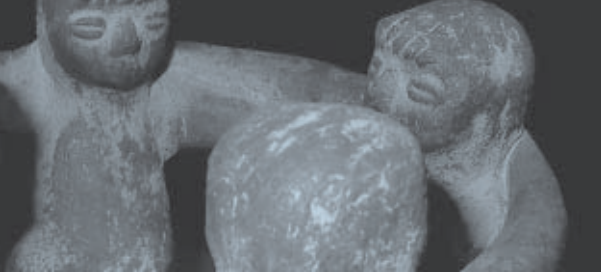
Since 1989, James A. Forbes Jr. has served as senior minister of the Riverside Church, an interdenominational, inter-racial, and international church in New York City. He is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Church and the Original United Holy Church of America. Forbes has served as professor of preaching at Union Theological Seminary and Auburn Theological Seminary. He holds degrees from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Union Theological Seminary, Howard University, as well as 13 honorary degrees. From 1992 to the present, Forbes has served as co-chair of A Partnership of Faith, an interfaith organization of clergy among New York's Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim communities. He is a consultant to the Congress of National Black Churches and past president of the Martin Luther King Fellows. In October 2000, he received the Earle B. Pleasant Clergy of the Year Award from Religion in American Life.

Diane Winston

Diane Winston holds the Knight Chair in media and religion at the University of Southern California. She has worked as a reporter at the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Dallas Times Herald*, and the *News and Observer* (Raleigh, NC). She is author of *Red Hot and Righteous: The Urban Religion of The Salvation Army* and co-editor of *Faith in the Market: Religion and Urban Commercial Culture*. Before taking the position at USC, she was a program officer at the Pew Charitable Trusts in Philadelphia and a fellow at the Center for Media, Culture and History at New York University. She received a PhD in Religion from Princeton University, a MS from the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, and a BA from Brandeis University.

Hubert Locke

Hubert Locke has focused his career on examining justice in society and has a long and distinguished record of community service. He has served on the boards of many prominent organizations, including the Bullitt Foundation, Common Cause, the Institute of European Studies, Group Health Foundation, the University of Washington Edward Carlson Leadership and Public Service Office, and Lakeside School. Locke is vice chair of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Education Committee. He is



the author or editor of several books and has written numerous chapters in publications dealing with race, criminal justice, religion, and public policy. He has taught at Wayne State University, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the University of Washington, where he also served as dean of the Graduate School of Public Affairs and as vice provost for academic affairs. Locke has served Pacific School of Religion as acting president and trustee.

Kwok Pui Lan

Kwok Pui Lan is professor of theology at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA, and has published extensively in Asian feminist theology, biblical hermeneutics, and postcolonial criticism. Her books include: *Postcolonial Imagination and Feminist Theology*; *Chinese Women and Christianity, 1860-1927*; *Discovering the Bible in the Non-Biblical World*; and *Introducing Asian Feminist Theology*. She is the co-chair of the Women and Religion Section of the American Academy of Religion and is active in the ecumenical discussion on ecological issues. Kwok received degrees from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Southeast Asia Graduate School of Theology, Harvard University, and the Kampen Theological University (Netherlands). She has held positions at Chinese University of Hong Kong; Women's Theological Center in Boston; Auburn Seminary; Union Theological Seminary in New York; Yale Divinity School; and, since 1992, the Episcopal Divinity School.

Delwin Brown

Delwin Brown served as Pacific School of Religion's dean of faculty from 2002 to 2005 and is now professor emeritus. Before coming to PSR, Brown was professor of theology at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, as well as serving as vice president and dean of academic affairs. Before joining the faculty at Iliff, Brown was professor of religious studies at Arizona State University as well as chair of the Department of Religious Studies. He received degrees from Anderson College, Union Theological Seminary, and Claremont Graduate School. His predominate interest is the role of theology and the theologian in public life. He has edited or co-edited several books, including *Theology, Religious Studies and the University: Conflicting Maps, Changing Terrain* and *Converging on Culture: Theologians in Dialogue with Cultural Analysis and Criticism*.



Pastoral Conference Workshops

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS

11:00 am–12:15 pm

Please choose one of the following:

1. A Conversation with Earl Lecturer James Forbes

2. A Conversation with Earl Lecturer Diane Winston

3. “Body Building” a Progressive Christian Vision

Sylvia Miller-Mutia

The word “progressive” implies movement, and a progressive Christian witness requires movement, lest we become immobilized in the heady land of rhetoric and definitions and make no progress at all. Join us as we begin to build a collective vision of progressive Christianity by using simple body movement and dance as the medium for reflection.

4. Exodus and Resurrection to Freedom: From Christo and Jeanne-Claude’s “Valley Curtain” to “The Gates: Central Park, New York”

Doug Adams

Explore the progressive political and theological expressions in Christo and Jeanne-Claude’s parodies of the Iron Curtain and Berlin Wall (“Valley Curtain” and “Running Fence”), and their celebration of democratic politics and the priesthood of all believers (“The Umbrellas” and “The Gates: Central Park, New York”). This workshop will also look at their next project, “Wrapped River,” which explores freedom—in exodus from slavery, in baptism, and in entrance to the promised land.



5. Freedom Schools: Inspiring Critical Thinking, Creative Action, and the Beloved Community

Daniel A. Buford

This workshop examines new models for popular education found in Freedom Schools, experiments in education as community organizing and political action. Freedom Schools have been operated by the Civil Rights movement, the American Indian movement, and the black power movement. We will talk about the learning process, how we can analyze power structures, and how to inspire the best in our youth.

6. How Far Do You Need to Go for an Apple? Developing Food Practices with Integrity

Carol Robb

Food is a basic human, animal, and plant necessity, the focus of spiritual practices, and a commodity on the world market. The major ways of treating food as a commodity can and do contradict the fair distribution of food and the integrity of spiritual practices. This workshop will explore whether each of us can adopt at least one new food practice—perhaps to share with our communities of faith—for acquiring food, and enjoying it, that is consistent with growing spiritually and sustaining the common good.

7. Prophetic Boldness in the Public Square: Learning from a Prophet of Our Time

Sydney Brown and Diana Gibson

Drawing from the life and work of activist theologian and former PSR professor Robert McAfee Brown, this workshop will explore ways the church is called to name and address the critical issues that confront us today. Brown wrote, “Courage may be the most important Christian word of our times, even more important than faith or hope or love, since it includes them all.” How can we begin to embody such courage? What would our churches look like if we were truly on fire with the love and justice of the gospel? What could we offer? What would we risk? (This workshop will continue tomorrow. You are welcome to come to one or both sessions.)

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TUESDAY WORKSHOPS, continued

8. Racial/Ethnic Perspectives on Sexuality and Gender: A Progressive Christian Witness

Alvan Quamina and Jay Johnson

Addressing the intersections among race, sexuality, and religion is vitally important in developing a progressive Christian voice and witness. This workshop will feature a panel of speakers from various racial and ethnic communities and will address lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues. Insights and strategies from the Racial/Ethnic Roundtable Project of PSR's Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry (CLGS) will play a key role in this workshop.

9. Responding to the Affordable Housing Crisis: The Essential and Public Role for Communities of Faith

Phil Lawson

Many solutions to the seemingly intractable crisis of affordable housing are local and community-based, and people of faith have much to offer in the struggle for affordable housing. Serving individuals and families in need, carrying moral authority, and having an organized constituency are helpful in building a lasting solution to housing our brothers and sisters. Let us learn together how to deepen this important commitment to affordable housing.

10. Spiritual Practices for Ministries of Compassion and Justice

Joe Driskill

The relationship between spirituality and social justice in mainline Protestant denominations has been fraught with mistrust, even hostility. In the mid-20th century, the moral life and a deepening of one's faith commitments were often seen as anti-theological. But, along with post-modern, post-denominational, and post-colonial studies, the importance of spiritual practices for sustaining social ministries and for maintaining a vision of a just world has become clear. This workshop will explore spiritual practices that specifically support ministries of justice and compassion.



WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

4:00 pm–5:15 pm

Please choose one of the following:

1. A Conversation with Earl Lecturer Hubert Locke



2. Courageous Past/Bold Future

Staci Current and Odette Lockwood-Stewart

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of full clergy rights for women in The United Methodist Church, we will present a multi-sensory exploration of women's lives in ordained ministry in the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries (including Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Bishop Leontyne Kelly, and Rev. Alison Berry). We will celebrate and elaborate on how women's experience has shaped and will continue to shape progressive Christianity.

3. Creating Liberation Liturgies

JoAnne F. Henry

In this workshop we will explicate one story from the Hebrew scriptures and one story from the news of the week, using performance/acting techniques. These techniques are informed by a womanist approach to performance that is interested in the liberation of all creation. We will learn/sing freedom songs and chant and use improvisational theatre games as means to open up our liturgical practices.

4. In the Beginning Were Stories, Not Texts

C.S. Song

God, creator of the universe, source of all lives, inspirer of human imagination, is both story-teller and story-listener. It is this God who empowers us to tell stories and listen to them. Stories expand human vision and deepen human awareness of the mysteries of life and creation, whereas texts confine us to them. In this workshop we are going to read some stories—from ordinary folks and from different religions—and reflect on their divine-human meanings.

5. Ministerial Stewardship: Clergy Finances in a Consumer Economy

Robert McGrath

McGrath believes that ministerial stewardship is about clergy self-care, especially about competence in personal financial matters. This workshop deals with tools available to clergy to organize finances and plan for a secure future. Participants will examine the Clergy Housing Allowance, 403(b) retirement plans, credit card debt, and print and web resources for financial planning and investing.

Wednesday workshops continue on next 2 pages

6. No Litmus Tests: Building a New Progressive Christian Movement for the 21st Century

Peter Laarman

For 30 years, progressive Christians have tended to adopt a defensive posture in response to the growing power of the religious right. This workshop invites participants to question this approach and to wrestle with the possibilities and problems of a different organizing model—one that brings liberal and evangelical Christians together around a set of common issues, without imposing any prior litmus tests on hot-button issues like gay equality and abortion rights.

7. Progressive Christian Ministry in Red and Purple States (and Neighborhoods)

Bill McKinney and friends

Bill McKinney, president of PSR; Diane Duhlin, senior minister of Hillsborough (OR) United Church of Christ; Kathi McShane, pastor at San Ramon valley UMC in Alamo, and others will discuss the special challenges of parish ministry in ideologically and theologically diverse communities.

8. Progressive Religion's Response to our Ecological Crisis

Whitney Bauman and Craig Scott

How can churches, synagogues, and other faith communities respond to problems of environmental degradation, especially its impact on low-income communities and communities of color? This workshop will look at the interrelated issues of social injustice and ecological degradation, focusing on issues like global climate change and environmental racism/injustice. It will also highlight how some religious communities are addressing these forms of injustice and will describe organizations that can help you address these issues in your own community.





9. Prophetic Boldness in the Public Square: Learning from a Prophet of Our Time

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10. Reading the Bible Ethically: The Homosexuality Debates

Mary Ann Tolbert

Wildly different assessments of the Bible’s views on homoeroticism have been proposed by different groups in society. This raises the question not only of how Christians can and should use their own readings of the Bible in civil debate, but also the larger question of how (or if) this ancient text can be applied ethically and beneficially to contemporary issues. This workshop will evaluate some of those different readings of the Bible’s few references to homoeroticism in order to raise the larger question concerning its ethical uses.

THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

10:45 am–12:00 pm

Please choose one of the following:

1. A Conversation with Earl Lecturer Delwin Brown



2. A Dialogue with PANA

How do Asian American and Pacific Islanders view the progressive Christianity initiative? Are there foundational events or issues within API communities that inform our conversation about this initiative? Christian responses to the Chinese Exclusion Act and Japanese American internment are very mixed; is this because of race and racism? How does the multi-faith dimension of API's lived religious experiences provide a different angle of vision? This workshop provides an opportunity for dialogue on these important issues.

3. Beneficio Coffee: A Socially and Economically Just Business Model

Jinxi Allen and Tom Angus

Loosely translated, “beneficio” means for the benefit of all. Beneficio Coffee is a small, faith-based company that believes in giving back to the communities where people live, work, and play. Beneficio Coffee was created to bring its customers gourmet coffee at substantially lower prices, while at the same time giving back more to small farmers, their families, and their communities.

4. Bushels or Lampstands? Communicating Progressive Christian Identity

Jim Burklo

When people read the sign in front of your church, what do they think you are? Fewer and fewer people understand the distinctions among (or within) denominations. How will they know what makes your church different? Discover strategies and resources for communicating your church's progressive identity through signage, advertising, liturgy, programs, and education for kids and adults.

5. Carrying On: The Challenges of Being a Prophetic Pastor

Kathi McShane

This will be an interactive opportunity to discuss the difficulties and challenges of pastoring in a community where there are significant theological, social, and/or political differences within the congregation or between the pastor and the congregation. How can we hear and speak with a prophetic voice and be an effective pastor to those who see the world, and God's role in it, so differently? What are the challenges you have faced? Where do you reach for continuing resources of boldness in declaring the Gospel?

6. Neo-Universalism and Music: A Thriving Alternative Spiritual Community

Jeremy Nickel

Many young people are finding their spiritual inspiration in music and musical gatherings. While many people talk about the future of religion, this workshop will look at this already thriving alternative to mainstream religious institutions, and explore what can be learned from this phenomenon. The workshop will begin with a viewing of the 30-minute documentary “Sacred Spaces,” which was the core of Jeremy’s MA thesis at the Graduate Theological Union.



7. Pastor as Organizer

David Mann and Don Stahlhut

This workshop will focus on a new model for parish ministry, “Pastor as Organizer.” We will explore skills and principles from the discipline of community organizing and apply them to the tasks of parish ministry. We will examine the experiences of churches across the nation which are actively engaged in improving their communities and transforming unjust social structures.

8. Preaching, Teaching, and Organizing: Raising Issues of Peace, Poverty, and Justice in Election 2006

Ron Stief and Mary Susan Gast

Come get a copy of the UCC’s national curriculum, “Our Faith, Our Vote.” Participants will learn ways to raise issues of peace, poverty, and justice in election 2006 in a number of states (including California) with key governor’s contests, ballot initiatives, and Congressional races.

9. Sex, Drugs, and the Rock that Rolls: Conveying Values to Young People from a Progressive Perspective

Roland Stringfellow

Many people view progressive Christianity as a liberally loose way to approach contemporary topics. Adults confused about what progressive Christianity is may have a difficult time conveying such values to their children. Come hear practical advice about addressing contemporary issues from a progressive standpoint with young people.

10. The Shapes of Love: Interfaith Aesthetics

Alejandro Garcia-Rivera

In the 15th century, Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa proposed a provocative thesis: The difference between religions is due to the shape of their loves, not the content of their faiths. An interfaith aesthetics seeks to explore the loves that shape our differing faiths in order to found a different interfaith experience. An interfaith aesthetics aims to fall in love with another’s love, the love that shapes another’s faith. It attempts to do this by exploring that shape in the religious art of the different faiths.



Workshop Leaders

Doug Adams is professor of Christianity and the arts at PSR and on the core doctoral faculty in art and religion of the GTU. His eight books include *Transcendence with the Human Body in Art: Segal, De Staebler, Johns, and Christo*.

Whitney Bauman is a PhD student in philosophical and systematic theology at the GTU and a steering committee member of the Theological Roundtable on Ecological Ethics and Spirituality (TREES), also at the GTU.

Beneficio Coffee was founded and is staffed by members of the United Church of Christ. Founders Jinxi Allen and Tom Angus are members of Pioneer Congregational UCC in Sacramento.

Sydney Thomson Brown was married to Robert McAfee Brown for 56 years—his partner, best friend, co-conspirator, and compañera. She has worked relentlessly to involve the faith community in issues of justice, and for 10 years taught a course on work and vocation at PSR.

Daniel A. Buford, a minister at Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, is the regional coordinator for the People's Institute West, which sponsors Freedom Schools and Undoing Racism workshops throughout the U.S. and South Africa.

Jim Burklo, pastor of Sausalito Presbyterian Church, wrote *Open Christianity*, an introduction to the progressive Christian movement, and is on the national executive council of The Center for Progressive Christianity.

Staci Current, pastor of Shattuck Avenue United Methodist Church in Oakland, is passionate about lives being transformed by the healing gospel of Jesus Christ.

Joe Driskill, associate professor of spirituality and dean of the Disciples Seminary Foundation (Berkeley office), has been on the PSR faculty since 1993.

Alex García-Rivera, associate professor of systematic theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, has written *The Community of the Beautiful: A Theological Aesthetics* and *A Wounded Innocence: Sketches for a Theology of Art*.

Mary Susan Gast is conference minister for the United Church of Christ's Northern California-Nevada conference.

Diana Gibson is a Presbyterian pastor who worked with Robert McAfee Brown for 16 years at First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto, CA. She is co-founder of Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice and co-executive director of the Santa Clara County Council of Churches.

JoAnne F. Henry, a PSR graduate (MA 1994), is a performing artist/scholar/activist/ritual maker. She is currently working on a collaborative performance piece based on a conversation between womanist/Muslim feminists on the figure of Hagar, who is found in both the Hebrew scriptures and the Quoran.

Jay Johnson is programming and development director for the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry at PSR. An ordained Episcopal priest, he serves as a clergy associate at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Berkeley.

Peter Laarman served as senior minister of Judson Memorial Church in New York City before becoming executive director of Progressive Christians Uniting in 2004. He edited 15 essays on Christian moral values that Beacon Press will publish in March.



Phil Lawson is the former pastor at Easter Hill United Methodist Church in Richmond, CA, and a nationally known activist for social justice. Currently, he is the director of the interfaith action in housing program with East Bay Housing Organizations.

Odette Lockwood-Stewart, pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church in Berkeley, has founded and directed campus ministries, and directed the contextual education program at PSR. She is chair of the Order of Elders of the California-Nevada Annual Conference.

David Mann, a UCC clergy-organizer, is also a director of Pacific Institute for Community Organizing and teaches an organizing class annually at the GTU.

Robert J. McGrath worked as a financial planner specializing in socially responsible investments before earning his MDiv at PSR in 1991. He serves as the director of member education for the pension boards at United Church of Christ in New York City.

Bill McKinney is president of the Pacific School of Religion and professor of religion and sociology.

Kathi McShane is a pastor at San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo, CA. She is an alumna (MDiv 1998) and former vice president for institutional advancement at PSR.

Sylvia Miller-Mutia (PSR MA 2002) is a member of Omega West Dance Company. She teaches courses at the GTU through the Center for Arts, Religion, and Education and serves as pastoral assistant for youth and family ministries at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Belvedere, CA.

Jeremy Nickel, a 2004 graduate of the PSR MDiv program, is on the ordination track with the Unitarian Universalist Church and is the national UUSC events coordinator.

Alvan Quamina is the managing director of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry at PSR. He previously served as the executive director of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum and of AMASSI, Inc., an AIDS service organization in Oakland.

Carol Robb is the Margaret Dollar Professor of Christian Social Ethics, Ethics and Social Theory at San Francisco Theological Seminary. A United Methodist, she is interested in feminist ethics, environmental ethics, and economic ethics.

Craig Scott (PSR MDiv 2004) is a Unitarian Universalist minister currently serving as consulting minister to the UU Fellowship of Tuolumne County, California.

Choan-Seng Song is professor of theology and Asian cultures at PSR.

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Registration Information

ADVANCE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Please note that all Pastoral Conference workshops require advance registration in order to avoid overcrowding and ensure a comfortable setting for all participants. Indicate your first and second workshop choices on the registration form.



EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

Post-mark your registration by January 1 and receive \$20 off the Pastoral Conference price.

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Childcare is available for \$20 per day per child. Some scholarships are available. Payment will be accepted at the door, but you must make childcare reservations by Jan. 1, 2006, by telling us the age(s) of your child(ren) and the days they will be with us. You may use the form on page 21 or contact us by phone or e-mail.

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As you register for the Earl Lectures, we encourage you to consider a gift to the PSR Annual Fund. Every dollar provides needed scholarship support for PSR students studying for ministry. Please indicate your gift on the registration form. Thank you!

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Please complete both sides of this registration form and mail or fax it to PSR. Fill out one form per person.

Mail: Pacific School of Religion
Earl Lectures
1798 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709

Fax: 510/849-8242

Phone: 510/849-8274 or
800/999-0528

Web: www.psr.edu

Payment: Please make checks payable to PSR and mail to address above. For credit card payment, complete the information on the form at the bottom of the next page.

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- Ad in *the Christian Century* Ad in *The Pacific*
 PSR Website Announcement in the *PSR Bulletin*
 This booklet Other _____

If you are (or plan to bring) a prospective student or have special accessibility or assistance needs, please fill out the form below and fax or mail it to us.

PROSPECTIVE PSR STUDENT

I am (or am bringing to the conference) a prospective student

NAME OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT

PHONE

EMAIL

- Will attend free prospective student lunch on Tuesday (VEGETARIAN MEAL)

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Please state your special accessibility or assistance needs below, indicating if you cannot meet in an upstairs room. If you need childcare, please specify the age(s) of your child(ren)—childcare is \$20 per child per day. Healthy snacks will be provided. Hours are 8:30 am to 5 pm, with no childcare during lunch.

(TITLE) FIRST MIDDLE LAST

NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG

SPONSORING CONGREGATION/ORGANIZATION POSITION

HOME OR WORK ADDRESS (CHECK ONE)

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE WORK PHONE EMAIL

HOME CHURCH (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) DENOMINATION

PSR ALUMNA/US (CLASS OF ____) FRIEND * PSR STUDENT PSR FACULTY/STAFF

WORKSHOP CHOICES

Please indicate the workshop numbers of your first and second choices for the three workshop times listed on pages 10–17 (space in workshops is limited; early registration is recommended).

TUESDAY (1ST CHOICE/2ND CHOICE) WEDNESDAY (1ST CHOICE/2ND CHOICE)

THURSDAY (1ST CHOICE/2ND CHOICE)

EARLY REGISTRATION (BY 1/1/06) \$75 PER PERSON \$

REGISTRATION (AFTER 1/1/06) \$95 PER PERSON \$

ALUMNI/AE BANQUET (VEGETARIAN MEAL) \$25 PER PERSON \$

UCC LUNCHEON (VEGETARIAN MEAL) \$12 PER PERSON \$

UMC LUNCHEON (VEGETARIAN MEAL) \$12 PER PERSON \$

DISCIPLES LUNCHEON (VEGETARIAN MEAL) \$12 PER PERSON \$

MCC LUNCHEON (VEGETARIAN MEAL) \$12 PER PERSON \$

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TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES *(REGISTRATION FEE IS WAIVED FOR PSR STUDENTS) \$

MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE PSR SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW (MAIL CHECKS TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN ON PAGE 21)

VISA/MASTERCARD NUMBER EXPIRATION DATE

CARD HOLDER SIGNATURE

Accommodations and Transportation

HOTELS

These Berkeley hotels have rooms available for the conference. We strongly encourage you to contact them by December 20 to ensure a reservation.

Please note that you are responsible for making your own reservations and payments. For more information, contact the Berkeley Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800/847-4823.

Double Tree Hotel, formerly the Berkeley Marina Hotel
(Bus or auto transportation to conference necessary)
200 Marina Boulevard; 800/222-TREE

Hotel Durant (Easy walking distance)
2600 Durant Avenue; 800/238-7268

Hotel Shattuck (Moderate walking distance)
2086 Allston Way; 800/742-8825 (within CA)
800/237-5359 (outside CA)

Rose Garden Inn (Moderate to long walking distance)
2740 Telegraph Avenue; 800/992-9005

TRANSPORTATION

There is no parking available on site. Parking garages nearby are very expensive. We strongly encourage you to use public transportation.

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) train: 510/465-BART

AC Transit bus: 510/891-4700

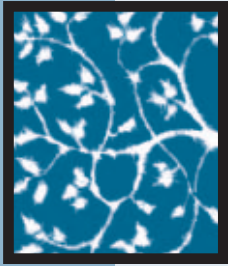
East Bay Paratransit for the disabled: 510/287-5040

Bayporter Express airport vans: 415/467-1800



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