

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 26,
2024**

PERKINS NEWS

**THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



All friends, students, staff, faculty, CPE supervisors, internship mentors, pastors, and certainly the family of the honorees are heartily invited to

**HONOR THE 2024 GRADUATES
OF THE PASTORAL CARE CONCENTRATION AT PERKINS**

Monday, April 29

4:15 – 5:00 pm

Kirby Hall Parlor

AZEEZ AKANDE

NANCY BROCKMAN

PAULINE HENRY

DIANA WRIGHT

All current pastoral care concentration students are invited to attend
the oral exams on Monday, April 29,
from 1:45-3:45 pm, in Selecman Room 106 (The Perk).

Reception starts at 4:00 pm with the “Passing of the Mantle” ceremony at 4:15 pm

Menu:

Layered cake with strawberry filling and butter cream icing

Pistachio Crusted Shrimp & Chicken Satay with mango dip

Fresh seasonal fruits served with honey yogurt dip

Mixed Nuts and Fruit Punch

You need not stay the entire time; the ceremony is the highpoint at 4:15 pm

**For more information contact Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner,
jmoessne@smu.edu, 214-768-2433**



The General Conference will be live-streamed in the Selecman Hall
Perk next week at [Livestream \(resourceumc.org\)](https://resourceumc.org)
For more info contact The Office of Student Life at lfigura@smu.edu

SENDING FORTH SERVICE

THURSDAY, MAY 2 AT 11:30 AM IN PERKINS CHAPEL

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7iv3biDVM8>

The Rev. George Mason, Perkins Executive Board member and retired senior pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church, will be the preacher at this Service of Word and Table. The sending forth ritual is an extended benediction at the end of the service which allows us to mark the variety of passages that regularly occur at the end of the spring term: graduation, the beginning of internship, retirement, and others. Community lunch "on the grounds" will be served after worship has concluded. Guests are welcome.

An extension of this Sending Forth service will be held at 1:00 pm (Central time), to provide opportunity for remote participants to receive the blessing prayers. All are invited to join the extension following the service at:

<https://smu.zoom.us/j/99811705086?pwd=VHZ5VW5BcTRZbTVFaEJNN3hGZXJwQT09>

For more information about worship contact Dr. Mark Stamm, Chapel Elder
At mstamm@smu.edu

COMMUNITY LUNCH IN THE REFECTORY

Note lunch is served at 11:30 am on Fridays

Tuesday through Thursday 12:15 - 1:00 pm and 11:30 am - 12:15 pm on Fridays in the Prothro Refectory. Cost is \$6 and includes beverages. Cash or cards accepted. Lunch cards good for 5 meals on sale for \$30.

You may scan the QR code to pre-buy or click the link below:

<https://smu.nbsstore.net/perkins-lunch>



Tuesday, April 30

Cheese, Gluten-Free, Veggie, and Meat Lovers Pizza, Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressing, Brownies

Wednesday, May 1

Beef Lasagna with Tomato Basil Sauce, Caesar Salad, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Garlic Bread

Thursday, May 2

Korean Sticky Chicken Basmati Rice Bok Choy and Broccoli with toasted Sesame Seeds Spicy Cucumber Tomato Salad Rolls/Butter Fortune Cookies

Friday, May 3

Chicken Suiza with Poblano Peppers and Tomatillo Sauce Cilantro, Rice, Roasted Broccoli, Mixed Green Salad, Rolls/Butter, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Reserve at [https://smu-forms.libwizard.com/f/Perkins Community Lunch Survey](https://smu-forms.libwizard.com/f/Perkins_Community_Lunch_Survey)

For more information contact Laura Figura at lfigura@smu.edu

SHERRY FLEWELLEN-ERVIN BROUGHT CUPCAKES FOR ALL IN THE CLASS AND THE REFECTORY ON HER BIRTHDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHERRY!



THE USES OF IDOLATRY MAGUIRE SYMPOSIUM 2024

**MAY 2, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
PROTHRO GREAT HALL**

**Follow QR
code to register**



PUBLIC LECTURE ON RELIGION, POLITICS, AND ETHICS
CO-SPONSORED BY THE MAGUIRE CENTER FOR ETHICS AND PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY
THE CENTER FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

Featuring speaker Dr. William T. Cavanaugh,
Professor of Catholic Studies and Director of the Center for World Catholicism
and Intercultural Theology at DePaul University in Chicago

Responses by Dr. Jill DeTemple, Chair of the Religious Studies Department at SMU
and

Matthew Wilson, Kairos Endowed Director of the Center for Faith and Learning
and Associate Professor of Political Science

For more information contact Pamela Hogan at phogan@smu.edu

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PERKINS STUDENT ASSOCIATION ACADEMIC YEAR OF 2024 - 25

It's time to nominate people who you think will do a good job on the PSA. You can even nominate yourself! We hope everyone will take the time to discern if you feel lead to represent your fellow students as a PSA officer or Student Senate member. The nomination form was emailed to you in your SMU email. Deadline is noon on Monday, April 29.

For more information email Azeez Akande
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Dallas Students!
Please clean out your mail
slots on the 1st floor of
Kirby Hall!

If you have a locker, please
renew it for the summer or
check out of it.

Contact Laura Figura at
lfigura@smu.edu or stop by
Kirby Hall Room 216
The Office of Student Life

Click here to follow the adventures of

PERKINS HOMILETICS PROFESSORS ON THE ROAD



<https://pcpe.smu.edu/blog/perkins-homiletics-professors-on-the-road>

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Left: We will miss José Luis Manrique who has been a visiting scholar with the Doctor of Pastoral Music program and who has blessed our community with his musical gifts.

Below: L@s Sems met to close the semester in celebration and prepare for next year.



Above: Eno Afon, MDIV student, shows us that there's always something good cookin' in the Refectory.



Baptist House Coordinator, Annette Owen, and two Baptist House students, Lily White (pictured) and Alex Vishio (not pictured) attended the Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering where they were fortunate enough to run into Isabel Docampo (pictured), a longtime friend of Perkins. Isabel sends warm greetings and well wishes to all her Perkins friends. For more information about the Baptist House of Studies contact Rev. Annette Owen at annetteo@smu.edu

The Rev. Todd Atkins, Perkins Alum and Doctor of Ministry Candidate, preached during the Baptist House of Studies worship service in Perkins Chapel.
Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles delivered the greeting.



Below: Solomon Israel, MDIV student, shared his musical talents of Christian hip hop and rap songs during worship in Perkins Chapel.



Perkins Student Association and Baptist House update the Prayer and Meditation Room in Selecman Hall.



Students, Faculty, and Staff gathered to dedicate the newly-renovated Prayer and Meditation Room on the 2nd floor of Selecman Hall. Thank you to Sara Cowley, PSA Chaplain, Tori Jones, PSA Middle-Year Representative, Michaela Calahan, PSA President, and Annette Owen, Coordinator of the Baptist House of Studies for all of their work on this collaborative effort.

STUDENTS IN THE MASTER OF SACRED MUSIC PROGRAM HAVE HAD AN AMAZING YEAR.



Photos by Jim Herndon

**THE WOMEN & LGBT CENTER ANNOUNCES
THE SECOND ANNUAL LAVENDER CELEBRATION**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

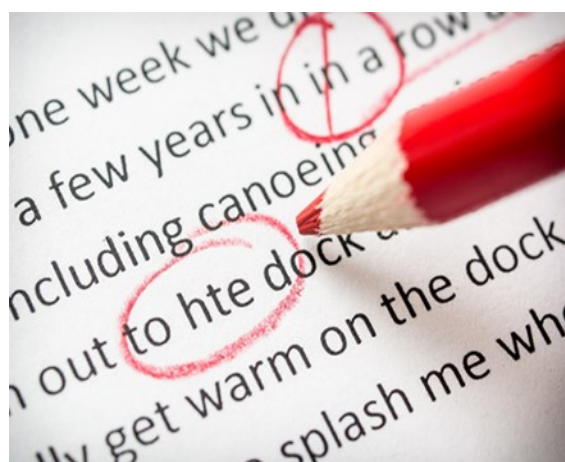
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Sign up using QR code

This event is a recognition and celebration of our graduating queer and ally students. This year, we will be celebrating all students who are graduating in the Spring, Summer, or Fall of 2024 (including undergraduate and graduate students). These students will receive a special lavender graduation stole and rainbow cord.

For more information contact, Emma Bluestein,
Diversity Officer for the Women and LGBT Center at
eblustein@smu.edu



Remember to take advantage of the superb assistance you can receive from the

THEOLOGICAL WRITING CENTER'S staff.

No matter how well you write, your work can always improve with the help of an outside reader. Our appointments for the rest of the

semester are filling up, so please schedule an appointment with us today.

Use the [TWC link from the Bridwell Library web site](#).

We look forward to working with you. For more information contact

Jane Elder, Head of Reference and Theological Writing Center at jelder@smu.edu



COURSE OFFERING
EARLY AMERICAN DEFENSES OF A
WOMAN'S RIGHT TO PREACH
OT 8351: MAJOR MOTIFS OF
BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

TUESDAYS DURING THE FALL SEMESTER
2:00 - 4:50 PM

Discover the inventive ways in which women bucked the trend and defended their right to preach in early America—women such as Deborah Peirce, who composed her defense within forty years of the close of the American Revolution, famed abolitionist Sarah Grimké, Harriet Livermore, who preached three times in Congress, Antoinette Brown, the first ordained woman in the United States, and famed holiness preacher Phoebe Palmer. This unprecedented interdisciplinary course, taught by historian Priscilla Pope-Levison and biblical scholar Jack Levison, will explore how these women interpreted scripture, from Genesis 1:26-28 to 1 Timothy 2:8-15, in creative ways to support their conviction that women should preach.

This course illuminates a pivotal era in the history of biblical interpretation *and* American freedom of thought, when women combined a high regard for the inspiration of the Bible with newfound tenets of the liberty of the conscience. This would prove to be a peculiarly *American* phenomenon, reflecting the fresh breath of revolution, a burgeoning interest in the Bible, and the limits that hounded women. You will discover in these treatises riveting insight into how Americans interpreted—and continue to interpret—the Bible to defend a woman's right to preach.

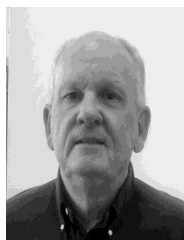
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