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THEOLOGY IN TAOS



July 29-August 1, 2009
Fort Burgwin, New Mexico

Perkins School of Theology's
Joerg Rieger on *Christ and Empire*
Elaine Heath on *Rethinking Church*

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Theology in Taos is an engaging and intensive program bringing laity and Perkins faculty together for discourse and learning to nurture one's faith in the midst of the beauty and relaxing spirit of northern New Mexico. Set in the Carson National Forest with a stunning view of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range, participants live and study at the SMU-in-Taos facility in Fort Burgwin, New Mexico. The campus is located approximately eight miles south of Taos on New Mexico Highway 518. Registration is limited to ensure an appropriate educational experience.

Program

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

5:30 p.m. Registration Check-in and Dinner
7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Session with Joerg Rieger

THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:30 a.m. Session with Elaine Heath
Noon Lunch
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Session with Joerg Rieger

FRIDAY, JULY 31

9:30 a.m. Session with Elaine Heath
Noon Lunch
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Session with Joerg Rieger

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

9:30 a.m. Session with Elaine Heath
Noon Lunch

Courses



Christ and Empire

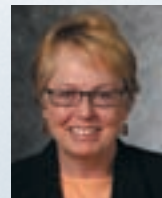
Joerg Rieger

Wendland-Cook Professor of Constructive Theology

The most burning topic for the church today is no longer Christ and Culture (Niebuhr) but Christ and Empire. Our images of Christ have been shaped by empire at all significant turning points, even today. Nevertheless, the good news is that Christ could never be co-opted altogether. Christ constantly inspires new possibilities and a new world, giving us hope. What does it mean to be inspired by this irrepressible Christ in our own time?

Suggested Reading: Joerg Rieger, *Christ and Empire: From Paul to Postcolonial Times* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007), chapters 1, 2, 5, 7, introduction and conclusion.

Joerg Rieger in 2009 became the first holder of the Wendland-Cook Endowed Chair of Constructive Theology. A faculty member at Perkins since 1994, he is the author and editor of eight books and more than 60 articles, including *God and the Excluded: Visions and Blindspots in Contemporary Theology* and *Remember the Poor: The Challenge to Theology in the 21st Century*. He frequently lectures and travels in the Americas, Africa, and Europe and is interested in what difference Christian theology makes in the struggles of the present age. Dr. Rieger is an ordained United Methodist elder. His publications include *Empire and the Christian Tradition: New Readings of Classical Theologians*, *God and the Excluded: Visions and Blindspots in Contemporary Theology*.



Rethinking Church

Elaine Heath

McCreless Assistant Professor of Evangelism

Many people today describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious," uninterested or unwilling to affiliate with the church as they have known it. What kind of church would be inviting to the spiritual but not religious? How can mainline churches reconnect with the missional context of its own neighborhoods and cities? This workshop presents new models of church that are missional and evangelistic, that are reaching those who hunger for God but do not connect with church.

Suggested Readings: Elaine A. Heath, *The Mystic Way of Evangelism*; Tom Sine, *The New Conspirators*; Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, *New Monasticism*.

Elaine Heath is the McCreless Assistant Professor of Evangelism at Perkins School of Theology, and the director of the Center for the Advanced Study and Practice of Evangelism at Southern Methodist University. An elder in The United Methodist Church, she is a founding pastor of New Day, a new monastic community in the United Methodist tradition at SMU. In local church ministry her special areas of interest are leadership development leading to congregational health and evangelistic vitality, and the development of new monastic faith communities. A popular leader of spiritual formation retreats, her research interests include neomasticism, the emerging church and the connection between spirituality, gender and evangelism. Her publications include: *The Mystic Way of Evangelism*, and the forthcoming *Longing for Spring: A New Vision for Wesleyan Community*, which she coauthored.

Accommodations

Fort Burgwin has modern amenities while maintaining its original rustic appeal so often found in northern New Mexico. You may choose to utilize the Fort's housing, which this summer comprises private and semi-private camp-style rooms with shared facilities. Please note that singles will likely be matched with a roommate. You also may choose to make your own housing arrangements. Breakfast and lunch are provided at the Fort, along with dinner on Wednesday night. Remaining dinners are not provided; however, there are many dining choices in the Taos area.



Travel by Air

Major airlines do not fly into Taos. The nearest airport is the Albuquerque International Airport. The drive from the Albuquerque airport to the Fort is approximately two and one-half hours. The shuttle that provides round trip service between the Albuquerque airport and Fort Burgwin is Twin Heart Express, 1-800-654-9456. The cost is approximately \$125 round trip. We suggest that you verify the shuttle service before making your airline reservations as the shuttle has limited pick-up times in Albuquerque and flight plans should be arranged to coincide with shuttle pick-up times.

Travel by Car

From Dallas, Fort Burgwin is approximately 700 miles. For detailed directions, please visit www.smu.edu/taos. If using an Internet mapping program, Fort Burgwin's physical address does not register as a valid destination. Pot Creek or Talpa will most likely return valid directions. Keep in mind, however, that both are further North on NM 518 than Fort Burgwin.

Program Guarantee

It is suggested that participants make travel arrangements after June 30. In the event of insufficient program enrollment, registrants will be contacted by July 1.

If for any reason you are not satisfied with this program, you may receive full tuition credit by making a written request to Perkins' Office of Advanced Ministerial Studies by July 31.

Program Pricing

Tuition	\$715.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Room and meals	\$400.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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CEU Fee (if applicable)	\$ 20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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This program is subject to change or cancellation.

Registration

Registration is limited and is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration and payment are due by Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

You can register by the following methods:

1. Online at theology.smu.edu/perkins_laity
2. Fax completed form to 214-768-2117.
3. Mail completed form and payment to: SMU Perkins School of Theology, Advanced Ministerial Studies, PO Box 750133, Dallas, Texas 75275-0133.

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 Church name _____

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