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Perkins Theological School for the Laity

March 7-9, 2013 • www.smu.edu/perkins/ptsl

This program on Southern Methodist University's Dallas campus offers one-day and two-day options for courses led by faculty from SMU's Perkins School of Theology on topics of Bible, theology and spirituality.

Other Lay Schools of Theology in 2013 will meet in Amarillo on March 22-23 and in Anchorage on September 20-21. Please call the office of Advanced Ministerial Studies at 214.768.2251 for more information.

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January 26

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January 26 Courses

Advance registration closes at the end of the day on January 18.



Methodism and Popular Religion in the United States

Ted A. Campbell

Associate Professor of Church History

Historical scholarship in the last three decades has cast new light on the development of American Methodism in the nineteenth century. The good news is that Methodism is now being taken very seriously as a factor in American culture by non-Methodist interpreters of U.S. cultural life. The bad news is that they don't see much of a connection between Methodism as a popular religious movement and the Methodist denominations that were evolving at that time. The course will take *The Autobiography of William Stevenson* as a focus for study. Stevenson (1768-1857) was the first Methodist (or Protestant) to preach in Texas (in 1815) and his *Autobiography* is a classic expression of nineteenth-century Methodist popular religion.

Download Suggested Reading: *Autobiography of William Stevenson* by going to www.smu.edu/perkins/hst



Short Sentences Drawn from Long Experience: The Bible's Proverbial Wisdom for Today

Alyce M. McKenzie

Le Van Professor of Preaching and Worship
Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor

This class will explore the wisdom of the Book of Proverbs for contemporary life and its advice for living a wise life that combines trust in God, compassion for others, self-control and moral courage.

Suggested Reading: *Character in Crisis* by William P. Brown, *Preaching Proverbs: Wisdom for the Pulpit* by Alyce M. McKenzie

August 10 Course

Advance registration closes at the end of the day on August 2.



'A Well of Living Waters and a Beehive of Temptations': Biblical Exegesis in the Early Church

James Kang Hoon Lee

Assistant Professor of the History of Early Christianity

The interpretation of Scripture was perceived as a "dangerous" enterprise among Christians in the early Church,

for in seeking "honey" from the beehive, one is exposed to the "sting of bees" (Origen, *Homily XXVII on Numbers*). Passages that contain the most beautiful mysteries may at first be offensive and scandalous, yet it is by struggling along this road of obstacles that one reaches the "river of God" and the "living waters" of wisdom and divine knowledge. Journey through the Scriptures with the early Christians, including Origen, Augustine, the Cappadocians, and the desert Fathers and Mothers, so as to draw "living water" from the well.

Suggested Reading: *The Spirit of Early Christian Thought* by Robert Louis Wilken

Program Schedule

8:15 a.m. Check-in/Welcome
9:00 - 3:30 p.m. Course Sessions
(Lunch provided)

Course Faculty

Ted Campbell joined the faculty at Perkins School of Theology in 2006 after serving as visiting professor of the History of Christianity at Claremont School of Theology in California, and as president of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He has also taught at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Duke Divinity School, and Wesley Theological Seminary, and has served as pastor of United Methodist congregations. His works include *John Wesley and Christian Antiquity*, *The Religion of the Heart*, *Christian Confessions* and *Christian Mysteries*. He is an avid blogger at heartcoremethodist.org.

Alyce McKenzie is a popular and powerful teacher and preacher, whose work is heralded by students, clergy and laity alike. Her publications include *The Parables for Today* and *Preaching Biblical Wisdom in a Self-Help Society*. Dr. McKenzie, who is co-editor of the journal *Homiletic*, has particular research and teaching interests in the spiritual life of the preacher; and in preaching on biblical wisdom, the sayings and parables of Jesus, and public issues. An ordained member of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, she earned her Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Jim Lee is the newest faculty member of Perkins School of Theology as assistant professor of the History of Early Christianity. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame with interests in patristic exegesis, Augustine and Latin patristics, the history of Christianity, monasticism, ecclesiology, and sacramental theology. He was awarded the Kanab Center Award for Excellence in Teaching while at Notre Dame.

The Houston Lay School of Theology is sponsored by SMU's Perkins School of Theology in cooperation with the Center for Congregational Excellence of the Texas Annual Conference. The school meets each January and August, offering an opportunity for laity and others to explore issues of spirituality, theology, religion and church leadership with faculty from Perkins. The program is made possible in part by the Howard-Holbert Endowment at SMU.

Pricing and Registration

Advance registration is \$55.00.

Register at the door for \$65.00.

Continuing Education Unit (.5 CEU) credit will be provided for a \$20.00 fee.

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Advance registration for the August 10 program closes on August 2.

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1. Online at www.smu.edu/perkins/hst
2. Download a registration form at www.smu.edu/perkins/hst and follow directions for submitting your form
3. Call 214.768.2251
4. At the door

Cancellation Policy

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