The Office of Student Life and Community Engagement

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Kirby Hall, Room 216
https://www.smu.edu/Perkins/StudentLife

Welcome to Perkins

Week at Perkins

Schedule of Events

**Monday, August 23**
- 12:15 - 1:00 pm  Community Lunch in the Refectory
- 3:30 - 6:30 pm  Perkins Popsicle Party
  - Breezeway between Selecman & Prothro

**Tuesday, August 24**
- 12:15 - 1:00 pm  Community Lunch in the Refectory
- 11:30 am - 12:20 pm  Community Hour at Perkins
  - Learn about Organized Interest Groups
  - 209 Prothro Hall
  - Afternoon snacks in the Prothro Refectory

**Wednesday, August 25**
- 8:30 - 10:00 am  Morning Breakfast Bagels in the Refectory
- 11:30 am - 12:20 pm  Feast of Beginnings in Perkins Chapel
- 12:15 - 1:00 pm  Meet the Faculty - Community Lunch in the Refectory (reservations required)
- 12:20 pm  PSA Merchandise Sale in Prothro Foyer

**Thursday, August 26**
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm  Service of Midday Prayer in Perkins Chapel
- 12:15 - 1:00 pm  Community Lunch in the Refectory
- 12:45 - 1:30 pm  Resource Fair in the Prothro Foyer
  - Afternoon snacks in the Prothro Refectory

**Friday, August 27**  **Spirit Day - Wear your SMU Perkins gear!**

For more information contact
Laura Figura at lfigura@smu.edu
OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT Update!

Wishing all Perkins students a successful first week of classes

For more information about Perkins Admission, please contact Director of Admission Operations, Dr. Stephen Bagby sbagby@smu.edu

Join us each week for Community Lunch in the Prothro Refectory

Reservations required the week prior to lunch. Check for the reservation link in your smu email.

Menu

Monday, 08/23 Spaghetti Bolognese, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Water, Unsweet Tea, Lemonade
Tuesday, 08/24 Beef Barbacoa Tacos, Cilantro Lime Rice, Corn Salad, Water, Unsweet Tea, Lemonade
Wednesday, 08/25 Mediterranean Chicken, Couscous, Chickpea Salad, Water, Unsweet Tea, Lemonade
Thursday, 08/26 Tuna Salad Sandwich, Chips, Fresh Fruit, Water, Unsweet Tea, Lemonade

For more information about Community Lunch contact Charles Udoh at cudoh@smu.edu
Students, Faculty, Staff are invited to a Perkins Popsicle Party

Monday, August 23
3:30 - 6:30 pm
East side covered walkway between Selecman and Prothro Halls

All Perkins students, faculty and staff are invited and encourage to join us for a school-wide first day of school popsicle party. Drop by for a free sweet treat. Welcome our new students, meet our returning students, and engage with the Perkins community. The staff from Steel City Pops will be serving outside. We encourage everyone to socially distance while enjoying their popsicles.

For more information contact Laura Figura at lfigura@smu.edu
RAIN OR SHINE!

Community Hour at Perkins (CHAP)

Join us in Prothro Hall Room 209 to meet the various Organized Interest Groups and learn how you can get involved with student groups at Perkins.

Tuesday, August 24
11:30 am - 12:20 pm
Prothro Hall Room 209
Zoom Link at
https://smu.zoom.us/j/98816877918

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For more information contact Dr. Mark Stamm, Chapel Elder at mstamm@smu.edu

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https://libcal.smu.edu/calendar?cid=9356&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=9356&inc=0
For more information contact Leslie Fuller at lfuller@smu.edu
Greetings, new and returning students, and welcome (back) to campus! As you may have heard, Bridwell Library has re-opened, and the reference librarians, Jane Elder and Leslie Fuller are eager to meet you. We invite you to drop by the new Reference Office during our normal hours—8:00 am to 5:45 pm, M-F—for introductions and the gift of a free *Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms* (limit one per student). If you are a Houston student, simply email us to introduce yourself, and we will mail it to your home. You can reach us at jelder@smu.edu or lfuller@smu.edu. We look forward to working with you in the coming year. Best, *Jane & Leslie*
DANTE FESTIVAL @BRIDWELL LIBRARY

Join us as we celebrate 700 years of Dante Alighieri at Bridwell Library’s Dante Festival from August 31 - September 2. RSVP to enjoy free film screenings, Dante activities, an art show, reception, conference, music, and more.

https://libcal.smu.edu/calendar/bridwell/DanteFestival

Be sure to purchase your tickets to the 13th Century Tuscan Banquet to take place on Thursday, September 2nd from 5:00 -7:00 pm where actress Vivian Allvin will share a live performance in front of Perkins Chapel.

RSVP now for this exciting and unique event!
For more info contact Michelle Ried at mried@smu.edu

13th Century Tuscan Banquet Menu

- Ribollita (Bread Soup)
- Pane Artigianale (Artisanal Bread)
- Fruita con Miele (Pomegranates, Grapes, Pears, Strawberries, Lemons, Apples with Honey)
- Bietole di Bosco con Aglio e Burro (Forest Chard with Garlic and Butter)
- Bocconcini di Salvia con Parmigiano (Salvia Bites with Parmigiano)
- Pasticcio alla Fiorentina (Savory Beef Pie)
- Pollo al Forno con Aglio e Mele Colognesi: Carrote Viola del Contadino (Baked Chicken Stuffed with Garlic and Quinces, with Farmer’s Purple carrots)
- Merluzzo Arrosto Salsa di Vino con Insalata di Fave Toscanae e Orecchiette (Roasted Cod in Wine Sauce with Fava Bean and Orecchiette Pasta)
- Torta Mandorle e Frutti di Bosco (Almond Cake with Wild Berries)
- Torta Sansbovole (Traditional Elderflower Cheesecake)
- Succo di Melograno, Sirolo di Mele, San Pellegrino (Pomegranate Juice, Apple Cider, San Pellegrino Water)
- *Daniele’s interpreters’ Table: Coffee, Cream, and Sugar
Spiritual Direction + Theological Education = PRICELESS

Spiritual directors help us tend the movement of the Holy One in our lives and in the world around us. When life gets busy with work, school, commitments, and relationships, it is easy to put aside our desire to tend the spiritual life. Meeting monthly with a spiritual director is an intentional way to tend spiritual life and often results in a healthy balance of the many roles we hold.

If you are interested in spiritual direction, we have current students and graduates of the Perkins Certificate in Spiritual Direction available to meet with you at no fee. To find a spiritual director, connect with Rev. Dr. Lil Smith. 

lbsmith@smu.edu or 214-543-9833
MINISTRY DALLAS PHOTO GALLERY

Members of Perkins served the Dallas community this past week at various organizations. Sponsored by The Office of Student Life and Community Engagement

Top Left: Working in the garden and learning more about Owenwood Farm and Community Space
Top: Helping out at the Together We Vaccinate event at the Back to School Day with Project Unity
Left: Learning Together with Rev. Richard Butler at the Project Unity Lunch and Learn
Bottom Left: Worshiping with St. Luke’s Community Church
Bottom: Pulling weeds and cleaning out the vegetable beds at Bonton Farms
Left: Perkins students (2019) are surrounded by dedicated chaplains in the Houston area during Health Care Holy Care taught every Jan Term in Houston. With the opportunity to shadow seasoned chaplains at both Houston Methodist Hospital and its satellites, you will receive hospital experience with the advantage of seasoned mentors. The week-long course is an “immersion” which will equip you in pastoral caregiving wherever you minister. You may also discern a call into chaplaincy.

Dr. Michael DeBakey, famed cardiologist and pioneer in performing coronary bypass operations, would never leave Houston Methodist Hospital as the offers poured in. He said: “Houston Methodist is a hospital with a soul.” You will discover that truth and more. Houston Methodist Hospital provides our lodgings, some meals (photo above), and extraordinary hospitality. Come join us.
**Editorial and Newsletter Submission Policy**

*Perkins News* deadline for submission is 10:00 am on Thursday before the Friday edition. Email submissions to Perkinsnews@smu.edu. Please feel free to submit photos to accompany your submission. *Perkins News* is published by the Office of Student Life at Perkins School of Theology. Laura Figura serves as Editor for the 2021-2022 academic year. The opinions expressed in Perkins News are not necessarily the opinions of Perkins News, its staff, or Perkins School of Theology. Perkins News is published weekly throughout the academic year in an online version through campus email and on the Perkins School of Theology website. Submissions and letters from community members are welcome; however, Perkins News reserves the right to edit any submissions for grammar, space, or as is deemed necessary. Anonymous submissions will not be published under any circumstances. Submissions should be in keeping with the attitude of a seminary atmosphere, thus the Editor, with the input of the Editorial Board, may choose not to include inappropriate submissions. Any column or article submitted must be no longer than 250 words. We are not responsible for lost, misplaced, or unsolicited submissions. The Perkins Community Life Committee serves as the advisory body for the Perkins News.

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**Reserve Your Free Perkins Locker** located on the 1st floor of Kirby Hall.

Stop by Room 216 in Kirby Hall to reserve your locker the first week of classes. Locks are provided by the student and are to be removed at the end of each academic year.

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**Need help with SMU Technology?**

Contact the SMU Help Desk at (214)768-help or help@smu.edu.