

34th Annual Conference of the Professions

Friday, April 30, 2021

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Virtual – Zoom Conference

Divisive Times: Trust and Cooperation in Professional Relationships

After a year of disaster and interpersonal turbulence, clergy, lawyers and physicians have a unique challenge and an important role in confronting misinformation and rebuilding individuals' faith and trust in our most critical institutions, including our own. Together we will explore techniques to create space for intellectual humility and conviction in order to restore trust and rebuild relationships of mutual respect.

Agenda

9:00 am: Introduction and Welcome

John Sadler, M.D., Daniel W. Foster Professorship in Medical Ethics and Chief of the Division of Ethics in the Department of Psychiatry at UTSW

9:15 am: Panelists Opening Remarks

*Sakina Rasheed Foster, J.D., Partner at Haynes and Boone, LLP
Padmaja Reddy, M.D., Assistant Professor of Palliative Care at Parkland Health and Hospital System and UT Southwestern
Rabbi David Stern, M.A., Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El*

9:45 am: Keynote and Introduction to Reflective Structured Dialogue

Jill DeTemple, Ph.D., Chair of SMU's Religious Studies Department and Professor of Anthropology

10:00 am: Questions of Persuasion/Questions of Understanding

10:15 am: Break (Please do not close or leave the Zoom meeting)

10:25 am: Dialogue: Distrust in Professional Settings

11:25 am: Breakout Group Debrief

11:35 am: Concluding Discussion

Open audience discussion, panelists give concluding remarks Reflective Structured Dialogue in clinical/legal/clerical settings

About the Conference of Professions

The Conference of the Professions brings together members of law, medicine, and theology in the Dallas area to discuss common challenges—ethical and otherwise—facing these professions.

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