

[View this email in your browser](#)

PERKINS NEWS

SMU Perkins School
of Theology



The Office of Student Life

Weekly Events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

PERKINS NEWS HAS A NEW LOOK!

Community Worship

Tuesday, September 23

5:45 pm – 6:15 pm

Perkins Chapel

Vespers

Join us for this vespers service inspired by the Celtic tradition.



Thursday, September 25

11:00 am - 11:50 am

Perkins Chapel

Dr. Emily Nelms Chastain, Assistant Professor of Christian History and Methodist Studies, preaching and presiding.

For more information contact: Dr. Geoffrey Moore, Curator of Community Worship at gmoore@smu.edu

Do you like planning and leading worship? We're gathering a team of individuals to plan creative, collaborative worship services for Thursday Word and Table in Perkins Chapel. Contact Dr. Moore at the email above, if interested.

Community Lunch Prothro Refectory

Lunches are served 11:45 am -12:30 pm

Cost is \$6 and includes beverages. Credit/Debit cards accepted.

We can no longer accept cash.

WEEKLY MENU

Tuesday, Sept. 23

**Perkins Faculty, Staff, and
Students eat free with a**

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Lemon Thyme Chicken
Basmati Rice

Thursday, Sept. 25

State Fair Opens Friday
Beef Chili with Corn Bread

**reservation. Sponsored by the
Baptist House of Studies**

Chicken Fingers (GF option)
Mac n' Cheese
Roasted Broccoli
Green Salad
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Roasted Paprika Cauliflower
Romaine/ Arugula Salad
Rolls/Butter

Corn Dogs
Hush Puppies With Corn
Brussel Sprouts
Cole Slaw
Watermelon

RSVP

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

Don't miss out



**Speaker Spotlight: Dr. Michael Greene at the
Economic Justice Summit**

Saturday, September 20

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Friendship West Baptist Church
2020 W. Wheatland Road**

Dr. Michael Greene, Director of the Black and Africana Church Studies (BACS) Program at Perkins, will keynote at the *Economic Justice Summit: Faith, Finance, and the Future*. His talk, “*Economic Justice and the Racial Disparity in Wealth*,” will examine the Black faith community’s historic and ongoing role in advancing racial and economic justice.

Register

BAPTIST HOUSE OF STUDIES EVENTS

Help shape the future of the Baptist House

Take this survey so we can best serve Baptist and free church students.

For more information about Baptist House of Studies Events
contact Kate Hanch at khanch@smu.edu

Take Survey



BHS sponsors lunch for all Perkins students, staff, and faculty with

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

September 23, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm CT

(zoom begins at 12:10 pm)

Prothro 204 & Zoom (link below)

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers is lead pastor at Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas, TX. She is the first woman senior pastor at a Baptist church in the Dallas Ft. Worth area. Having received multiple honors, she also serves on the advisory board for the Baptist House of Studies. Royal Lane is involved in multiple social justice initiatives serving the DFW community. Come for a time of conversation and fellowship!

Join via Zoom

OPEN HOUSE

Rev. Dr. George Mason, lead advisor for the Baptist



House of Studies, is inviting Baptist and free church students to his home for a time of fellowship and food. Dr. Mason lives in Dallas about 4 miles away from campus.

Sunday, October 12 at 6:00 pm
RSVP below to see address.

[RSVP](#)

Baptist House of Studies Chapel

November 13 at 11:00 am in Perkins Chapel

The Baptist House of Studies will lead chapel on November 13. Rev. Dr. Todd Atkins, Board of Visitors chair and recent Perkins DMin graduate, will be preaching, and assisted by our students.

[Volunteer](#)

Baptist House of Studies Merchandise

We are excited to offer BHS merch!
Thanks to Chuck Norcross, PSA VP, for making it happen.

[Order](#)

Service of Installation for Dean Bryan P. Stone

Thursday, October 2

11:00 am

Perkins Chapel

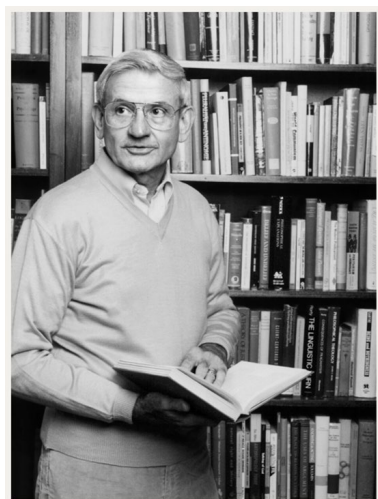
All are welcome to join in person or online.



Can't make it in-person? Click here to join the [Livestream](#).

For more information contact: Rev. Dr. O. Wesley Allen, Jr. at wesleya@smu.edu.

Liberating Theology and Ethics for the Common Good: The Contribution of Schubert M. Ogden and Franklin I. Gamwell



Schubert M. Ogden

Friday, October 3
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Methodist Collection
Reading Room
in Bridwell Library



Franklin I. Gamwell , Photo courtesy of the
University of Chicago Divinity School

Join us for a free, day-long conference honoring the achievement and assessing the legacy of two of the most important Christian theological and moral thinkers of the last half-century.

This event is co-sponsored by Perkins School of Theology, The Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, and Bridwell Library.

Online and in person options available.
0.5 CEUs available with registration.

RSVP

For more information contact Michelle Ried at mrried@smu.edu

Perkins **2025** Convo
A LECTURE SERIES

FALL CONVOCATION
NOVEMBER 10-11, 2025

Perkins students are invited to join us for Fall Convocation 2025, a two-day gathering featuring leading voices in theology, ministry, and faith-informed leadership.

Come for one lecture or stay for the whole event!

Hear from Dr. Monika Ardelt, Dr. M. Daniel Carroll R., Rev. Dr. Almeda M. Wright, Dr. Lisa L. Thompson, and Dr. Ashley Boggan as they share fresh scholarship and practical insights.

Students register for free using code FREEFC25.

For more information contact Mary Roberts at robertsm@smu.edu

Register

Life at Perkins

OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT *Update!*

The Office of Enrollment Management would like your help!
Current student participation in our events helps increase the likelihood of successful recruiting efforts. If you are interested in helping OEM, please select the areas in which you are available.

Student Panelist

Spend an hour with prospective students talking about your Perkins experience.

Student Buddy

Journey alongside a prospective student throughout their visit.

Student Representative

Represent Perkins at off-campus events.

You can choose as many as you'd like.

OEM will reach out to you if you're chosen to help with prospective student events or visits.

If you have questions, please reach out to perkinsenrollment@smu.edu

Sign Up

Faces of Perkins

**Welcome Becca White
Perkins New Student Life
Graduate Assistant**

Becca is a first semester M. Div. student and a recent graduate from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. She is passionate about serving students and hopes to have a career in youth ministry when she “grows up.” She will be hanging out in the student life office in Kirby Hall Room 216 Monday through Friday, so be sure to stop by and say, Hi!



Pastoral Care

There are a growing number of students with pastoral care skills who are serving in churches, shelters, companies, campus ministries, and justice ministries. Here are just a few photos from Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Professor of Pastoral Care.



Rev. Vanessa Sims
(M.Div. '15 alum)

(center), advocate for the lost cemetery in Graham, Texas, is the founder of thouartmysister.org



Correction: Pastor Margo Moore (M.Div. '22 alum), is the Associate Pastor at White Rock UMC and UKirk on the SMU campus, the only openly affirming religious gathering.



Rev. Rachel Griffin-Allison (in the colored stole) and her church, Oak Lawn UMC, are radical advocates for the under-served and un-housed.



Jermaine Rush (M.Div. '19 alum) is the Chaplain for Tyson Foods, Dallas

Featured Engagement Opportunities



Fall 2025 Bridwell Writers' Room (now available in pumpkin spice)

Where we write alone, together.

Join a session that suits YOU, in person and on Zoom.

10:00 am to noon Mondays & Fridays with Chris Clarke

3:30 to 5:30 pm Tuesdays with Michelle Ried

6:30 to 8:30 pm Thursdays with Jane Elder

[Email Jane Elder](#)



A Prayer for the Perkins Community
written by Rev. Rosedanny Ortiz, Perkins Alumni Council member (M.Div. '21)

Maravilloso Dios, we ask a special blessing upon the Perkins School of Theology community, its professors, staff, and students. May your Holy Spirit guide each of them in this academic year. May your presence be at every event, class, and activity that can lead the community to grow in understanding of who you are in their lives. May this season be one of encouragement, pursuit of growth, and courage around their faith. We need people who are bold and unafraid of being the leaders you called us to be, who can stand against injustices in this world as Jesus once did. People who are passionate about truth, and through their work can bring love and hope into this moment.

Dios maravilloso, pedimos una bendición especial para la comunidad de la Escuela de Teología Perkins, sus profesores, personal y estudiantes. Que tu Espíritu Santo guíe a cada uno de ellos en este año académico. Que tu presencia esté presente en cada evento, clase y actividad y que ayude a la comunidad a comprender mejor quién eres en sus vidas. Que esta temporada sea de aliento, búsqueda de crecimiento y valentía en nuestra fe. Necesitamos personas valientes y sin miedo a ser los líderes que nos llamaste a ser, que puedan oponerse a las injusticias de este mundo como lo hizo Jesús. Personas apasionadas por la verdad, que a través de su trabajo puedan traer amor y esperanza a este momento.

Amen!

New Perkins Apparel

Choose from:

Only \$15.00 Logo Tees in White, Grey, Red, Royal, or Black	Only \$25.00 Solid Color Logo Sweatshirts	Only \$29.00 Hoodie in Dark Grey
--	---	--



All are sizes S-3XL. Fabrications are listed on the website.
Looking for something other than S-3XL? Email ChuckN@smu.edu and let us help.

To Purchase:
Scan the QR
Code:



Log Into Your SMU Account.

Choose your color.

Choose your Quantity.

Click Check Out.

In the **“More Information Field,”**
Enter your sizes.

Click “Credit Card” and then Next
From there, follow the prompts to
pay.

When your order is confirmed, we
will pull your sizes and notify you
when you can pick them up.

If you want your items shipped, you
must add the shipping option to
your cart.

For more information contact Chuck Norcross, PSA Vice President
at chuckn@smu.edu

Order Here



Perkins News Editorial and Submission Policy

Copyright 2025. All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

SMU Perkins School of Theology, PO Box 750133, Dallas, Texas 75275

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#)