

Spirituality and Story

Wesley Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry Program • January 2016

Application Deadline: October 1, 2015



Pastors live and work at the teeming intersection of stories. They follow a call and look for providence in their unfolding autobiographies. Pastors discern and lend themselves critically to the legends, tragedies, and emerging traditions of the congregations they serve. They do all this more or less intentionally shaped and informed by the great stories of the Bible and of the Church. This Doctor of Ministry program will further equip pastors to live and work at that intersection by focusing on narrative as a category of spirituality.



Class schedule:

January 4 - 8, 2016: *Engaging the Narratives of Other Religions* — Dr. Sathianathan Clark

January 11 - 15, 2016: *Theology as Story* — Dr. Sondra Wheeler

May 16 - 19, 2016: *Paul's Use of Narrative to Shape Congregations* — Dr. Carla Works

October 3 - November 18, 2016: *Narrative Collapse and Restoration: Story and Healing* — Dr. Bruce G. Epperly

January 9 - 13, 2017: *Narrative Leadership* — Dr. Larry A. Golemon

February 6 - March 17, 2017: *Project Seminar* — Dr. Lewis A. Parks

May 8 - 11, 2017: *James Baldwin's Understanding of God: Overwhelming Desire and Joy* — Dr. Josiah Ulysses Young III

May 14 - 18, 2017: *A Word of Silence: Narrative, Spirituality, and Preaching* — Dr. Michael D. Williams

In addition, students are required to complete two elective courses from several classroom and online options.

Professors:

Dr. Sathianathan Clarke is the Bishop Sundo Kim Chair in World Christianity Professor of Theology, Culture and Mission at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Josiah U. Young III, is Professor of Systematic Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Sondra Wheeler is the Martha Ashby Carr Professor of Christian Ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Carla Works is an Associate Professor in New Testament at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Bruce G. Epperly is the Pastor and Teacher of South Congregational Church, Centreville, Massachusetts. He is a theologian and author.

Dr. Lewis A. Parks is the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Larry A. Golemon is the Executive Director of the Washington Theological Consortium.

Dr. Michael D. Williams is the Senior Pastor at West End UMC in Nashville and the General Editor of *The Storyteller's Companion to the Bible*.

Apply today.

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