

# Spirituality and Story

Wesley Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry Program

Application Deadline: October 15 for January 2025, February 15 for May 2025

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 2-6, 2023 *Narrative Collapse and Restoration: Story and Healing* — Dr. Bruce G. Epperly

January 9-13, 2023 *Story Windows: Oral History and African Christian Biography* — Dr. Michele Siggs

May 1-June 9, 2023 *Leader as Story Teller* — Dr. Lovett Weems

September 4-October 13, 2023 *Embodied Proclamation for Preaching, Liturgy and Formation (online)* — Dr. Tracy Radosevic

January 8-12, 2024 *Paul's Use of Narrative to Shape Congregations* — Dr. Carla Works

May 7-10, 2024 *James Baldwin's Understanding of God: Overwhelming Desire and Joy* — Dr. Josiah Ulysses Young III

May 13-17, 2024 *Engaging the Narratives of Other Religions* — Dr. Salih Sayilgan

## Professors:

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

**Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr.**, is Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership and Senior Consultant, Lewis Center for Church Leadership, 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, Centerville, Massachusetts. He is a theologian and author.

**Dr. Tracy Radosevic** is adjunct faculty at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute and Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Salih Sayilgan** is Louisville Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow & Professor of Islamic and Interfaith Studies at Wesley Theological Seminary

**Dr. Michele Siggs** is an Adjunct PhD in World Christianity from Boston University currently the Exec Dir, Dictionary of African Christian Biography (DACB.org)



In addition, students are required to complete two elective courses from several classroom and online options as well as the required Project Seminar. The Project Seminar is offered January and May on campus and Summer and Fall online. Students need to have completed 24 credit hours, which must include the core courses, to register for the Project Seminar.

Apply today.

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