

Winter 2019 South Africa

Dates: December 2017/January 2018

Faculty: Dr. Eileen Guenther **Cost:** \$5500.

Explore the south of South Africa, the people, their struggle with apartheid, and their capacity for forgiveness. Experience the "new South Africa", its faith and worship, politics and new economic ventures, the variety of its many cultures and languages, its natural beauty and its heart-grabbing music.

***Participation requires special pre-trip sessions in addition to the required Intercultural Immersion Orientation Sessions**

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Hidden Culture in Suburbia

Dates: January 5-17 2019

Faculty: Rev. Dr. Keary Kinncannon **Cost:** Est. \$1250.00

Immersing ourselves in the hidden culture of poverty in suburbia will be the main focus; however we will also meet individuals who are suffering from mental illness and others who are victims of domestic violence. This immersion is designed to challenge us to address these issues and other issues of social justice within our home communities.

This immersion will take place in Fairfax County, Virginia but is intended to be a learning tool about hidden cultures throughout our society. Fairfax is one of the wealthiest counties in the United States, yet on any one night there are nearly 2,000 homeless individuals living in the county. And there are many more families and individuals that are living in poverty and overcrowded within less than two miles of multi-million dollar houses.

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Sponsored by Other Organizations

BREEZEWOOD TRUCKERS MINISTRY

DATES: May 2018; Exact dates to be negotiated with chaplain

LEADER: Rev. Bruce Maxwell **COST:** \$1,000.00

LIMIT: 2 Students **DESCRIPTION:** Experience ministry to those in transit as travelers or workers. Help provide a listening ear and emergency assistance, experience "the road" and learn what life and faith are like from this point of view. For more information, watch this video of Chaplain Maxwell on

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fkyqs6kgOuY>

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AMERC

January 3-12, 2019

"I Love to Tell the Story": Appalachia on our Minds

Hosted by Wake Forest University School of Divinity and sponsored by AMERC

This travel seminar explores Appalachia as home to a variety of religious subcultures that enjoy and endure an outsize role in the American imaginary. Built around a 10-day immersion experience in western North Carolina, this course engages the intersection of Appalachia's lived religions and their representation across a variety of media. This travel seminar critically considers the stories we love to tell about the places we inhabit, imagine, and in which we worship and serve. An examination of the politics of place-making in relation to our understanding of self and others, this seminar considers Appalachia as a portal through which interlocking processes of regional and religious identity formation take place. Begins and ends at High Pastures Retreat Center in Burnsville, North Carolina.

Professor: Dr. Meredith Doster **Cost:** \$1075.00. Deadline for application: Nov. 15, 2018; **Contact Nick Works:** nworks@wesleyseminary.edu

January 3-18 2019

"Ancient Mountains and Deeply Rooted Lives"

Hosted by Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, and sponsored by AMERC.

The mountains of Appalachia are among the oldest of our planet. Flowing through its valleys and hollows are streams of spiritual expression dating from its earliest indigenous inhabitants through generations of European settlers of diverse ethnicities and languages. There is a regional distinctiveness here that is characterized by a sacred sense of place. This seminar seeks to deepen one's experience and understanding of the Church and its mission through an immersion in the context of rural Appalachia. This course will take students on a journey over Appalachian back roads as we explore traditions of faith deeply rooted and vividly lived in persons ranging from Cherokee grandfathers to coal miner's daughters. We will encounter men and women of Spirit whose lives reflect the challenges and diversity of the region and whose words and actions echo those of pilgrims, prophets, and poets. The course will offer opportunities for first-hand encounters with the land, stories, and people of Appalachia. Beginning and ending at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA.

Cost: \$1,500 Deadline for application: Nov. 15, 2018; **Contact:** Nick Works, nworks@wesleyseminary.edu

LAKOTA INDIAN CULTURE

PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

DATES: January 2-12, 2018 **IMMERSION LEADER:** Rev. Kay Ressel

COST: \$625 plus Airfare **LIMIT:** 6 students **DESCRIPTION:**

Experience an immersion into the Lakota Indian culture of South Dakota. Experience the history, culture, arts, crafts, rituals and life experiences of the Lakota People. Issues of education and housing, among others, will be addressed. **CONTACT:** Nick Works, nworks@wesleyseminary.edu or Rev. Kay Ressel, pineridge.center@gmail.com

Future Immersion Opportunities Summer 2019 Urban Ministry in Baltimore

Dates: May 14 – 24 2019

Faculty: Rev. Dr. Tony Hunt

Cost: \$1500

The Baltimore Intercultural Immersion will provide an in-context, in-depth engagement with and study of urban ministry in Baltimore, Maryland with a focus on the impact of issues such as economics, violence, addiction, health, and education along with shifts in demographics and cultures on community and ministry settings. During this immersion, we will visit and minister in some of the significant religious and secular venues in Baltimore.

Participants will live together in intentional community in Baltimore throughout the Immersion, and attention will be given to analyzing and applying emerging trends (and best practices) in particular urban ministry settings. Contact: Nick Works nworks@wesleyseminary.edu

Israel

Dates: May 18 – 30, 2019

Faculty: Drs. Bruce Birch and Carla Works

Cost: \$3,688

Limit: 30 total

Through encounters with the historical stones and the "living stones" of a land that three faiths call Holy, we will explore the connections among the history of the region, religious traditions, and the present realities of life in Israel and the West Bank. We will visit archaeological sites, places of importance in faith traditions, as well as contemporary communities to illumine the economic, social, cultural, political, historical, and religious contexts in which the people of the land live their lives. Daily devotions and reflection time will offer space for a deeper understanding of one's own cultural context as a Christian in the global context.

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2018-2019 Orientation & Debriefing Schedule

Fall 2018 Immersion Debriefing Sessions

Sept 28th Friday 9:50am—Noon
Oct. 5th Friday 3:40pm-5:50pm

Fall 2018 Immersion Orientation Sessions

Oct 19th Friday 9:50am— Noon
Oct 26th Friday 3:40pm-5:50pm

*Please note that individual immersions may also have special scheduled pre-trip sessions arranged by the faculty leader.

**Students who attend WTS faculty-led immersions are not required to attend a PMM debriefing session. Your debriefing will be led by your faculty leader.

Scholarships

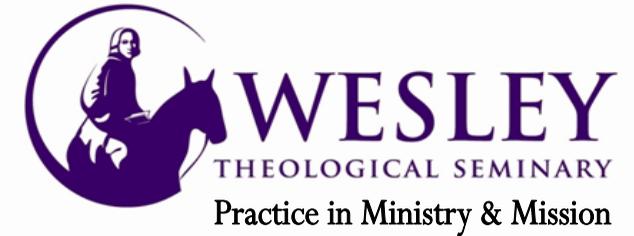
Immersion Scholarships are available for all **WESLEY-Led** immersions. See Financial Aid Office (Dane Smith, dasmith@wesleyseminary.edu) for application.

STEPS TO TAKE

1. **Indicate your interest in a particular immersion** by consulting with the Assistant Director. **PLEASE NOTE: Faculty-led immersions may have special instructions prior to signing up.**
2. **Register and pay the tuition for MM-350. PLEASE NOTE: the program fees associated with the immersion does not include tuition.**
3. **Pay the cost for your specific immersion.** This cost is separate from the tuition. Your ministry setting may assist you with the cost.
4. **Obtain and sign the Immersion Agreement Form (if you plan to attend a faculty-led immersion).** At any time you can set up an account with the Business Office to begin accumulating the required funds.
5. **Attend the required orientation session** offered in a semester prior to your immersion.
6. **Complete the Immersion Application** with all required signatures and submit it to the PMM Office by date posted. Keep the certificate of participation to take with you on your immersion.
7. **Go on your immersion** and have **the immersion leader sign the certificate of participation.** This form is the last page of your immersion application.
8. **Write your reflection paper and develop your project presentation to submit them by the due date (30 days after returning from your immersion).** You will find guidelines in the immersion guide in your Handbook, online or in the packet of information given to you during the Immersion Orientation Session.
9. **Attend a required debriefing session** offered in the semester immediately following your immersion. Students who attend **Wesley faculty-led** immersions will have their debriefing session led by that faculty member.

This brochure is updated several times a year. For the most current information please visit the PMM web pages at www.wesleyseminary.edu or the PMM Office in room K107.

For more information on these and other immersion offerings please contact Nick Works at nworks@wesleyseminary.edu or 202-885-8604.



Intercultural Immersion Brochure Winter 2019

**Costs are estimates and do not include Wesley tuition*

- All dates are approximate. Check PMM website & revised brochures for updated information. All trips are subject to cancellation. Student enrollment is limited for each immersion; thus, early planning is suggested.

- Students will be given priority to participate in an immersion when (1) they've met course pre-requisites; (2) those who seek graduation need to meet this requirement; and (3) on a first come first-serve basis.