

Spirituality and Story

Wesley Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry Program • May 2019

Application Deadline: February 15, 2019



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*:

May 14—17 2019 *Theology as Story* — Dr. Sondra Wheeler

May 20—24, 2019: *Narrative Collapse and Restoration: Story and Healing* — Dr. Bruce G. Epperly

Oct 15—Nov 22, 2019 (on-line) : *Leader as Story Teller*—Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr.

January 6—10, 2020: *Using the Story to Preach the Story*—Dr. O. Wesley Allen, Jr.

May 11—15, 2020: *Engaging the Narratives of Other Religions* — Dr. Sathianathan Clark

Jan 4—8, 2021 : *Paul's Use of Narrative to Shape Congregations* — Dr. Carla Works

Jan 11—15, 2021: *James Baldwin's Understanding of God: Overwhelming Desire and Joy* — Dr. Josiah Ulysses Young III

Professors:

Dr. O. Wesley Allen is the Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Perkins School of Theology.

Dr. Sathianathan Clarke is the Bishop Sundo Kim Chair in World Christianity Professor of Theology, Culture and Mission 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. Lovett H. Weems, Jr. is the Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership and Senior Consultant for the Lewis Center for Church Leadership.

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

In addition, students are required to complete two elective courses from several classroom and online options and 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 the seven courses above to register for the Project Seminar. **Estimated Graduation: May 2023**

Apply today.



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