Curating Community through the Arts

Wesley Theological Seminary
Doctor of Ministry Program • January 2021
Application Deadline: October 15, 2020

When artists create works of art, they also generate and sustain communities. A study of religion and the arts is not only incomplete without the awareness of this reality, it misses a profound and engaging opportunity for ministry in a diverse and changing world. In this Doctor of Ministry track, we will explore and analyze the role of the arts in community formation from multiple disciplinary and methodological perspectives, including: Biblical studies, theological aesthetics, the sociology of religion, and visual, material and sensory studies. Anticipated graduation May 2025.

Class schedule:
January 4-8, 2021
Theological Aesthetics, Dr. Josiah Young

January 11-15, 2021
Negotiating Inter-faith & Multi-faith Space, Dr. Aaron Rosen

May 11-14, 2021
Creating Sacred Space: Shaping & Empowering Ministries, Rev. John Runkle

May 17-21, 2021
Creative Responses to Community Trauma, Dr. Devon Abts

January 3-7, 2022
The Arts in Scripture, Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins

January 10-17, 2022
Drama & Ministry, Dr. Deryl Davis

May 16-20, 2022
Let all the People Say Amen, Dr. Anna Petrin

Professors:
Dr. Devon Abts is Assistant Director and Visiting Assistant Professor for the Luce Center for the Arts and Religion at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Deryl Davis is Adjunct Professor of Literature and Drama at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins is Professor of Hebrew Bible and Woodrow W. and Mildred B. Miller Professor of Biblical Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Rev. John Runkle is a specialist in religious architecture and an Episcopal priest. He is currently the Director of St. Mary’s Sewanee; The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development.

Dr. Anna Petrin is Assistant Professor of Worship and Chap- el Elder at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Dr. Aaron Rosen is Professor of the Arts and Visual Culture and Director of the Luce Center for the Arts and Religion 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 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 (must include core courses) to register for the Project Seminar.

For more information and to apply, please contact:

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