



Lead at the Intersection of Faith & Public Life

NATIONAL CAPITAL SEMESTER FOR SEMINARIANS (NCSS)

For Spring 2021, NCSS will be offered virtually for the first time, enabling seminary students from across the country to participate.

The NCSS course probes the biblical and theological foundations of Christian political engagement, the role of faith and communities of faith in public life and discourse, and the practical shape of faithfulness in the public sphere.

NCSS will be held **Mondays beginning January 25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m. EST**. NCSS is open to current students in good standing at any accredited seminary.

The course, entailing **four academic hours of master's level credit**, will combine real-time seminars and interactive interviews with leaders in government, service and advocacy organizations, and faith community leaders engaged in political analysis and action.

THIS YEAR'S FOCAL ISSUES INCLUDE:

- The Integrity of the US Political System
- Historical and Structural Sources of Racism in America
- Political Dysfunction and the Breakdown in Civil Discourse
- Growing Income Inequality and its Consequences
- Global Climate Change
- Contemporary Challenges to the Paradigm of "Just War"

FACULTY:

MICHAEL MCCURRY

Distinguished Professor/Director, Center for Public Theology

Mike McCurry has nearly four decades of experience in Washington working as a press secretary for U.S. Senators, the Secretary of State (Warren Christopher) and President Bill Clinton. McCurry served on the Wesley Seminary Board of Governors from 2000 to 2013 and also serves on the Boards of Share Our Strength, the Children's Scholarship Fund, and Common Sense Media.



DR. SONdra WHEELER,

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Within the broad discipline of Christian ethics, Dr. Wheeler specializes in bioethics, virtue ethics and the historical roots of Christian moral theology. She has worked with the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Human Genome Initiative of the National Institute of Health on programs relating to social, ethical and religious aspects of genetic technology.

