

# Trauma, Moral Injury, and Christian Life

Wesley Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry Program

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The imperative to remember and lament the brokenness of our pasts—to move from silence to words and to work through our individual and collective traumas toward wholeness—so that we might live more fully in the present and work toward a more just and equitable future is apparent. It is not, however, adequately studied or acted on. What more, the imperative has become more apparent, and urgent, due to the worldwide pandemic caused by SARS-CoV-2, which has killed more than half a million in the United States alone. It is in response to this imperative that we've developed a focus area on "Trauma, Moral Injury, and Christian Faith." The church must learn the reality of trauma and its effects and respond with wisdom and knowledge and with love and compassion. We aim to equip our pastors so to do.



## Class Schedule\*:

**May 9-12, 2023: Introduction to the Study of Trauma and Moral Injury**

— Dr. Paul Cho

**May 15-19, 2023: Healing Moral Injury**

— Dr. Chris Hansen

**January 2-5, 2024: Genocide: A Human Rights Challenge** — Dr. Beverly Mitchell

**January 8-12, 2024: Pastoral Care & Trauma**

— Dr. Michael Koppel

**May 7-10, 2024: Hebrew Bible and Trauma**

— Dr. Denise Hopkins

**May 13-17, 2024: Life Hurts: Embracing Trauma Informed Approach to Suicide Prevention** —

Dr. Anne Mathews Younes and Dr. M. Luther Hill

**January 6-10, 2025: Creative Responses to Community Trauma** — Dr. Devon Abts

**\*Subject to change. Students can be admitted on rolling start dates Winter (January/March) and Spring (May/June)**

**\*Project Seminar** is offered several times a year both on-line and in person. Students must have completed 24 credit hours in order to register for this course.

*Additional dates and courses may be added.*

**Program Notes:** In addition, students must take two elective courses for a total of 30 credit hours.

*Electives may be taken in classroom, online or study trips such as: Pilgrimage to the Alabama of the Civil Rights Movement (Dr. C. Anthony Hunt) and Leadership Institute at the Church of the Resurrection*

## Professors:

**Dr. Devon Abts** is Visiting Assistant Professor for the Luce Center for the Arts & Religion at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Paul Cho** is Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Chris Hansen** is an adjunct professor for Wesley Theological Seminary & Military Chaplain.

**Dr. M. Luther Hill** is Faith Leader & Bereavement Subject Matter Expert.

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

**Dr. Michael S. Koppel** is Professor of Pastoral Theology & Congregational Care at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Anne Mathews Younes** is President, E. Stanley Jones Foundation, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Subject Matter Expert.

**Dr. Beverly Mitchell** is the Professor of Historical Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary.

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