Trauma, Moral Injury, and Christian Life

Wesley Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry Program • May 2023

Application Deadline: Feb. 15, 2023 Deadline Extended to Feb. 20, 2023

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 propose a DMin track focused 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. *Expected Graduation: May 2027*













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

*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.

Schedule is subject to change.

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

Professors:

Dr. Devon Abts is Assistant Director and Visiting Assistant Professor for the Luce Center for the Arts and 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 and Military Chaplain.

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

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

Dr. Michael S. Koppel is Professor of Pastoral Theology and 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.

Now accepting applications. The application deadline is February 15, 2023. Wesleyseminary.edu/Apply

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