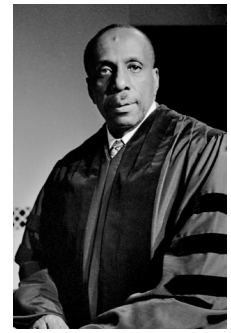


# HOWARD THURMAN: PROPHETIC WITNESS

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY › DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM › MAY 2024



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**Track Objectives:** Students will be able to enter into diverse cultural communities with an openness to encountering, contributing to, and learning from different cultural perspectives. Students will be able to work effectively with others to facilitate their gifts for service and leadership in the church, in community organizing, and in the public square. Students will take responsibility for directing their learning for more effective leadership engagement in the public square.

## **Projected course schedule and faculty:**

**May 7-10, 2024: Howard Thurman — Dr. Beverly E. Mitchell**, Professor of Systematic Theology and Church History, C.C. Goen and Douglas R. Chandler Church History Chair, Wesley Theological Seminary.

**May 13-17, 2024: King and Thurman — Dr. C. Anthony Hunt**, Professor of Systematic, Moral and Practical Theology, and Dunning Permanent Distinguished Lecturer at St. Mary's Seminary and University.

**Sept. 3-Oct. 18, 2024 (Online – Asynchronous): Spiritual Disciples: Self and Community Care — Dr. Michael S. Koppel**, Howard Chandler Robbins Professor of Pastoral Theology and Congregational Care, Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Jan. 6-10, 2025: Biblical and Pastoral Foundations for Spiritual Leadership — Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins**, Professor of Hebrew Bible and Woodrow W. and Mildred B. Miller Professor of Biblical Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Jan. 13-17, 2025: Preaching God's Transforming Justice — Dr. Veronice Miles**, Mary Elizabeth McGehee Joyce Professor of Preaching, Wesley Theological Seminary.

**May 19-23, 2025: Paul and the Disinherited — Dr. Carla Works**, Professor of New Testament, Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Jan. 12-16, 2026: Rehearsing the Reign of God on Earth: Howard Thurman's Teachings and 21st Century Faith-Rooted Organizing — Dr. Lorena M. Parrish**, Associate Professor of Urban Ministries, Director of the Institute for Community Engagement and Co-Director of the Certificate in Children and Youth Ministry and Advocacy, Wesley Theological Seminary.

**In addition, students must take the project seminar and two elective courses for a total of 30 credit hours.** The project seminar is offered several times over the course of the academic year; students must complete 24 credit hours before enrolling in the project seminar. Two electives may be taken in classroom, online, or study trips.

**Anticipated date of graduation is May 2026.**

## **Apply by Feb. 15, 2024. For more information:**

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