



# National Capital Experiences for Seminarians (NCES)

## Lead at the Intersection of Faith and Public Life

NCES courses probe 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.

### CM-531 NCES Advocacy and Action Summer Immersion

(3 credits)

May 19 - May 24, 2024

Washington DC

Dr. Lorena Parrish

"Advocacy and Action in the Public Square" is a one-week May-term, in-person immersion in Washington, DC.

The in-person class allows students to reflect theologically and develop practical strategies for faithfully engaging in the public square. Students will visit sites around the D.C. area and engage in conversations and debrief with congressional policy experts, public servants, faith-based advocacy groups, local community activists, pastors, and media representatives.

### NCES Faculty

Dr. Lorena Parrish

Associate Professor of Urban Ministries

Director, Community Engagement Institute & Center for Public Theology

Dr. Parrish earned her Ph.D., M. Phil. and M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary and an M.S.S.W. from Columbia University. An ordained Baptist minister, Dr. Parrish's academic specializations include Urban Ministry; Womanist Theology; Theology, Ethics and Popular Culture; Theology and the Black Church; and Practical Theology.



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