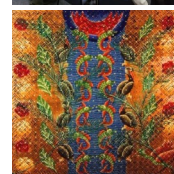


# Curating Community Through the Arts

Wesley Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry Program • May 2024

Application Deadline: February 29, 2024



When artists create works of art, they also generate and sustain communities. A study of religion and the arts is not only incomplete without the awareness of this reality, it misses a profound and engaging opportunity for ministry in a diverse and changing world. In this Doctor of Ministry track, we will explore and analyze the role of the arts in community formation from multiple disciplinary and methodological perspectives, including: Biblical Studies, theological aesthetics, the sociology of religion and visual, material and sensory studies.

## Class schedule:

**May 7-10, 2024**

*James Baldwin's Understanding of God*

*Dr. Josiah Young*

**May 13-17, 2024**

*Drama and Ministry*

*Prof. Deryl Davis*

**January 6-10, 2025**

*Creative Response to Community Trauma*

*Dr. Devon Abts*

**January 13-17, 2025**

*Arts in the Bible*

**May 13-16, 2025**

*Creative Worship*

*Dr. Hyemin Na*

*Future course topics may include:*

*"Music and the Creation of Community" and*

*"Creating Sacred Space: Shaping and Empowering Ministries"*

## Professors:

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

**Deryl Davis** is Adjunct Professor of Literature and Drama at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Hyemin J. Na** is Assistant Professor of Worship, Media and Culture and Chapel Elder of Oxnam Chapel at Wesley Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Josiah U. Young III** is Professor of Systematic Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary.

In addition, students are required to complete two elective courses from several classroom and online options as well as the required Project Seminar. The Project Seminar is offered January and May on campus and Summer and Fall online. Students need to have completed 24 credit hours, which must include the core courses, to register for the Project Seminar.

**Estimated Graduation: May 2027**

**Apply by February 29, 2024**



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