

Leadership Challenging Transforming Theological

 INSTITUTE
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& LEADERSHIP
Virginia Theological Seminary
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2011-2012 Program Listing

LIFETIME THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Lifetime Theological Education courses immerse clergy and lay leaders in a seminary environment for learning, enrichment and reflection.

Study Refresher for Church Leaders

September 26 – 30, 2011; October 17 – 21, 2011;
February 27 – March 2, 2012; & April 16 – 20, 2012
Cost: \$645 (\$565 for alums using a free alum night)

Enjoy a week-long Ministry Refreshment Residency for clergy and lay professionals who desire to engage in self-directed study using the rich resources of Virginia Seminary and the greater Washington DC area.

Congregational Leadership Seminar

The Rev. Jacques Hadler
October 24 – 26, 2011; February 27 – 29, 2012;
& April 23 – 25, 2012
Cost: \$1300, \$330 for room and board
(available for first session only)

This three-part seminar addresses the intense emotional side of congregations through Edwin Friedman's family systems applications to clergy and lay professional leadership. Deadline to register is October 10th. Minimum of 8 participants. Sessions begin each day at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

Evangelism Bootcamp

September 21, 2011, 6:30 PM – September 24, 2011, 3:00 PM
Registration coming soon!

What is your Christian story? What is the story of God's work in others around you? ICFL partners with the Episcopal Seminarians' Evangelism Network for an immersion in the fundamentals of sharing the Good News of Christ. We will join together with Episcopal evangelistic leaders to: 1) Learn and practice "evangelistic listening" and personal faith sharing, 2) Learn skills for effective public witness and basic community organizing, and 3) Learn skills for building and fostering new faith communities.

Leadership for the Changing Church: Effective Clergy-Lay Partnerships to Revitalize Congregations

Episcopal Church Foundation
February 11, 2012, 9 AM – 3 PM
Cost: \$40

Our changing Episcopal Church demands new models for congregational leadership that emphasize discernment of gifts, collaboration and partnership, evaluation and accountability and mobilization for mission. This provocative and interactive workshop will explore practical and innovative roles for clergy and lay leaders to respond to the challenges and opportunities facing the Church of the 21st century.

Building Philanthropic and Collaborative Relationships at Episcopal Early Childhood Education Programs

The Rev. Dan Heischman, Executive Director,
National Association of Episcopal Schools
Mary Ellen Christy, Headmistress,
St. Chrysostom Day School, Chicago, IL
Elizabeth Hogen, Head of School,
Resurrection Episcopal Day School, New York, NY
April 11, 2012, 9 AM – 3 PM
For more information visit
www.episcopalschools.org/eceday2012/

PREPARE/ENRICH Training for Marriage Preparation for clergy & lay counselors

The Rev. Dr. David Gortner
October 21, 2011, 4 PM – 6 PM;
& October 22, 2011 8:30 AM – 4 PM
Cost: \$175

PREPARE/ENRICH is one of the most widely used tools for working with couples preparing for marriage and married couples wanting to improve their relationships. The Rev. Dr. David Gortner, a psychologist and Episcopal priest, will offer a one day training in PREPARE/ENRICH. A Friday evening pre-session, an additional option for all participants, will introduce religious frameworks and other useful tools for work with couples.

CENTER FOR THE MINISTRY OF TEACHING

The Center for the Ministry of Teaching supports leaders in Christian formation for all ages in churches, schools, camps and homes.

Spiritual Vitality after 70

*Dr. Lisa Kimball; Ms. Dorothy Linthicum; The Rev. John Daniels
Saturday, November 19th, 2011, 10 AM – 3 PM*

Cost: \$40 on site (includes lunch), \$25 off site via video conference

People are living longer and healthier lives. By exploring psychological, emotional and physical changes that come with aging, we will identify characteristics of and approaches to healthy faith in later life.

Saint Nicholas & Saint Lucia Day at Key Hall

Saturday, December 10, 2011, 10 AM – Noon

Cost: Free

Fun for the whole family with storytelling and a visit from Saint Nicholas and Saint Lucia!

Vacation Bible School Fair

February 24 – March 3, 2012, Regular Key Hall Hours

Cost: Free

2012 VBS curricula and reviews available at Key Hall. Reviews will also be posted on the Center for the Ministry of Teaching (CMT) website.

Fashioning Lifelong Faith through Creative Curriculum

Ms. Dorothy Linthicum

Saturday, March 10, 2012, 10 AM – 3 PM

Cost: \$40 on site (includes lunch), \$25 off site via video conference

Media-rich, multi-cultural and multi-tasking lives need to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ in multi-dimensional and adaptive ways. By weaving tradition with innovation, come discover how your congregation can build on its strengths and form faithful disciples.

e-Formation for All Ages

Dr. Lisa Kimball

Mr. John Roberto

Sunday, June 10 – Tuesday, June 12, 2012,

3 pm Sunday – 1:30 p.m. Tuesday

Registration coming soon!

This F2F (face-to-face) Learning X-change on digital media and technology, is targeted to educators and youth ministers in congregations, schools and camps. Participants will explore best practices for using the power of the web and other e-tools for Christian formation through presentations, hands-on workshops, & sharing recommended resources.

EVENING SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

The Evening School is open to all who wish to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and experience.

In 2011-2012, the Evening School will offer two types of learning experiences. In addition to our traditional ten-week courses, a limited number of places will be available to Evening School students in two twelve-week courses at the master's level.

For more information, please visit vts.edu/icfl/evening.

The Sermon on the Mount

The Rev. Dr. John Yieh

Tuesdays, September 6 to December 13, 2011, 7:00 – 9:45 PM

Cost: \$200

The Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) represents some of Jesus' most distinctive teachings on life in the kingdom of God. This course seeks to understand the Sermon on the Mount's main themes, examine its varied interpretations, and evaluate its historical effects in order to learn how best to use it for theological reflection and moral deliberation concerning Christian life and social actions today.

Synagogues, Churches and Mosques: Holy Places for the Children of Abraham

The Rev. John Runkle

Thursdays, September 15 to November 17, 2011, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Cost: \$125

Explore the core beliefs and spirituality of Judaism, Christianity and Islam as revealed through the architecture of their respective places of worship in this course.

Exodus and Liberation Theology

Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams

Tuesdays, January 31 to May 8, 2012, 7:00 – 9:45 PM

Cost: \$200

Using the book of Exodus as a primary text, this course will explore the principles of liberation theology and how the legal/wilderness tradition interacts with liberation theology. We will then read a variety of secondary texts and critically examine the extent to which various individuals and communities of faith have used Exodus in developing their own theology of liberation.

The Question of God: The Search for Truth in the Writings of C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud

Dr. Patricia Lyons

Tuesdays, February 7 to April 17, 2012, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Cost: \$125

Arguably, few individuals have influenced the moral fabric of contemporary Western civilization more than Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis. The purpose of this course is to look at human life from two diametrically opposed points of view: those of the believer and the unbeliever. By examining the life and writings of these two thinkers, participants can come to a clearer and more confident understanding of their own worldview and what forms it.

Join us!
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CONCENTRATED RESIDENCY DEGREE PROGRAMS

In addition to fulltime residential theological education, VTS offers two flexible degrees with concentrated residencies.

*January Term Residency
January 9, 2012 – January 20, 2012*

*Summer Term Residency
June 25, 2012 – July 13, 2012*

Doctor of Ministry Programs (DMin)

The unparalleled Doctor of Ministry programs at VTS give an ideal opportunity to strengthen, clarify and sharpen one's skills in congregational or educational ministry settings.

*Educational Leadership
Ministry Development*

For more information visit www.vts.edu/icfl/doctor

Master of Arts (MA)

The Master of Arts program prepares students for competent theological engagement and leadership in a variety of settings.

*Theological Studies
Christian Formation
Interdisciplinary Studies in Religion
Biblical Interpretation*

For more information: www.vts.edu/admissions

THEOLOGY AND THEATRE

Open to all.

Divining Shakespeare: Pre-Performance Discussion from a Theological Perspective - The Heir Apparent

The Rev. Dr. Roger Ferlo

September 14, 2011, 5 PM Ives' THE HEIR APPARENT

December 7, 2011, 5 PM Shakespeare's MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

April 4, 2012; 5 PM O'Neill's STRANGE INTERLUDE

Cost: Pre-performance discussion is free

These presentations at the Harmon Center for the Arts in Washington, DC are co-sponsored by the Institute for Christian Formation and Leadership at Virginia Theological Seminary and the Shakespeare Theater Company of Washington, DC. Tickets to both the pre-performance discussions and the performances are available through the Shakespeare Theatre box office: 202.547.1122. There is no charge for the pre-performance discussion. For more information, visit ShakespeareTheatre.org.

FRIDAYS AT THE SEMINARY

These day-long seminars are open to all who want to spend a day with colleagues and friends in theological reflection.

Cost: \$40 per seminar; includes lunch

Technology, Theology and Teaching

*Mary E. Hess, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership,
Luther Seminary*

December 2, 2011, 9 AM – 3 PM

Understood and used well, digital technologies can enhance teaching and learning, and better align them with Christian belief and practice. Current educational research and proven methods will be used to explore the benefits and challenges of e-learning in church, school, and seminary.

Meditating with Icons: Advent Quiet Day

The Rev. Dr. Bill Roberts

December 9, 2011, 9 AM – 3 PM

Long considered the province of the Eastern Church, icons have sometimes been considered suspicious, if not idolatrous, by the West. Now, with a renewed interest in mysticism, icons, known as “windows into heaven,” have become more popular. We will reflect upon the use of icons, as well as music, that invite us to explore the inner life of the Spirit. Additional resource material fee.

Nimble Believing: Lenten Quiet Day

The Rev. Dr. Roger Ferlo

March 16, 2012, 9 AM – 3 PM

Truth-telling in metaphor—or, as Emily Dickinson put it, “telling it slant”—often brings us closer to the heart of God than our own more direct forms of prayer. Join us for a Lenten Quiet Day as we explore the implications of Dickinson's insight in the work of four English-speaking poets—George Herbert, W.H. Auden, Rowan Williams, and Dickinson herself.

The Institute for Christian Formation and Leadership prepares confident, innovative Christian leaders, both clergy and lay, to meet the needs of a changing church in a changing world.

Join us!

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