

SUMMER LEADERSHIP SPEAKER SERIES
Virginia Theological Seminary
Institute for Christian Formation and Leadership
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Wednesday, June 24th, 7:30pm – 9:30pm, Addison Academic Center, Room 101
Free lecture; refreshments served

Facing into the Wind: Lessons on Leadership from Conflicts in The Episcopal Church
The Rev. C. K. Robertson, Ph.D.
Canon to the Presiding Bishop

Conflict has always been part of the Church's life. From Richard Hooker's struggles in the 1600s to create a middle way, to the efforts for unity by the conveners of the initial Lambeth Conferences in the 1800s, to the responses to the ordination of women in the 1970s, we will explore today's issues of belief and belonging, control and chaos, and our future together in the face of a spiral of unmanaged conflict.

Wednesday, July 1st, 7:30pm – 9:30pm, Lettie Pate Evans Auditorium
Free lecture; refreshments served

Moral Life of Schools: Why Good Schools Are Counter-Cultural
Patrick F. Bassett
President, National Association for Independent Schools

NAIS president Patrick F. Bassett examines the values embedded in the "second curriculum" or "character curriculum" of independent schools. What do we and should we hope for our children? What do strong character development programs look like? How do leaders model moral decision-making? We know how to make "right vs. wrong" decisions: How do we make "right vs. right" decisions? What characterizes "schools of integrity?"

Wednesday, July 8th, 7:30pm – 9:30pm, Lettie Pate Evans Auditorium
Free lecture; refreshments served

When Conflicts Don't Seem to Resolve: Lessons from South Africa
Ms. Theresa Edlmann
Founder and Director, The SPIRALS Trust, Grahamstown, South Africa

South Africa's transition from apartheid to democracy is proving to be a long and complex journey. Drawing on her work as a transformation facilitator, Theresa Edlmann will reflect on her insights from having been part of this transition; the factors that feed spiritual and social transformation, those that entrench patterns of violence and trauma and the irrepressible messages of hope that are always available to those who seek them.

Friday, July 10, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm & Saturday, July 11, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Conflict Engagement Workshop
\$150.00 workshop fee including Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast & Saturday lunch
Contact 703-461-1752 for housing availability and rates
Lettie Pate Evans Auditorium
Theresa Edlmann
Founder and Director, The SPIRALS Trust, Grahamstown, South Africa

Being a leader inevitably involves engaging with conflict on a regular basis. Unfortunately, conflicts do not always resolve or reach tidy closure. This workshop will explore strategies to engage with conflict that invite ongoing healing at a personal, organisational and social level. Using open, participative, action-learning based methods, Theresa Edlmann will offer insights and theory drawn from her work in the South African context, inviting dialogue based on the wisdom and experience of those participating in the course.

Speaker Biographies



Patrick F. Bassett became the president of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) in August 2001. NAIS serves more than 1,350 independent (private) schools and associations of schools in the U.S. and abroad.

Bassett began his career in independent schools in 1970 as an English teacher and lacrosse coach at Woodberry Forrest School (Virginia), an all boys boarding school. In 1980, he became headmaster of an all-girls school, Stuart Hall (Virginia); in 1989, he named head of a coeducational school, Pomfret (Connecticut), followed by an appointment to become president of ISACS, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (1993-2001). He has served on many boards, has published prolifically, and been awarded many distinctions, including being named a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow, and being the recipient of the Educational Leadership Award from The Klingenstein Center, Teachers College, Columbia University, where he also holds the position of adjunct faculty member. In April 2009 The European Council for International Schools recognized Bassett with its annual award for promotion of International Education.



Theresa Edlmann identifies herself, paradoxically, as a daughter of Africa and of colonialism, whose ambition in life is to be a catalyst for healing and nonviolence. She has worked as a leader and facilitator in many sectors, but always with the intention of enabling transformation of identities shaped by violence and oppression. Her areas of work have included teaching in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions, working for support structures working alongside the South

African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, being the founding Director of a non-profit called The Spirals Trust, mentoring Mandela Rhodes Foundation scholars and participating in HF Guggenheim Foundation consultations aimed at supporting transitional justice processes in South Africa and Uganda. She has recently begun work on a doctorate at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa, that explores the current psychosocial impact of apartheid era war veterans' experiences.



The Rev. Dr. C. K. Robertson is Canon to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, having previously served as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Arizona and Honorary Canon of the Diocese of Dar es Salaam. Holding a Ph.D. from Durham University and a Fellowship from the Episcopal Church Foundation, Dr. Robertson is the author or editor of many works, including his most recent books, *Transforming Stewardship* (Church Publishing) and *Global Perspectives on Jesus and Paul* (T&T Clark). He lives in New Jersey with his wife Debbie and their three children.