

INTERSECTIONAL CARE IN A DIVIDED WORLD

COURAGE, RESISTANCE, AND HOPE

2024 SPT Annual Study Conference

New Brunswick, NJ

June 4-7, 2024



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We are witnesses to a perilous and precarious world. Wealth discrepancies, post-pandemic loss and malaise, socio-political injustices, polarized communities, and the desire to control human bodies are among the societal forces fueling the turmoil. A looming climate crisis intensifies the world's predicament. Too many persons experience loneliness, anxiety, fear, trauma, and despair as they long for societal justice, belonging, and flourishing. Pastoral theologians, whether scholars, teachers, faith leaders, chaplains, counselors, spiritual care practitioners, activists, and other transformational agents, have taught us to understand reality through intersectional analysis and employ wisdom to move toward wholeness in an unjust world. They empower persons and communities to grow in resistance and resilience, in purpose and hope.

The 2024 Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Meeting aims at quickening the Society's recognized history of exposing, challenging, and resisting the powers that render us vulnerable and disempowered. Courageous conversations, just care, and community-building across differences are required. We can be(come) a compassionate, caring people.

Join us in this charge.

FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Greetings! Our 2024 Annual Study is coming soon!

From June 4-7, 2024 we'll meet, in person, at New Brunswick Theological Seminary (New Brunswick, New Jersey) around the theme: Intersectional Care in a Divided World: Courage, Resistance, and Hope.

This conference promises to be yet another extraordinary experience, intentionally focusing on care across differences and in a world crying for recognition, restoration, and justice.

The conference registration is now open! Please visit our SPT website for more information.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Please go to our website to register
for the annual conference!

[Click for the link.](#)

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2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OUR PLENARY SPEAKERS

Dr. Rachelle Green

JUST MERCY, JUST CARE: LESSONS FROM CARCERAL SPACES



Rachelle Renee Green is assistant professor of Practical Theology and Education at Fordham University's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education. Her interdisciplinary scholarship brings together liberationist theologies, social ethics, and critical pedagogies to explore theologies and philosophies of education for populations on the margins of academic discourse.

Rachelle is a former director of the Certificate in Theological Studies Program at Lee Arrendale Prison for Women in Georgia. She comes to theological scholarship after a career in business management and strategic marketing where she focused on the needs of women and families of color. Rachelle is a licensed minister in the National Baptist Convention, USA. She is an alum of Emory University (PhD 2019) and Emory's Candler School of Theology (M.Div. 2014).

Dr. Jay-Paul M. Hinds

THE SHEPHERD'S BLACK SHEEP: AFRICAN AMERICAN PASTORAL THEOLOGY IN THE AGE OF AFROPESSIMISM



Jay-Paul M. Hinds is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. He received his PhD in religion and a Certificate of Psychoanalytic Studies from Emory University, with a concentration in religious practices and practical theology. He earned his Master of Divinity and Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Bachelor of Arts: religion, cum laude, from Felician College.

Prior to teaching at Princeton Seminary, Hinds served as assistant professor of pastoral care, practical theology, and psychology of religion at Howard University School of Divinity. His recent book is: *A Gift Grows in the Ghetto: Reimagining the Spiritual Lives of Black Men* (WJK Press, 2022).

OUR RESPONDENTS

Dr. Mary Clark Moschella



Mary Clark Moschella is the Roger J. Squire Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Yale Divinity School. Prior to joining the YDS faculty in 2010, she taught at Wesley Theological Seminary for ten years; before that she served as a pastor in UCC congregations in Massachusetts for thirteen years. Among her publications are: *Caring for Joy: Narrative, Theology, and Practice* (Brill, 2016); *The Edward Wimberly Reader*, co-edited with Lee H. Butler, Jr. (Baylor University Press, 2020); and the 2nd edition of *Ethnography as a Pastoral Practice* (Pilgrim, 2023).

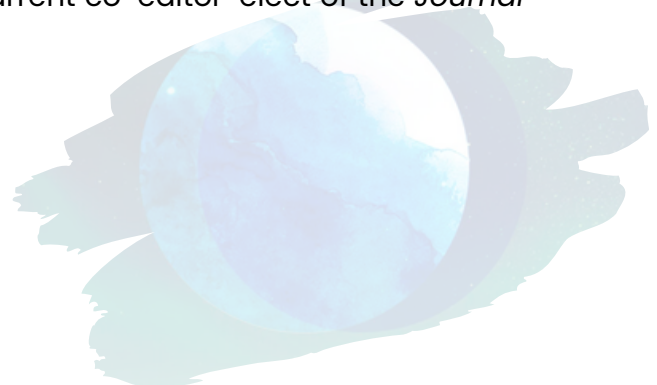
Her current scholarship articulates a narrative approach to pastoral and spiritual care practices. She also studies prison-based literature and teaches Inside/Out courses that bring divinity students and incarcerated students together in carceral settings. Dr. Moschella is the current co-editor-elect of the *Journal of Pastoral Theology*.

Dr. Eunil David Cho



David Cho is Assistant Professor of Spiritual Care and Counseling at Boston University School of Theology. His research focuses on pastoral theology and spiritual care, especially among immigrant and refugee communities, engages the fields of narrative theories and therapy, psychology of religion, sociology of religion, and intercultural studies. His work in progress is tentatively titled, *Making Sense of Life with God: Religious Stories Dreamers Tell in the Face of Uncertainty* (Brill's Theology in Practice Series).

Dr. Cho is a former editor (2015–2018) of *Practical Matters: Journal of Practical Theology and Religious Practices* published by the Initiative in Religious Practice and Practical Theology at Emory University. He is the current co-editor-elect of the *Journal of Pastoral Theology*.



WORKSHOP LEADERS & DESCRIPTIONS

Workshop Session #1

PORTRAITS, PHOTOGRAPHS, PASTORAL CARE, AND IMPOSSIBLE MASCULINITY

Jamar Turner is a public theologian, public artist, and hospital chaplain born and bred in Columbus, Ohio. He connects his identity as an artist, with his spirituality, and a desire to protest, educate, and advocate. Turner is currently in pursuit of a Doctorate in Ministry degree through United Theological Seminary of Twin Cities and on his road to dissertation he is publishing an article, entitled "A Care Ethic of Revision for the Care of Black men and their Families: Disrupting Black Male Spiritualization, Systemic Un-health, and Moral Transgression with Womanist Care Strategies," with the *Journal of Pastoral Theology*.



He also provided a workshop discussing the Black Artist Aesthetic and its impact on spiritual care and cultural violence at the Annual ACPE Conference 2024 and looks forward to sharing with the Society of Pastoral Theology.

This workshop will discuss Critical Artist Intervention for the Care of Souls. It will utilize artist interviews as well as art pieces to develop a Black artist aesthetic that seeks to disrupt cultural violence against Black bodies in general but Black men specifically. Then we will analyze these interventions through the field of visual studies and race by examining key terms like "looking," "seeing," and "gazing" to discuss origin and social construction which is preliminary in disrupting cultural violence rooted in such gazes. Finally, we will translate new looking practices into spiritual care interventions for actual people integrating Turner's Care Ethic of Revision or womanist care for Black men theory and the Black artist aesthetic. We presume that this critical artist intervention rooted in pre-womanist art care practices (the integration of the Black women's artcare practice during the Black Arts Movement and Chapman-Lape's Womanist Care Paradigm) creates for us a care for Black men that embraces beauty while also being transformative, intersectional, oppression sensitive, and subversive.

Workshop Session #2

DIFFERENTIATION AND JEONG: RE-THINKING BOUNDARY IN INTERCULTURAL SPIRITUAL CARE AND COUNSELLING

Rev. Dr. Mi-Weon Yang is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Intercultural Counselling at Knox College (University of Toronto). She is a Registered Psychotherapist, an Approved Supervisor (AAMFT), and a Provisional Supervisor-Educator. She holds an MDiv and ThM from Knox College and a PhD St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto.



She has vast congregational leadership experience. Dr. Yang is particularly interested in spiritual care and practice in an intercultural context. She feels people from diverse cultures have often found her to be a resource for their lives as they could easily identify themselves with her.

This workshop examines the cultural, clinical, and theological validity of Bowenian concept of differentiation and the concept of boundary in the context of intercultural spiritual care and counseling. It particularly considers the concept of jeong, a Korean word, the warm, familiar, sometimes sticky sense of connection and belonging. Jeong develops by staying close to one another or as a group for a long time, by sharing hearts and materials. According to the traditional understanding of differentiation and boundary, practicing jeong of Koreans could be perceived “fusion with others” or crossing the boundary. In fact, it could simply represent their following of Korean social and cultural virtue. The workshop aims to increase the intercultural awareness in the practice of spiritual care and counselling and teaching pastoral theology.

Workshop Session #3

MULTIVALENT CARE IN A DIVIDED WORLD: THE DIVORCE OF MEDICINE AND RELIGION AND ONGOING RECONCILIATIONS

Rev. Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner is Professor of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology Perkins School of Theology (Southern Methodist University).

One of her greatest joys has been working with members of SPT as editor or co-editor of five volumes focusing on the issues, rights, and needs of women. Starting in 1986, this collaborative and collegial effort resulted in textbooks on spiritual and pastoral care of women.



It all started at SPT of which she later served as President. Each January, she teaches a course on Healthcare Holy Care within the walls of Houston Methodist Hospital; this immersive class creates steady interest in chaplaincy. She is currently a member of the Pastoral Care Advisory Boards at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas, and at the Methodist Hospitals, Dallas. Students at Perkins (interested in pastoral care) train in rape crisis centers, domestic violence programs, shelters, and a community mental health clinic as well as in the traditional classroom. Her recent interest in research and writing has focused on multivalent healing; her book *Physician of Souls* will be released Spring 2024.

The separation of medicine and religion has been traced to Hippocrates, often referred to as “the father of modern medicine.” This workshop seeks three outcomes: to decrease this divide through the development of multivalent care, an openness to broader avenues of healing and cures (psychedelics, energy medicine, trauma-informed yoga, etc.); to develop an Oath or credo that goes beyond that of Hippocrates and works fiercely and boldly to prevent harm, trauma, and abuse; to consider the role of “physician of the soul” in interface with physicians of the body and mind. [Methodology: case studies; interviews; writing an Oath or Credo (as a group); free association; short presentation by JSM) Case studies (verbal or written) are welcome. Please alert me in advance.

Workshop Session #4

LEARNING COURAGE, RESISTANCE, AND HOPE FROM THE LIVES OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Keith A. Menhinick is a visiting assistant professor of pastoral care and pastoral theology, and the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) liaison at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. Menhinick works at the intersections of pastoral and practical theology, with particular attention to trauma resiliency, religious practice, spiritual formation, and practices of care in marginalized communities.



Rev. Dr. Cody J. Sanders is Associate Professor of Congregational and Community Care Leadership at Luther Seminary. Sanders's scholarship focuses on pastoral theology and counseling, with particular emphasis in chaplaincy, spiritual care, death-care practices, and LGBTQ+ experience. Sanders is the author of numerous books, most recently *Corpse Care: Ethics for Tending the Dead* with Mikael Parsons (Fortress, 2023), and *Christianity, LGBTQ Suicide, and the Souls of Queer Folk* (Lexington, 2020),



As pastoral theologians Menhinick and Sanders work at the intersection of LGBTQ+ lives and theological practices of courage, resistance, and hope. Their recent work has developed practical theological notions of "queer resilience" (Menhinick, 2022) and nuanced understandings of LGBTQ+ experience along the stress-trauma continuum, including types of "chrono-stress" and "temporal trauma" in which collective pasts are absented and possible futures are foreclosed upon for LGBTQ+ people (Menhinick & Sanders, 2023).

Despite many gains in LGBTQ+ rights in recent decades, this is a time of great peril and precarity for LGBTQ+ people in the U.S. and in other global contexts. As of March 12, 2024, the ACLU is tracking 478 anti-LGBTQ bills in state legislatures across the U.S. – following 2023's record-breaking year in which 70 such bills passed their legislative process. According to the HRC, hate crime violence based on gender identity was up 32.9% in 2023 from the prior year in the U.S., while crimes based on sexual orientation were up 13.8%, with race playing an outsized role in the bodies most targeted. Yet, LGBTQ+ people have long practiced communal care at the margins of a violent society, producing lessons in courage, resistance, and hope from which scholar-practitioners of care and faith communities can learn as we move into what is likely to be another election cycle in which xenophobic rhetoric and violence plays an alarming role. This workshop, which will develop new understandings of LGBTQ+ experience along both the stress-trauma and the resilience-growth-hope continua, is beneficial to academics teaching LGBTQ+ care in seminary settings, as well as to clinicians, chaplains, and pastors who seek to hone critical perspectives and clinical skills in the provision of LGBTQ+ spiritual care.

Workshop Session #5

CLINICAL CASE PRESENTATIONS OF DIVISION: TRAUMA, PSYCHOSIS, AND RESISTANCE

Candice M. NunnTelfort (They/She) is a doctoral candidate at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Pastoral Theology, Personality, and Culture - Clinical Track at the Center for Religion and Psychotherapy of Chicago. With a Bachelor of Science in Religious Studies and Political Science from Lincoln University, a Historically Black College and University ("HBCU"), and a Master of Theological Studies from Vanderbilt Divinity School in Religion, Psychology, and Culture, Candice brings a rich interdisciplinary background to their research.



Currently, they work at Openings, a clinic for Psychosis and Extreme States at Depth Counseling in Chicago, Illinois. Their dissertation lives at the confluence of antiBlackness, psychosis and psychoanalysis.

Hamin Kwak is a Ph.D. Candidate in Pastoral Theology, Personality and Culture at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He majored in pastoral theology and postcolonial studies. Hamin is also professionally trained in clinical psychology at the Center for Religion and Psychotherapy of Chicago and is actively working as a psychotherapist post-intern in the Chicago Mental Health Institute. His dissertation is focused on decolonial critiques of religious systems and moral injury.



Kenya Tuttle is a doctoral student at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in the area of Pastoral Theology, Personality and Culture (Clinical Track). She completed the self-psychology certification at the Center for Religion and Psychotherapy of Chicago. She is currently co-facilitating an afterschool program focusing on building healthy relationships and identities, that draws on research supporting the importance of creating a Black girl space in an antiblackgirlhood society.



Her research interest centers Black women and girls' interpersonal relationships and ask how Black girls are affected by intergenerational trauma by focusing on how we can move from resistance for survival to resistance for liberation.

This workshop will elucidate the various division sectors and explore the cultural ramifications of personhood. Citing different theoretical foundations such as psychoanalysis, Womanism, and trauma theory, the workshop will evaluate personal clinical experiences demonstrating fragmentations in society's social fabric. The purpose of this workshop is to create an interdisciplinary clinical conversation focused on how divisions in our world are created, sustained, and resisted. Clinical cases will

be presented that demonstrate the ways our divisive society creates milieus of alienation, trauma, and psychosis. It is evident that division has a life-limiting and detrimental effect on individuals and social groups. By demonstrating the divided world in the clinical form of psychosis and trauma, this panel contributes to understanding the multifaceted aspects of the divisions and their impact on one's psychological, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being. This workshop also aims to expand our understanding of the role of the unconscious in personhood.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

Dr. Davi C. Ribeiro Lin

AUGUSTINE'S CONFESSIONS AS NARRATIVE MEANING MAKING FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN PASTORAL FORMATION



Dr. Davi C. Ribeiro Lin is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. His interest in pastoral theology and ministry have been shaped by an interdisciplinary perspective; he is trained in practical theology, counseling psychology, and the pastoral perspective of Augustine of Hippo. Dr. Ribeiro Lin has served for a decade as an evangelical pastor in Brazil. As someone who was raised between two cultures (Brazilian mother and a Taiwanese father), he soon realized how grace and truth were to be cultivated in order to foster unity in diversity, both in family, church and society.

Dr. Ribeiro Lin received degrees in Brazil and Canada and completed his joint PhD at KU Leuven/Louvain, Belgium and FAJE, Brazil (Summa Cum Laude) and with a dissertation on how Augustine's Confessions are not merely an auto-biography but a theography, an other-centered narrative of a person-in-relation that uses the motif of confessio ("opening the wounds of sin," "praising the doctor"), to stand as a patient, a theological therapy (Langham Literature, forthcoming).

This interdisciplinary research project examines Augustine's theology and its mental health effects by constructing a narrative writing model based on his Confessions. Although Confessions addresses God as the doctor of his inner life and elicits a health-oriented response, its therapeutic vision and effects have never been empirically and systematically studied. This project combines three research lines: (I) it explores Confessions as a narrative of loss intersected by redemptive theological meaning (II) it implements an Augustinian theological pedagogy that stimulates narrative meaning making (III) it assesses the health outcomes of participant's writings deriving from the integration of meaning making into narratives of seminary students in São Paulo (Brazil) and Boston (USA). This study will result in (I) critical reconstruction of Confessions' theology in dialogue with psychological research (II) understanding of the pedagogical process that stimulates therapeutic narratives across cultures.

SOCIETY LUNCHEON

The Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Ramsay

TITLE: “STEWARDS OF OUR FIELD IN 2024: RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME AS PASTORAL THEOLOGIANS”



Nancy J. Ramsay, PhD, is Emerita Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care, Brite Divinity School on the campus of TCU in Fort Worth, TX where she also so served as Ex. VP and Dean 2005–2012. She serves as the Director of the Soul Repair Center at Brite which offers monthly webinars (Sept–May) co-sponsored by the Shay Center on Moral injury at VOA. These webinars address the implications of military moral injury for practices of care with veterans and active-duty military personnel informed by current clinical best practices, interreligious perspectives, and intersectional analyses.

Prior to her service at Brite, Nancy served as the Harrison Ray Anderson Professor of Pastoral Theology at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary (1983–2005). Her most recent book, co-edited with Carrie Doehring, is *Military Moral Injury and Spiritual Care: A Resource for Religious Leaders and Spiritual Caregivers*. (Chalice, 2019). Her current writing project addresses the usefulness of intersectional resources for equipping diverse religious leaders and seminarians to draw on intersectional analyses and strategies in addressing structural racism and other forms of injustice. Nancy is a Presbyterian clergywoman.

STUDY GROUPS

1. Pastoral Theology and Climate Change

Christine Tind Johanssen (ctj@km.dk)

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The Pastoral Theology and Climate Change Study Group will meet to share our works-in-progress, discuss opportunities to publish together and will feature a conversation lead by Karin Craven titled, “Exploring our Nature as Earth Creatures.” The conversation will invite exploration of resources, practices, pedagogies and communal actions that resist powers of injustice by rooting humans in our earthen-ness - connected to the land, to other creatures, and to God. It will be a generative conversation. All are welcome!

2. Religious Practices and Pastoral Research

Mary Moschella (mary.moschella@yale.edu)

Eileen Campbell-Reed (eileen.campbellreed@gmail.com)

We are pleased to announce that two scholars will present their work-in-progress at this year's meeting of the study group: Dr. Hee Jin Lee will speak on "Survival Spirituality: Transmission of Trauma in Narratives of Korean Descendants in the United States." Dr. Keith A. Menhinick will present "Chasing Queer and Trans Resilience: On the Limits of Trauma and the Promises of Queerness." All participants in the group will be invited to discuss these projects and share a little bit about their own research. This year the leadership of the study group is going through a time of transition. Raynard Smith has resigned after many years of service; we are grateful to him. Eileen Campbell-Reed has joined the leadership team with Mary Clark Moschella, who will rotate off next year.

3. Embodiment

Felicity Kelcourse (fkelcourse@cts.edu)

This study group will engage in an experiential narrative practice focused on ways in which trauma and marginalization in personal and cultural narratives impact our bodies. This exercise is designed for participants' growth and potential to use with students in our teaching. An article will be distributed prior to the conference. Suzanne Coyle will be facilitating the group at the 2024 Study Conference.

4. Postcolonialism, Globalization, and Pastoral Care

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Cedric Johnson (cedcjohnson@gmail.com)

Hee-Kyu Heidi Park (heidi.park@me.com)

The Postcolonialism, Globalization, and Pastoral Care Study Group is pleased to announce that Dr. Hellena Moon will be presenting on her recently published book, *Liberalism and Colonial Violence: Charting a New Genealogy of Spiritual Care*. Dr. Jim Higginbotham will be the respondent. Dr. Moon's book explores the aporias of liberal democracy, freedom, care, and justice—with the seemingly at-odds ideas of neoliberal fascism, racism, sexism, and other forms of violence. Dr. Moon examines the intertwined concepts of justice and freedom with fascist ideas that unsettle democratic practices of freedom and political equality. There is ongoing tension that uproots democratic practices driven by the very ideals of democracy itself. Freedom is acquired for one group while circumscribing it for others. In analyzing the troubling neoliberal fascist leanings of our times, Dr. Moon explores the origins of US liberalism to diagnose our current state of politico-theological abyss. In that regard, our own field of pastoral care needs to address its complicity in the current devolving situation of the neoliberal fascist ideologies in US society. Fascist and nationalist ideologies rely foremost on perpetuating mythic ideologies, masking reality, and controlling our epistemologies. In charting a new genealogy for spiritual care, Dr. Moon argues that the image of care as articulated by W. E. B. Du Bois—one of Third World liberation that addresses the decoloniality of the entombed soul—should be the primary genealogy of spiritual care for our field today. Please join us for a discussion of this important text!

5. Pastoral Care and the Therapies (new this year!)

Phillis Sheppard (phillis.i.sheppard@vanderbilt.edu)

Candice NunnTelfort (candice.nunn@garrett.edu)

This study group aims to curate a conversation between pastoral theology and therapeutic practices. In today's complex socio-cultural landscape, individuals often grapple with multifaceted issues that intertwine spiritual, psychological, and emotional dimensions. The study group seeks to explore the ways in which pastoral care and therapy can benefit from one another, ensuring a comprehensive approach to holistic well-being.

IMMERSION TRIP

The Reformed Church of Highland Park is a place to Approach God (Adoration and Confession), Receive a Fresh Word from God (Word & Sacrament) and a place to Response to God. 'Response defines the last part of our Sunday worship and carries through until the time we gather again the following week.

RCHP responds to God through pastoral care and education but also through the creation and maintenance of a plethora of spirit-driven non-profit organizations that transform the social landscape of central NJ.

The largest of the church-birtherd non-profits ([RCHP-Affordable Housing Corp](#)) has over 5,000 clients who are refugees, asylum seekers, victims of trafficking, unaccompanied minors, reentering citizens, etc... We focus on housing first, but as part of that offer complex and comprehensive case management, employment, ELL, mentoring, health, mental health services to our client base. We have offices in 7 cities in NJ and 190 employees.

We welcome the opportunity to share RCHP-AHC with all of you.

Message from Seth-Kaper Dale, Chief Executive Officer

STUDENT LUNCHEON

The student lunch will be coordinated by Candice M. NunnTelfort (They/She).

Please email Candice (candice.nunn@garrett.edu) if you are a student attending the conference and would like to join this lunch.

The Steering Committee is grateful for Candice's service.

PRE-CONFERENCE FOR SCHOLARS AND PRACTITIONERS OF COLOR

Information forthcoming. Stay tuned!



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

LOCATION

As communicated in the [Fall Newsletter](#), we will be meeting June 4-7, 2024 at [New Brunswick Theological Seminary](#). (New Brunswick, NJ) around the theme: Intersectional Care in a Divided World: Courage, Resistance, and Hope.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

There are numerous hotels in New Brunswick. The hotels closest to NBTS are:

Hyatt Regency New Brunswick

2 Albany St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

[hyatt.com](https://www.hyatt.com)

(732) 873-1234

18 min walk

The Heldrich Hotel & Conference Center

10 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

[theheldrich.com](https://www.theheldrich.com)

(732) 729-4670

21 min walk

Members are responsible for their own accommodation reservations. Due to using NBTS as our conference host the Steering Committee could not negotiate a discount rate with any hotel to benefit membership. More can be shared during the Conference Business Meeting.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please visit [our website](#) to register for the conference. If you are a current SPT Member, you must login to the SPT website to receive the discounted members-only rate. You will have to hit the button for registering again. If your membership has expired, renew your membership for 2024 now by logging into the website and selecting 'Join/Renew' under 'Membership.' If you are not an SPT member, join today and save on your SPT 2024 registration!

Should the hyperlinks not work, here are the direct link:

<https://societyforpastoraltheology.org/annual-meeting/registration/>

More information can be found online at <https://societyforpastoraltheology.org/join-spt/>



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Bird Rate (Through June 5)	Regular	Onsite
SPT Members	\$325	\$375	\$425
Student Members	\$200	\$200	\$200
Non-members	\$425	\$475	\$525

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CEUS)

The Steering Committee cannot provide CEUs for those who attend our Society meetings. A certificate confirming one's attendance at the meeting can be made available upon request. Please be sure to indicate your request on the registration form. The certificate will be made available at the conference registration desk.

SOCIETY JOURNAL

The Journal of Pastoral Theology (JPT) is the Society's journal of record, publishing annual (and later bi-annual) journals since 1990. Currently co-edited by Eunil David Cho (eunilcho@bu.edu) and Mary Clark Moschella (mary.moschella@yale.edu), JPT is now reviewing submissions for the 2024 issues.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Society welcomes to the membership any person with professional interests in the field of Pastoral Theology. Visit our website at www.societyforpastoraltheology.org and read the Mission Statement for the Society for Pastoral Theology which includes a definition of Pastoral Theology, and the Journal of Pastoral Theology's Statement of Purpose. One joins the Society and remains in good standing by paying annual dues. Please be reminded that dues are payable by calendar year (Payment date Plus one year)

If you have not renewed your membership, you will need to do so before registering for the conference. Society for Pastoral Theology membership can be renewed online by [clicking here](#). Annual dues for international members are waived; however, the registration fee for Society Annual Conferences is not waived. Canadian members are not regarded as international members.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Regular Member	\$100
Student Member	\$50
Fixed/Retired Member	\$50
International	\$0

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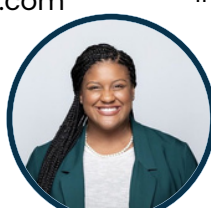
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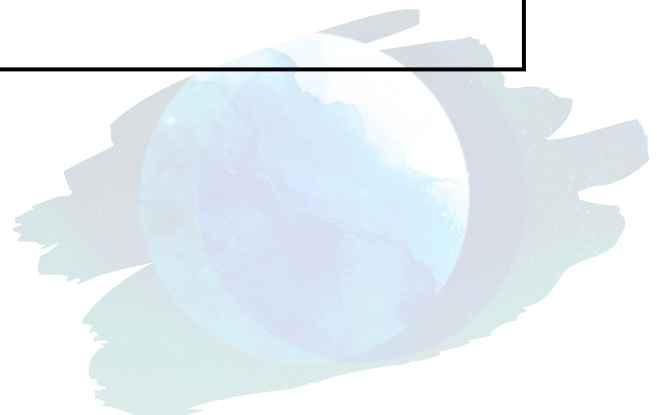


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2024 SPT ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 4	
6:00-9:00	Pre-Conference for Scholars and Practitioners of Color Dinner
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5	
8:30-11:30	Pre-conference for Scholars and Practitioners of Color
1:00-1:30	Welcome and Opening Liturgy
1:30-3:15	<p>Plenary I and Response: Dr. Jay-Paul M. Hinds: "The Shepherd's Black Sheep: African American Pastoral Theology in the Age of Afropessimism." Respondent: Dr. Eunil David Cho</p>
3:15-3:45	Refreshment Break
3:45-5:30	<p>Plenary II and Response: Dr. Rachelle Green: "Just Mercy, Just Care: Lessons from Carceral Spaces" Respondent: Dr. Mary Clark Moschella</p>
6:30-7:30	Society Reception
7:30	Dinner on your own
THURSDAY, JUNE 6	
7:00-8:15	Journal of Pastoral Theology Business Meeting
8:00-8:15	Morning Devotion



8:30-10:00	Workshops:
	1. Portraits, Photographs, Pastoral Care, and Impossible Masculinity Workshop
	2. Differentiation and jeong: Re-thinking boundary in intercultural spiritual care and counselling
	3. Multivalent Care in a Divided World: The Divorce of Medicine and Religion and Ongoing Reconciliations
	4. Learning Courage, Resistance, and Hope from the Lives of LGBTQ+ People
	5. Case Presentations of Division: Trauma, Psychosis, and Resistance
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-12:00	Study Groups:
	Religious Practices and Pastoral Research
	Pastoral Care and Psychotherapy
	Embodiment
	Postcolonialism, Globalization, and Pastoral Care
	Pastoral Theology and Climate Change
	Brain Sciences and Pastoral Theology
	Pastoral Theology and Climate Change
	Pastoral Care and Therapies
12:00-1:15	Lunch on your own



12:00-1:15	Student Luncheon
2:00-6:00	Immersion Experience
6:00-7:00	Break
7:00-9:00	Banquet
FRIDAY, JUNE 7	
7:00-8:15	Special Interest Groups:
	Faculty Teaching in Doctoral Programs in Pastoral Theology
	Doctor of Ministry Programs
8:15-8:30	Morning Devotion
8:30-9:45	Work-in-Progress: Dr. Davi C. Ribeiro Lin Augustine's Confessions as Narrative Meaning Making for Mental Health in Pastoral Formation
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-11:15	Society Conversation
11:15-12:15	Business Meeting
12:15-2:00	Society Luncheon: Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Ramsay "Stewards of Our Field in 2024: Responding to Challenges of our Time as Pastoral Theologians"
2:15-3:00	Closing Ritual

