



# HEAD STRONG, *Heart Felt*

WELCOME TO A WORLD OF LEARNING AT PERKINS

MARCH 30–APRIL 1, 2017

JOIN US AT PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY  
for three days of study focusing on the Bible, theology  
and spirituality with Perkins faculty and guest speakers.  
Courses are open to everyone!

## THURSDAY/FRIDAY TWO-DAY COURSES

Choose one course below that will meet Thursday (2 to 4:30 p.m.) and Friday (9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

T/F1

### Viewing the 2016 Presidential Election through the Bible

*Sze-kar Wan, Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology*



Upon analysis of the pivotal support Protestants and Catholics gave to nominees in the 2016 presidential election, it is clear that the Bible played a more important role than the media have given it credit. This class examines the interpretation of passages in the Bible, especially the New Testament, that influenced voters. Course participants will develop a framework to understand better how biblical interpretation has an impact on political views.

T/F2

### Group Bible Study and Difficult Dialogue in Contentious Contexts

*Susanne Johnson, Associate Professor of Christian Education, Perkins School of Theology*



In our eagerness to discern and disseminate “what the Bible really says” about issues that deeply divide us (e.g., sexual orientation, immigration, diverse faith traditions, poverty reduction, national identity), Bible study sessions may become emotionally charged, polarized places. In this interactive workshop, you’ll learn a Bible study method with strategic tools to foster mutual understanding among participants with divergent views. You’ll learn and practice ways of speaking, listening and crafting discussion questions that de-polarize and cultivate a “brave and safe space.”



## FRIDAY ONE-DAY COURSES

Choose one course below that will meet Friday (9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

*If you choose to attend a Thursday/Friday Two-Day course you cannot attend a Friday One-Day course.*

F1

### Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls

*Angela Kim Harkins, Associate Professor of New Testament, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry*



Discovered in 1947, the Dead Sea Scrolls have rightly been called the greatest manuscript discovery of the 20th century and have made a tremendous impact on how we understand ancient Judaism and Christianity. This course will review the contributions that the Dead Sea Scrolls have made to our understanding of the Old Testament and the different ways that scripture was experienced and realized during this time. The Scrolls have significantly transformed how we think about Judaism and Jewish practices of scripture interpretation and have helped to illuminate our understanding of the New Testament (e.g., John the Baptist, Messianic expectations).

F2

### Spiritual Autobiography: Writing our Faith

*Rebekah Miles, Professor of Ethics and Practical Theology, Perkins School of Theology*



Frederick Buechner wrote, "One of the deep springs of the autobiographical impulse is the effort not just to tell about yourself, but to become yourself." Spiritual autobiography is not the simple task of narrating events. In the telling, we become more fully who God intended us to be and are enabled to live out our callings more faithfully. During this workshop, we will look at the genre of spiritual autobiography, survey a handful of examples and, through guided exercise, begin to write our own. In both our reflections and writing, we will explore spiritual autobiography as a form of prayer and spiritual practice.

*View suggested readings for each course at: [smu.edu/perkins/ptsl](http://smu.edu/perkins/ptsl)*

## SATURDAY ONE-DAY COURSES

Choose one course from the following three that will meet Saturday (9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

S1

### **The Reign of Heaven ... What on Earth? The Heart of the Gospel of Matthew**

*Wes Allen, Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics, Perkins School of Theology*



In this workshop, we will examine the first gospel in the New Testament — the Gospel of Matthew — through the lens of its eschatology, that is, its theology of the end of times and the return of Christ. Modern readers often miss how strong an apocalyptic worldview this gospel offers. We not only will discover how much the Gospel of Matthew emphasizes eschatology, but we also will uncover clues for a non-literal way to understand eschatology in the 21st century.

S2

### **Holy Spirit 101**

*Jack Levison, W.J.A. Power Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew, Perkins School of Theology*



Seventeen words into the Bible, the Spirit of God hovers over a murky chaos. One-hundred thirteen words from the end of the Bible, the Spirit invites everyone who is thirsty to drink for free. At the start and finish of the Bible — Genesis 1:2 and Revelation 22:17 — the Spirit is there, bringing order to chaos and satisfaction to people with parched throats. From beginning to end, the Spirit is active, yet we know so little about the Spirit of God. Not any more! Spend a day in the presence of the Spirit — studying, questioning, wondering, learning. With our Bibles in hand, we will explore the unknown but not unknowable world of the Spirit.



## SATURDAY ONE-DAY COURSES (CONTINUED)

S3

### Social Holiness: Exploring Our Wesleyan Roots

*Hugo Magallanes, Associate Professor of Christianity and Cultures, Perkins School of Theology*



John Wesley's theology and ministry provide an important historical model for responding to the needs of the poor and other marginalized groups in church and society. The study of Wesley, the founder of modern Methodism, will provide helpful tools to develop an identity of solidarity with the poor and responses to poverty-related issues. This workshop will offer a model from a Wesleyan perspective, yet it will be accessible for anyone who desires to integrate social justice and solidarity with the poor as an integral part of faith formation.

## EVENT PRICING

COURSE	BY MARCH 23	AT THE DOOR
Thursday/Friday Course	\$95	\$110
Friday Course	\$75	\$85
Saturday Course	\$75	\$85
Friday Box Lunch	\$15	N/A
Saturday Box Lunch	\$15	N/A

*Register in advance and save!*

### DISCOUNT FOR FIRST TIME REGISTRANTS

First-time registrants will receive a \$25 discount. Save by using discount code: NEW when you register online. You can register online at [smu.edu/perkins/ptsl](http://smu.edu/perkins/ptsl), by submitting the enclosed registration form or by calling 214-768-2390.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Registration is required for attendance at all continuing education events. Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit will be provided for a \$25 fee. For the Thursday/Friday course .75 CEUs are available. For the Friday and Saturday one-day courses .5 CEUs are available.

## SCHEDULE

### ▶ THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- 1 to 1:30 P.M. Registration
- 1:30 to 1:45 P.M. Gathering and Welcome
- 2 to 4:30 P.M. Thursday afternoon/Friday Courses
- 4:45 to 5:45 P.M. Worship Service
- 7:30 to 9 P.M. "How Should We Understand Pain?  
An Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion"\*

### ▶ FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- 8:30 to 9 A.M. Registration
  - 9 to 9:20 A.M. Morning Praise
  - 9:30 A.M. to noon Thursday/Friday Courses and Friday Courses
  - Noon to 1:15 P.M. Lunch Break
  - 1:15 to 4 P.M. Thursday/Friday Courses and Friday Courses
  - 4:15 to 5:15 P.M. "Treasures of Bridwell Library"
- [Register in advance by emailing popelevison@smu.edu, limit 15]*

### ▶ SATURDAY, APRIL 1

- 8:30 to 9 A.M. Registration
- 9 to 9:20 A.M. Morning Praise
- 9:30 A.M. to noon Saturday Courses
- Noon to 1:15 P.M. Lunch Break
- 1:15 to 4 P.M. Saturday Courses
- 4 P.M. PTSL adjourns

## LOCATION INFORMATION

Courses and panel discussion will take place in Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall on the Southern Methodist University campus at 5901 Bishop Blvd., Dallas, TX 75205.

Please visit the SMU website to explore hotel options near Perkins School of Theology: [smu.edu/Admission/Visit/WhereToStay](http://smu.edu/Admission/Visit/WhereToStay)

*Topics, courses and schedule are subject to change. Perkins Theological School of the Laity is made possible in part by the Howard-Holbert Endowment.*

## \* HOW SHOULD WE UNDERSTAND PAIN? AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PANEL DISCUSSION

*A special event in conjunction with Perkins Theological School for the Laity!*

How should we understand pain? Embrace it as a gift? Avoid it like the plague? Endure it as a necessary evil? Come join us for a panel discussion of pain to see what insight academics and medical personnel can garner on handling pain from ancient texts, such as Homer's *Iliad*, the Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Panel participants include Robert Fine of Baylor Scott & White Health, Texas, Angela Kim Harkins of Boston College, Brooke Holmes of Princeton University and Jack Levison of Perkins School of Theology.



## PERKINS THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY 2017 MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Registration is available through March 23, 2017. Indicate below which events you plan to attend and write in the names of the instructors you want to study with. Please see page 4 of this brochure for specific registration fees.

### EVENT COST

Thursday/Friday Two-Day Course\* \_\_\_\_\_ \$95

Friday One-Day Course \_\_\_\_\_ \$75

Saturday One-Day Course \_\_\_\_\_ \$75

Friday Box Lunch  \$15

Saturday Box Lunch  \$15

Parking Permit Requested\*\*  Yes  No No Charge

CEUs Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25

Required for CEU Certificate

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

First-Time Attendee Discount: - \$25

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Perkins School of Theology and note PTSL on the memo line. Credit card payments can be made through online registration at [smu.edu/perkins/ptsl](http://smu.edu/perkins/ptsl) or by calling 214-768-2390. Cancellations received in writing before March 23, 2017 will be granted a full refund, minus a \$25 processing fee.

*\* If you choose to attend a Thursday/Friday Two-Day Course you can not attend a Friday One-Day Course.*

*\*\* A parking permit will be sent in advance to those who register by March 23, 2017.*



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