



Alumni Convocation & Homecoming **November 8-10, 2018**

Thursday, November 8

2:00 PM	Registration	Weeks Center
	Reception (Lite Bites, Drinks)	Dining Hall
2:30 PM	Welcome from Eric Hungerford, Kathy Pfister	
2:45 PM	<i>Break</i>	

Continuing Education Sessions

Thursday focus: Gender and Sexual Orientation in the 21st Century

3:00 PM	<i>Continuing Ed Session 1</i>	Knapp Auditorium
	Presented by Rev. Sarah Knoll Sweeney	

The vocabulary we use is one important way we communicate respect, sensitivity, and cultural humility/competence with those we serve. In this introductory session, we will outline basic terms and concepts in sexuality. Participants will increase their familiarity with preferred vocabulary to reference sexual orientation, gender identity, and other identifiers, as well as terms no longer preferred.

4:15 PM Break

4:30 PM	<i>Continuing Ed Session 2A</i>	259
	Presented by Dr. Scott Bader-Saye, Acting Dean & President	

In this presentation, we will discuss a theological approach to transgender identity. The presentation will orient the group to the basic facts of transgender experience and will seek to articulate a theological understanding. In addition, we will discuss ways to welcome, serve, and counsel transgender individuals who are in our care or part of our communities.

4:30 PM	<i>Continuing Ed Session 2B</i> Presented by Sarah Kapostacy, LPC	210A
	In this workshop counselors will learn strategies for providing culturally responsive mental health care for members of the transgender and gender non-binary community, and why providing such care represents an ethical imperative. Participants will also discuss the historic and current role of counselors as gatekeepers to medical care for this community, and how knowledge of diagnostic criteria, as well as community resources, can mitigate this role.	
5:30 PM	Evening Eucharist	Christ Chapel
6:30 PM	Community Dinner	
7:30 PM	Ray Suarez – Lecture #1	Knapp Auditorium
8:45 PM	Dessert Reception	Rather House

Friday, November 9

8:30 AM	Breakfast with the Acting Dean	Weeks Center
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer	Christ Chapel
10:15 AM	Ray Suarez – Lecture #2	Knapp Auditorium
11:15 AM	<i>Break</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>snacks & water available</i> 	
11:45 AM	Alumni Eucharist Eric Hungerford Presiding	Christ Chapel
12:45 PM	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of Hal Brook Perry Award 	Weeks Center

Continuing Education Sessions

Friday focus: Navigating Difficult Conversations in a Polarized World

2:15 PM *Continuing Education Session 3* **Knapp Auditorium**
Presented by Dr. Steven Tomlinson, the Rev. Dr. Jane Patterson, and Rev. Dr. John Lewis.

Difficult conversations, making tough choices, bridging political divides, disarming conflict: as church leaders we face these issues every day. The Gospel offers spiritual perspective and practical guidance to help us constructively and charitably engage difficult conversations. This 90-minute interactive program will reprise parts of the highly successful, week-long continuing education offering from June, 2018.

3:45 PM *Break* Posse East

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Christ Chapel

5:30 PM Festive Outdoor Dinner BBQ Picnic The Motte

Saturday, November 10

9:30 AM Coffee & Tacodeli TBD

10:00 AM Polity Bowl St. Andrew's
Episcopal School

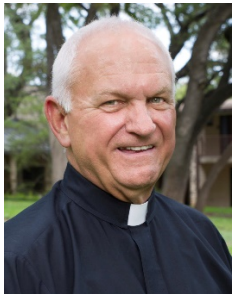
Presenter bios:



Dr. Scott Bader-Saye joined the seminary faculty as the Helen and Everett H. Jones Chair in Christian Ethics and Moral Theology in 2009 and has served as academic dean since 2013. His current research centers on theological readings of gender and transgender. Other research interests include economy, sexuality, political theology, virtue ethics, and interfaith dialogue. He teaches the core Theological Ethics courses for all degree programs. He is author of *Formed by Love* (2017), *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear* (2007), and *Church and Israel After Christendom* (1999/2005). He has contributed to *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics* (2006) and *The Cambridge Companion to the Gospels* (2006) and has published widely in theological journals and magazines. Professor Bader-Saye helped found and lead Peacemeal, a missional Episcopal community in Scranton, PA, served on the Episcopal Church Executive Council Economic Justice Loan Committee, currently serves on the Gathering of Leaders Steering Committee, and is active as a teacher and parishioner at St. Julian of Norwich Episcopal Church, a mission in northwest Austin.



Sarah Kapostasy, LPC, is the Clinical and Social Services Director of Out Youth and Transgender Wellness. She provides oversight, supervision, and direct services at a community-based nonprofit that serves individuals of all sexual orientations and gender identities as well as their family members, partners, and allies. Sarah is also a founding board member of the Texas Transgender Health Coalition. She currently chairs the professional development workgroup, which organizes educational opportunities related to transgender health for professionals in Central Texas. Sarah is a graduate of the Seminary of the Southwest where she earned her Master's of Art in Counseling and is an active member of St. David's Episcopal Church.



The Rev. John Lewis, DPhil, is Director of the Iona Center and Lecturer in New Testament and Spirituality. He oversees many of the seminary's non-degree programs, including the Iona Collaborative, which trains and forms clergy and licensed lay leaders in their local diocesan settings. John joined the seminary faculty and staff in 2016 after serving as an adjunct instructor since 2003. His primary interest is helping Christians and their communities use Scripture to practice vocational discernment and discipleship in daily life. John also serves as Co-Director of St. Benedict's Workshop, a non-profit ministry for Christian formation he founded in 2001 with St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio, where he continues to teach, preach, and worship. He also serves the Diocese of West Texas as Dean of Examining Chaplains. Lewis is the author of *Looking for Life: The Role of "Theo-Ethical" Reasoning in Paul's Religion*, T&T Clark (JSNTS) 2005.



The Rev. Jane Patterson, PhD, is Associate Professor of New Testament and serves as Director of Community Care. She joined the full-time faculty in 2013 after teaching part-time and serving as Interim Director of Theological Field Education 2003-2005. She is the author of *Keeping the Feast: Metaphors of Sacrifice in 1 Corinthians and Philippians* (SBL Press, 2015). In biblical studies her academic interests include the intersection of literary, political, and theological study of the scriptures. She also teaches in the area of Christian formation, where her work focuses on vocation and Christian practice. She serves as Co-Director of St. Benedict's Workshop, a ministry devoted to helping laity live their faith in daily life, and serves the Diocese of West Texas as Missioner for Adult Formation and as a member of the diocesan Examining Chaplains. She is active as a preacher, teacher, and parishioner at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio.



The Rev. Sarah Knoll Sweeney has served as an ACPE Certified Educator since 2013. After 4 years at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in Houston, she is now full time with St. Benedict's Workshop and the Iona Center, where she opened a CPE Center at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. She serves as the Chair of the Curriculum Committee of the Board of ACPE and Coordinator of the ACPE Videoconferencing Educators Community of Practice. She serves on the ACPE Southwest Region Accreditation Committee and on the 8-member Organizational Redesign Implementation Team for the ACPE nationwide association. Since 2014, she has piloted a use of videoconferencing in ACPE that combines in-person and distance learning to serve students whose geographic location or job constraints prevent them from participating in hospital CPE programs that demand heavy on-call schedules. She has developed pastoral care education programs specifically geared toward Muslim pastoral caregivers and chaplains, as well as youth/children's ministers. She is passionate about interfaith education for spiritual care and about expanding the areas that ACPE serves.

Before becoming a Certified Educator, she served as a school and hospital chaplain in the Dioceses of Kansas and Missouri. As a school chaplain, Sarah emphasized the teaching of World Religious, Ethics, and Sexuality Education. Her undergraduate degree is in Religious Studies from the University of Kansas; her Master of Divinity is from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California. Sarah has enjoyed serving the Church at national and diocesan levels, as a three-time General Convention Deputy, past member of the Joint Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop, and past member of her diocesan board of Examining Chaplains. She is certified to teach Our Whole Lives, a comprehensive sexuality education curriculum at levels from Kindergarten to 12th Grade.



Dr. Steven Tomlinson holds a PhD in Economics from Stanford University. He coaches and consults with Wall Street, Fortune 500 and high-tech start up executives and managers on leadership and communication strategy. He is a Founding Master Teacher at the Acton School of Business for Entrepreneurship. He taught economics and finance at The University of Texas at Austin for 17 years where he designed and directed the MBA professional development program. He has been an adjunct professor of pastoral ministry at Seminary of the Southwest, teaching in the MAPM program. He is also an accomplished playwright and performer. His award-winning solo shows have been produced in Austin and off-Broadway.