



2018 Blandy Lecture Schedule

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 *Break*

3:00 PM **Continuing Ed Session 1** 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 **Continuing Ed Session 2A** 259
Presented by Acting Dean & President, Scott Bader-Saye

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.

Continuing Ed Session 2B 210A
Presented by Sarah Kapostacy, LPC

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.

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| 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 | Weeks Center |

Friday, November 9

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| 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 |
| <i>11:15 AM</i> | <i>Break</i> | |
| 11:45 AM | Alumni Eucharist | Christ Chapel |
| 12:45 PM | Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Hal Brook Perry Award | Weeks Center |
| 2:15 PM | Continuing Education Session 3 Presented by Dr. Steven Tomlinson, the Rev. Dr. Jane Patterson, and Rev. Dr. John Lewis. | Knapp Auditorium |

Navigating Difficult Conversations in a Polarized World

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 presented by

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| <i>3:45 PM</i> | <i>Break</i> | |
| 5:00 PM | Evening Prayer | Christ Chapel |
| 5:30 PM | Festive Outdoor Dinner & Soul in the City | The Motte |

Saturday, November 10

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| 9:30 AM | Coffee & Tacodeli | St. Andrew's |
| 10:00 AM | Polity Bowl | St. Andrew's |