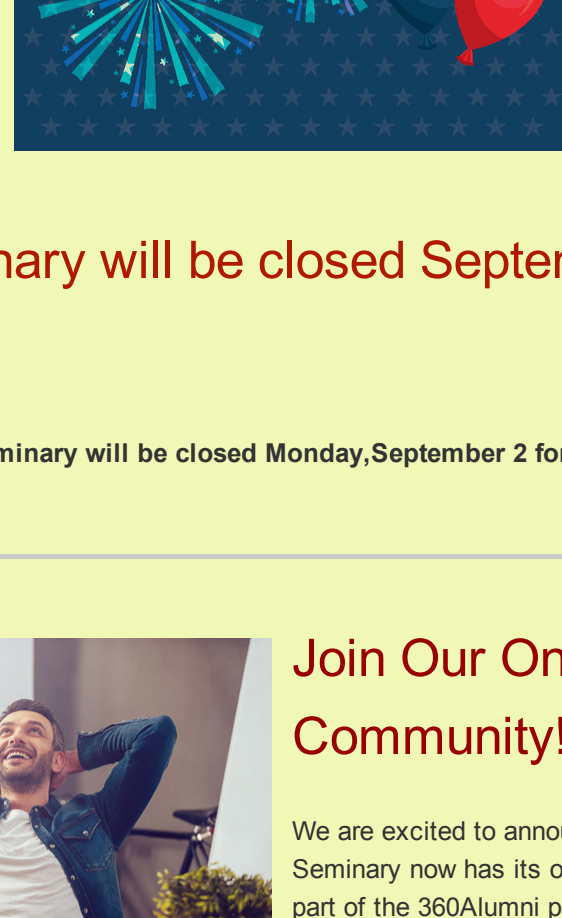


An e-newsletter

August 2019



Hood Seminary will be closed September 2, 2019

Hood Theological Seminary will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.



Join Our Online Community!

We are excited to announce that Hood Theological Seminary now has its own online community as part of the 360Alumni platform. We decided to launch the online platform to enhance engagement across the Hood community. This resource will provide our alumni and supporters a place to network with one another and with the Hood community, to share resources, and to generate community conversations on topics relevant to particular areas of work.

This platform will allow those involved to create a dialogue with colleagues on a range of topics in theological education through an open forum—all within a live online environment. You will be able to join a group and get connected to events on and off campus, see available jobs posted by various members, and join in great discussions. Members will also have the availability to great resources and will have the opportunity to join groups such as early clergy, chaplaincy, and alumni, just to name a few.

Here is the link to join and create a login: [Click Here](#)



IECCD Recruiting For Early Clergy and Senior Clergy Cohort/Retreat

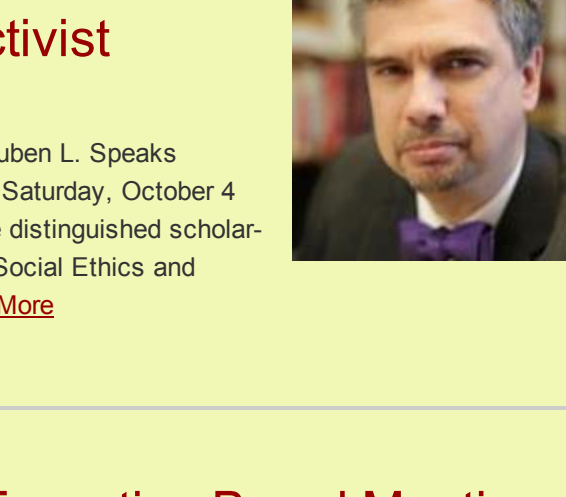
Hood Theological Seminary's newest endeavor: The Institute for Early Career Clergy Development (IECCD), funded by the Thriving in Ministry Initiative of the Lilly Endowment is now operational. The IECCD's goal is to promote sustainable and bold ministry for clergy in their second through seventh year of ministry with a particular emphasis on ministry in rural settings. Our Continuing Education summer series completed its first two classes, and its third, The American Church and Social Justice, will be held this Friday and Saturday, Aug. 17th and 18th and is full.

We are actively recruiting for our Early Clergy and Senior Clergy Cohort/Retreat: Beginning with our retreat on September 27-28, 2019, the IECCD will form a cohort of three to four early-career clergy with one senior career mentor (seven-plus years of ministry). The goal of this cohort is to sustain and revitalize ministry through relationship building, mentoring, continuing education and special retreats. Extensive and practical training will be provided to cohorts regarding ministering within the political and social context of 21st century America. Additionally, within their small groups, participants will explore the practical ministry challenges that they face every day.

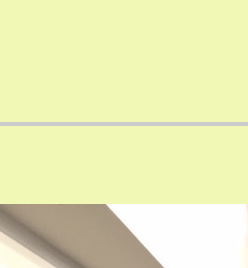
If you are interested in joining the Cohort or know of an early-career clergy person that would benefit from this important program, please email us at earlycareerclergy@hoodseminary.edu or visit our website [here](#).

College Night Out is August 22

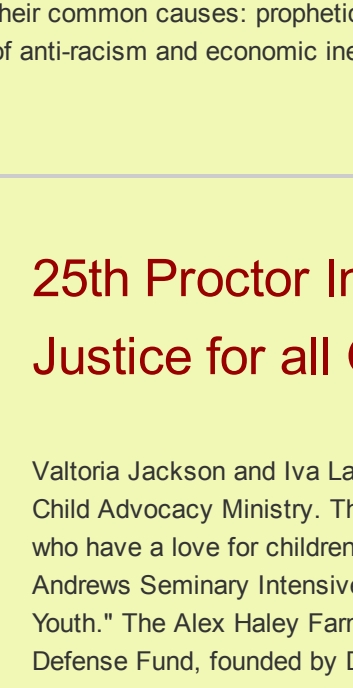
College Night out will be August 22, 2019 from 6-9 p.m. in Downtown Salisbury. Be sure to come by and visit Hood's table!



Get Ready for the First Day of Classes!



The first day of classes for track 1 is August 27, and track 2 is August 30, 2019.



Charles H. Long Named as Convocation Speaker

Hood Theological Seminary is pleased to announce that Dr. Charles H. Long will be the speaker for the HTS Opening Convocation, Friday, September 13th, at 6:00 pm in The Aymer Center. Dr. Long is Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies at UC Santa Barbara. He is also former Professor of Religion at the Universities of Chicago, UNC Chapel-Hill, Duke, and Syracuse. All are welcome!

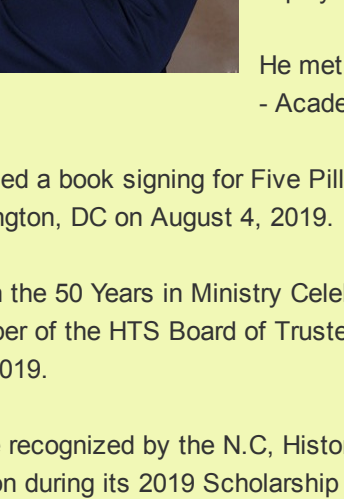
Registration Now Open for ICFSH Seminar

INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF FAITH, SCIENCE AND HISTORY (ICFSH) SEMINAR AND WORSHIP
Registration is now open for the September 13th Seminar and Workshop sponsored by the International Center of Faith, Science and History at HTS. This event is free and open to the public! Click [here](#) to register.

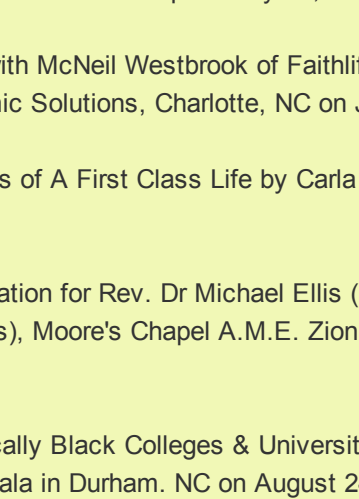
Schedule
Friday, September 13, 2019
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

"The Matrix and Memory of Water: Commemorating a 400 Year Sojourn through Faith, Science and History in America"

Panel 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.—"African Americans in the Sciences" with Keynote Speaker—Dr. Charles H. Long, and a distinguished panel, followed by worship with Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry Brown. [Read more](#)

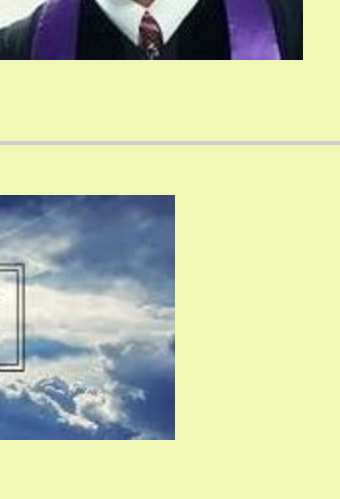


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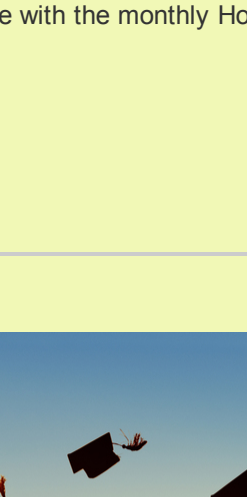


Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry

Lecture Series To Feature Distinguished Scholar-Activist



Hood Theological Seminary will hold its annual Ruben L. Speaks Endowed Memorial Lecture Series on Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5, 2019. This year's featured presenter is the distinguished scholar-activist Dr. Miguel De La Torre, the Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at Iliff School of Theology. [Read More](#)

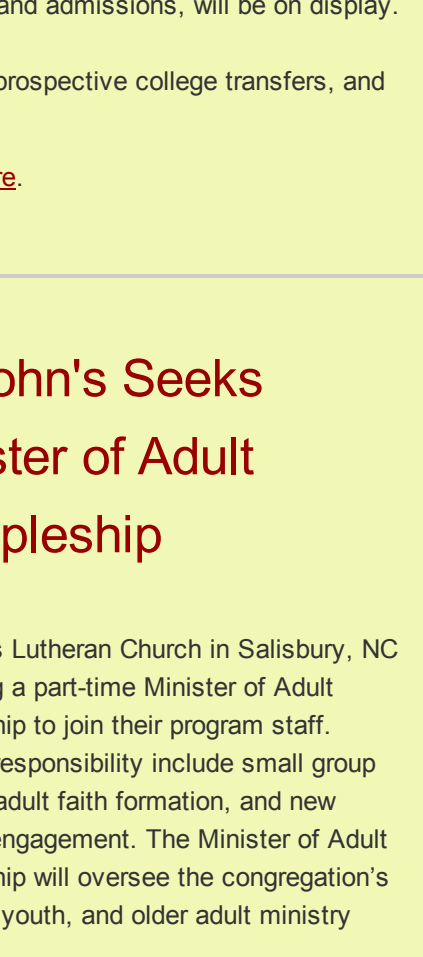


HTSNA Executive Board Meeting

The HTSNA Executive Board will meet September 13, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Aymer Center on the Salisbury Campus of Hood Theological Seminary.

Bishop Moore Speaks at ELCA Assembly

Assistant Secretary of the Hood Theological Seminary National Alumni Association, GeoRene Jones M.Div.'14, (left) met with Bishop Darin W. Moore (right), Mid-Atlantic District, AME Zion Church, who spoke on August 8, 2019 to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Jones stated that "Moore spoke powerfully and reassuringly of the ways in which the AME Zion and ELCA communities are Church Together and mutually committed to their common causes: prophetic witness and action in the areas of anti-racism and economic inequity."

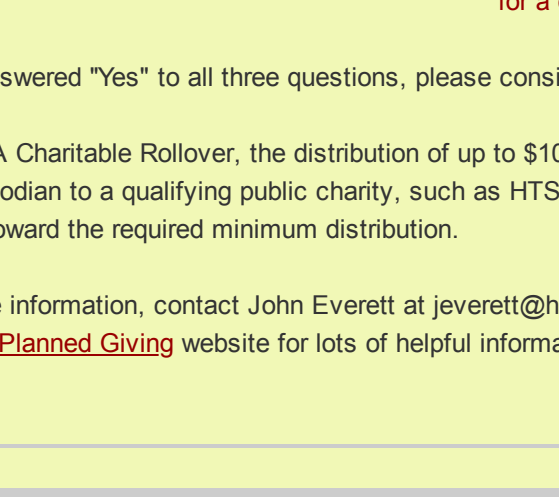


25th Proctor Institute: "Guide our Feet: Pursuing Justice for all God's Children"

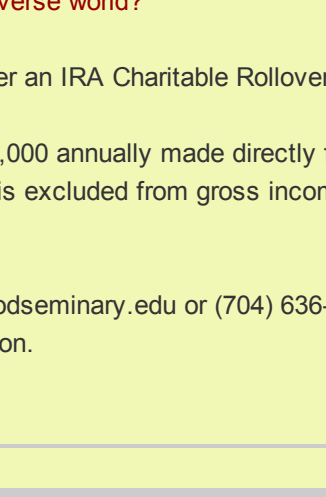
Valtoria Jackson and Iva Lawson represented Hood Seminary at the 25th Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. They were among 66 students from 17 seminaries along with others who have a love for children and are engaged in the justice fight for children. The Dale P. Andrews Seminary intensive theme was "Mobilizing for Justice Ministry with Children and Youth." The Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, TN houses the Institute and is owned by the Children's Defense Fund, funded by Dr. Marian Wright Edelman. Attendees were able to receive information and enter into dialogue with persons on all levels of ministry/advocacy for children to include justice, poverty, gun violence, immigration, mass incarceration and the prison pipeline, racism, criminalization of children, advocacy, community organizing, Freedom Schools, and more.

Dr. Love shared this experience with the students. She provided leadership in a workshop (Getting Help to Families Early) with Tracey O'Neal and Sharon Hirsch of Prevent Child Abuse NC. They addressed the impact of adverse childhood experiences and identified ways to make a difference and form partnerships.

Also attending the Institute was Rev. Tami Forte Logan (Hood Grad class of 2017). She led a workshop on "Dismantling Racism" with Rev. Naomi Tutu.



Lawson received a Linder Scholarship and is pictured with other recipients and the donor, Dr. Eileen Lindner (Center) - Proctor Theologian in Residence.

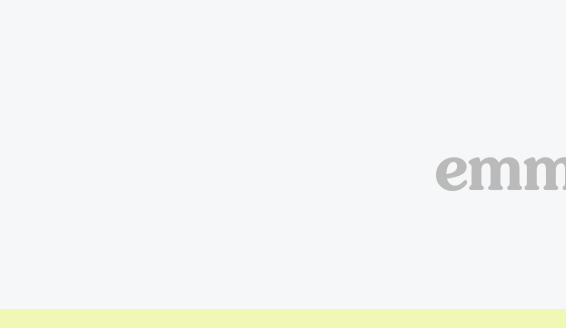


Tami Logan and Naomi Tutu

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Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President, had several events he attended in July and will have several upcoming August events:

Dr. Lattimore met with Mr. Tyler Wilcox (Vice President) and Mr. Steve Gregg (Middle East Sales & Marketing) of Wilcox World Travel & Tours on July 29, 2019.

He met with the Local Steering Committee for the Racial Equity Institute workshop on July 29, 2019.

He met with McNeil Westbrook of Faithlife Account Executive - Academic Solutions, Charlotte, NC on July 31, 2019.

Dr. Lattimore attended a book signing for Five Pillars of a First Class Life by Carla Ray (former HTS Consultant), Washington, DC on August 4, 2019.

He will participate in the 50 Years in Ministry Celebration for Rev. Dr Michael Ellis (Hood M.Div. alum and Emeritus member of the HTS Board of Trustees), Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Salisbury, NC on August 17, 2019.

Dr. Lattimore will be recognized by the N.C. Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) Living Legends organization during its 2019 Scholarship Gala in Durham, NC on August 24, 2019.

Dr. Otto Harris will lead the Comprehensive Plan of Inclusiveness, a conference-wide initiative centered around promoting diversity for the Western North Carolina Conference in the United Methodist Church. Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

IN MEMORIAM

The entire Hood community joins together in prayer for and offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:

Rev. Gary Stephen Moore, M.Div. '14 *caum laude*
July 12, 2019
Birmingham, AL

Larry Douglas Melton
Friend of the Seminary
July 18, 2019
Charlotte, NC

Rev. Dr. Milford Oxendine, D.Min.'07
August 2, 2019

Submit News/Events

Do you have any new or events to share? Please submit them to marketing@hoodseminary.edu to share with the monthly Hoodlines newsletter.

HBCU Day is Sept. 7

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. will host the first annual HBCU Day. HBCU Day will take place on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 12p.m.-3p.m. at West Charlotte High School. An array of HBCUs across the region will convene in one place to provide an inside look of the one-of-a-kind experience they have to offer. The history and culture of each school, as well as valuable information on scholarships and admissions, will be on display.

This day will be an exciting opportunity for high school students, prospective college transfers, and parents to engage with representatives from HBCUs.

RSVP is requested, but not required to attend. To RSVP, [click here](#).

St. John's Seeks Minister of Adult Discipleship

St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC is seeking a part-time Minister of Adult Discipleship to join their program staff. Areas of responsibility include small group ministry, adult faith formation, and new member engagement. The Minister of Adult Discipleship will oversee the congregation's women's ministry and actively collaborate with the children's, youth, and older adult ministry staff. Please [click here](#) for the entire job description.

Hood's Herald - Spring 2019

Read the latest edition now available [online!](#) This annual publication includes highlights of the past year, articles of interest, and the Honor Roll of Donors for 2018.

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