

WHY YOUTH MINISTRY? A BEACON OF JOY IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

This weeklong course is designed for pastors, seminarians, lay leaders, and youth ministers. Each night from 6:00 to 9:00pm, we will gather for evening fellowship dinners, lectures, and workshop breakouts to name and discuss some of the adversities our youth face every day. Throughout the week, we will learn with and from one another some concrete ways combat these adversities to better nurture the foundations of joyful, flourishing lives. Yale Divinity School's standard charge for a Summer Study course is \$450. The Youth Ministry Institute is providing each registrant for this program a \$400 scholarship, reducing the tuition for each registrant to \$50 for the entire weeklong program.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Registrants have the option to attend individual lectures or may opt to attend the week-long course. This event has rolling registration that continues during the week of the event.

To register, please visit:
<http://summerstudy.yale.edu/YMI>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our Communications Coordinator: madeleine.ranges@yale.edu

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COURSE SUMMARY

June 5-9 2017
6:00pm - 9:00pm

MONDAY

5th

FAMILY INSTABILITY

Incubators for Joy: Communities of Care Amidst Family Instability

TUESDAY

6th

FEAR

Forging Fearless Communities: Seeing and Hearing to Overcome Fear

WEDNESDAY

7th

DEPRESSION & SUICIDE

Nurturing Joy: Supporting the Emotional and Spiritual Lives of Adolescents

THURSDAY

8th

SEXUAL DIMENSIONS

ReVisioning Teen Sexuality: Relational Joy and Embodied Flourishing

FRIDAY

9th

VIOLENCE

Joy in the Aftermath of Violence

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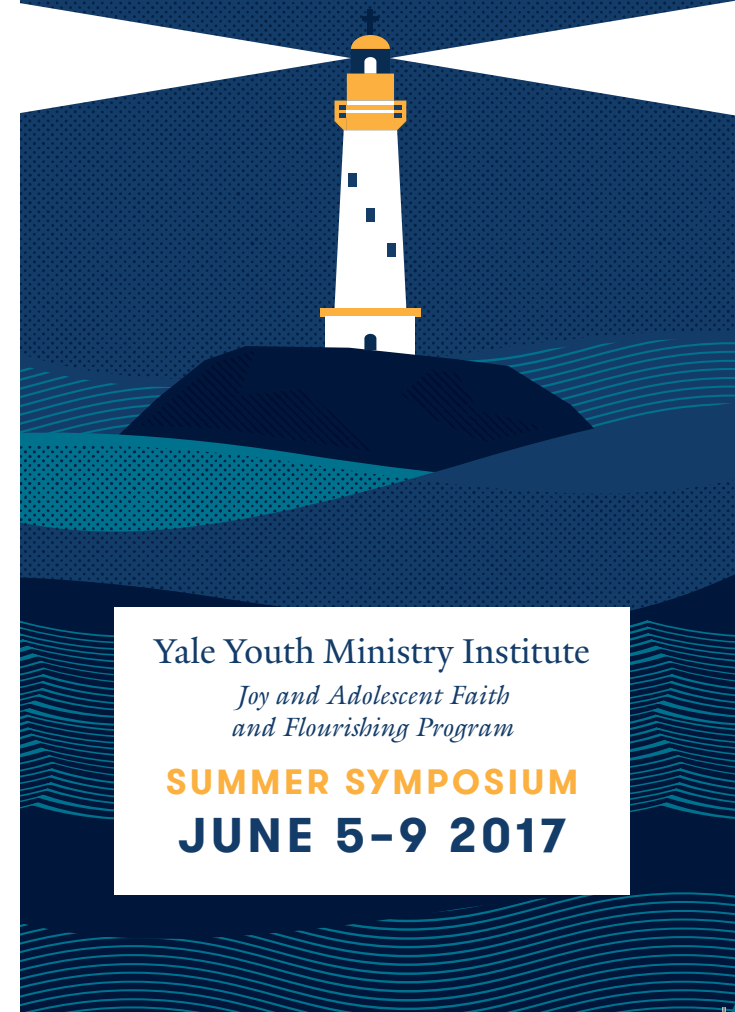


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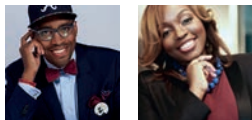
DR. CHAP CLARK & DR. SHARON KETCHAM ON FAMILY INSTABILITY

Fuller Theological Seminary; Gordon College

Dr. Clark and Dr. Ketcham will deliver a lecture entitled, *Incubators for Joy: Communities of Care Amidst Family Instability*. God created us to flourish. Yet family instability can rob many young people of joy-filled lives when unattended painful experiences give rise to sorrow-filled lives. We will explain how family instability disrupts adolescent joy and empower youth ministers to care for hurting teenagers by creating communities that act as “incubators” for the joy God intends. Dr. Clark is professor and Chair of the Youth, Family, and Culture Department in the School of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Ketcham is Associate Professor of Theology and Christian Ministries at Gordon College in Wenham, MA. She earned her PhD in theology and education from Boston College.

TUESDAY

6th



REV. DR. GREGORY ELLISON & MS. GEORGETTE LEDGISTER ON FEAR

Candler School of Theology; Emory University

The Rev. Dr. Ellison and Ms. Ledgister will deliver a lecture entitled, *Forging Fearless Communities: Seeing and Hearing to Overcome Fear*. Fear undercuts one’s ability to fully experience or express joy by muting and rendering one invisible. This session explores the four fundamental fears that inform generational divides and acts of exclusion. Participants will learn strategies to see every member of our communities of faith as whole persons. The Rev. Dr. Ellison is Associate

Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Emory’s Candler School of Theology and founder of Fearless Dialogues. Georgette Ledgister is a PhD Candidate in religion, and social and theological ethics at Emory University.

WEDNESDAY

7th



DR. NADJA REILLY, DR. SARAH FARMER & MS. KATE HYDE ON DEPRESSION & SUICIDE

William James College; Yale Divinity School

Dr. Reilly, Dr. Farmer & Ms. Hyde will deliver a lecture entitled, *Nurturing Joy: Supporting the Emotional and Spiritual Lives of Adolescents*. Dr. Reilly is a clinical psychologist specializing in children, adolescents, and families. Dr. Reilly is the Associate Director of the Freedman Center for Child and Family Development at William James College. Dr. Farmer is on the faculty of Yale Divinity School as an Associate Research Scholar at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. Ms. Hyde is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker specializing in mental health psychotherapy for children, adolescents, and families. She completed her graduate work at the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, and held a Clinical Fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital.

THURSDAY

8th



DR. KATE OTT & MS. LORIEN CARTER ON SEXUAL DIMENSIONS

Drew University Theological School; Washington University in St. Louis

Dr. Ott and Ms. Carter will deliver a lecture entitled, *ReVisioning Teen Sexuality: Relational Joy and Embodied Flourishing*. Sexuality and relationships

are a major aspect of teen development. Instead of embracing the joy that healthy, holistic and ethically and developmentally appropriate sexuality can manifest in our lives, many youth ministry programs treat any expression of sexuality as a risk to be suppressed. Together, we will address why and how to integrate sexuality education throughout the faith formation experiences of teens. Dr. Ott is Assistant Professor of Christian Social Ethics at Drew University Theological School in Madison, NJ. Ms. Carter is an associate professor of practice at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis.

FRIDAY

9th



DR. DORI BAKER & DR. PATRICK B. REYES ON VIOLENCE

Forum for Theological Exploration

Dr. Baker and Dr. Reyes will deliver a lecture entitled, *Joy in the Aftermath of Violence*. Like the writers of Lamentations and Psalms, adolescents cry out to God and to the leaders of the community to deliver them from interpersonal and structural violence. Using an interdisciplinary framework to understand how violence affects youth psychospiritually, we provide an acute sense of how violence inhibits the joy and the flourishing of young people, and similarly inhibits the efforts of those who work with them. We will provide practices that promote flourishing for youth pastors, community workers, and youth themselves. Dr. Baker is Senior Fellow for Research and Learning at the Forum for Theological Exploration. Dr. Reyes is a Latino practical theologian, activist, writer, and educator and Director of Strategic Partnerships for Doctoral Initiatives at the Forum for Theological Exploration.

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