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INSTITUTE
on **THEOLOGY** **20**
& **DISABILITY** **22**



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Welcome to the 2022 Institute on Theology and Disability!

We are glad you are “here,” online or in person. We are particularly appreciative of the hospitality of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio for their willingness to host us through this challenging and frequently changing time. Whether you are new to ITD or have called it *your* community for many years, we are happy to be together and thank you for trusting us with this time together.

As indicated leading up to this event, we are going to work hard together to offer this conference in a way that helps keep people safe and comfortable. COVID-19 is rapidly changing, so please pay close attention to expectations around keeping each other safe.

The core council thanks you for your understanding as we tackle a number of new challenges, including new accessibility options and accommodations and hybrid participation. We each have dealt with diverse challenges in the weeks and months leading up to this time together, so this conference may feel more like what Bill Gaventa calls a “flash mob” than even our past events. Let us or a volunteer know when you have questions or if you experience barriers or challenges, though, and we’ll do what we can to make things better. We also look forward to learning what works well and those aspects that you enjoy. Every location we have been at has its strengths and weaknesses. There will be both here. We keep on learning.

**“Thank You!” to the those who have helped
make the 2022 Institute possible and to our Sponsors!**



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COVID Safety Protocols

As you know, ITD has long been about community. We want to do our best to ensure the safety of one another and ourselves in this long-awaited time for institute connecting.

1. This is a reminder that all who intend to participate in person ***must show proof of vaccination*** upon arrival per your country/state verification. Due to rising numbers of COVID cases in some parts of the country and world, as well as the local area, we encourage testing prior to entering the Institute for the week, and if you are staying for the week, perhaps a couple of days later. We will have a limited number of tests available as well that may be used throughout the week and have been working to get our hands on more. Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout campus and options to distance will also be in place as best as we can.
2. ***All registrants must wear masks in indoor spaces.*** We encourage N95s and will also have a limited supply of these to share as well as some masks with clear mouth openings. Unfortunately, we know that masks pose many issues in communication. We have asked speakers to remove masks during their sessions in order to experience clearer communication, or wear a mask with a clear mouth covering. More, breaks are located in spaces that would allow people to move outside, including under a large tent for those who wish to sit and chat.
3. We can be a hugging/handshaking/up close kind of community! We will provide stickers at registration of various colors to help you communicate your social distancing preferences for fellow conference attendees, and we trust that we will respect the preferences of others.
4. Should you develop symptoms, we ask that you might stay in your room and test. (It is also Ohio allergy season!) MTSO has several healthcare options nearby in the event urgent care or an ER is needed for any ailment, with two of the best hospital systems in the state in close proximity. If you should test positive, we can work with you to bring you meals, have a private bathroom and ensure a safe experience on campus. In-person participants also have access to the virtual platform for engaging in sessions.
5. Many options are available outside for gathering, and in addition to masking, requiring vaccinations, offering tests and spacing where and when we can, we are doing everything we can to mitigate risk for in-person attendance so that we might be able to relax and enjoy being together!

IMPORTANT LINKS



Week-At-A-Glance Schedule

If there are any changes to the schedule after the program booklet is printed, they will be reflected in the online schedule for the *week at a glance*.

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Files, Presentations, Downloads

If you want to download handouts or slides (where available) please visit our Google Drive folder with content organized by date:

bit.ly/22ITD-Files



Plenary Descriptions

Morning Plenary descriptions, bios, and Zoom links are available at: bit.ly/22ITD-Plenaries

Workshop Descriptions

Afternoon Workshop descriptions, bios, and Zoom links are available at: bit.ly/22ITD-Workshops



Note: All session descriptions and bios are also available in paper format at registration. All workshop and plenary sessions are available online.

Monday Afternoon - Community Symposium

Disability Ethics and Theology

Religion, bioethics, disability studies, and healthcare practices are too seldom put into conversation with each other. Rather than asking what ethics has to do with theology or disability, what if our theology and ethics were shaped from the beginning by disability?

This symposium welcomes Rosemarie Garland-Thomson to consider the intersections of these diverse areas of focus, followed by reflections, responses, and conversations with Brian Brock and Devan Stahl.

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Arrival, Registration Open <i>(Lunch available for those registered for Monday)</i>	Gallery
1:30 PM	Community Symposium Disability Ethics and Theology Rosemarie Garland-Thomson, Devan Stahl, and Brian Brock	Centrum
3:00 PM	Break	Snacks in Gallery
3:30 PM - 4:30	Community Symposium (Continued) Disability Ethics and Theology	Centrum
4:30 PM	Break	On your own
6:00 PM	Opening Dinner & Homecoming Celebration 6:00 PM	Dunn Dining Hall

TIME	TUESDAY JUNE 7 SCHEDULE	LOCATION
8:00 AM	Registration Open (All Day)	Gallery
8:30 AM	Morning Meditation	Centrum
9:00 AM	The Intersections of Black Liberation Theology and Disability Justice Russell Ewell	Centrum
10:15 AM	Break (30 Min) Coffee, Resource Room	Gallery
10:45 AM	Gaventa Lecture/Conversation Disability Studies and Theology Rosemarie Garland-Thomson and Julia Watts Belser	Centrum
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch, Exhibits Networking Discussions	Dunn Dining, Gallery
1:30 PM	Workshops & PhD Seminar <i>60 - 75 min.</i>	Gault Hall <i>(Workshops)</i> Dewire (PhD Sem.)
2:45 PM	Break (45 Min)	
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Workshops & PhD Seminar <i>60 min.</i>	Gault Hall <i>(Workshops)</i> Dewire (PhD Sem.)
4:45 PM	Afternoon Meditation	Centrum
5:00 PM	Break (60 Min)	
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dunn Dining Hall
7:00 - 8:30	Discussion Opportunity: LGBTQ inclusion in disability work: a conversation for community and allies <i>Facilitated by: Allison Connelly-Vetter, Bekah Maren, Kirsty Jones</i>	Centrum

Tuesday June 7th Workshop Selections

1:45 - 3:00 PM (60-75 mins)

Presenters/Facilitators	Session Title(s)	Room	Presenter
Bill Gaventa	Grief, Loss and End of Life Issues with People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Centrum	In person
Daniel Rempel	Karl Barth, Intellectual Disability, and Mental Health: Intellectual Disability and Christian Witness: The Promise of Barth's Theology	133	In person
Cody Bivins-Starr	The Sublime Object of Revelation: Approaching 'Schizophrenia' Through Barth's Doctrine of Revelation		
Stephen J. Bedard	Sacred Texts and Disability: Ableism and the Healing Accounts in the Gospels	Teaching Chapel	Virtual
Samuel Levine	Was Yosef on the Spectrum?		

3:30 - 4:30 PM (60 mins)

Presenters/Facilitators	Session Title(s)	Room	Presenter
Sage Cole and Rosemarie Garland-Thomson	Carrying Forward Helen Keller's Legacy to Build an Inclusive World	Centrum	In person
Shelly Christensen	"On Belonging: People with Disabilities Are Not Mitzvah (Charity/Kindness) Projects"	133	In person
Jasmine Duckworth & Chantal Huinink	Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Continued faith engagement of people with IDD	150	In person
Greg Woods	More than Silence: Quaker Worship and the Inward Communion with the Disabled God	Teaching Chapel	In person

TIME	WEDNESDAY JUNE 8 SCHEDULE	LOCATION
8:00 AM	Registration Open	Gallery
8:30 AM	Morning Meditation	Centrum
9:00 AM	<i>Covid is not like measles!</i> The hidden impacts of the pandemic on the lives of people with disabilities. John Swinton (virtual)	Centrum
10:15 AM	<i>Break (30 Min)</i> Coffee, Resource Room	
10:45 AM	Not Your Ritual Object: Disabled Perspectives in Inclusive Liturgy, Ritual, and Spiritual Arts Rabbi Ruti Regan	Centrum
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch, Exhibits Networking Discussions	Dunn Dining, Gallery
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Workshops & PhD Seminar <i>60 -75 min.</i>	Gault Hall (Workshops) Dewire (PhD Sem.)
2:45 PM	<i>Break (45 Min)</i>	
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Workshops & PhD Seminar <i>60 min.</i>	Gault Hall (Workshops) Dewire (PhD sem.)
4:30 PM	<i>Break (30 Min)</i>	
5:00 - 6:00 PM	The Broken Mishkan: Creativity, Disability, and the Journey in Between - Sara Nesson (virtual)	Centrum
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dunn Dining
7:00 - 8:30	Discussion Opportunity: Disability Theology in Higher Ed <i>Facilitated By: Neil Cudney, Cathy Webb, Kirsty Jones</i>	Centrum

Workshop Selections

1:45 - 3:00 PM (60-75 mins)

Presenters/Facilitators	Session Title(s)	Room	Presenter
Rabbi Ruti Regan	Application & Discussion Workshop of “Not Your Ritual Object: Disabled Perspectives in Inclusive Liturgy, Ritual, and Spiritual Arts”	Centrum	In person
Maria Jacobo and Gala Korniyenko	Autism and Faith Communities: Parents’ and City Planners’ Perspectives on Inclusion in Places of Worship	133	In person
Ron Sandison	Developing a Theology of Autism & Disabilities through the Lens of St. Augustine	150	In person
Archbishop Marcia Dinkins	Faith and Justice: Creating spaces for belonging for more inclusive justice	Teaching Chapel	In person

3:30 - 4:30 PM (60 mins)

Presenters/Facilitators	Session Title(s)	Room	Presenter
Laura MacGregor, Allen Jorgenson, Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Roz Vincent Haven	Beyond Saints and Superheroes: A Phenomenological Study of the Spiritual Care Needs of Parents Raising Children with Disabilities.	Centrum	Virtual
Cathy Webb	Who is Preaching to the Choir? Discussing Disability in Theological Education	133	In person
Melanie Turner	Improving Accessibility of Faith-Based Spaces for Adults with Aphasia	Teaching Chapel	In person

TIME	THURSDAY JUNE 9 SCHEDULE	LOCATION
8:00 AM	<i>Registration Open</i>	Gallery
8:30 AM	Morning Meditation	Centrum
9:00 AM	Emerging Scholar Lecture: <i>Rejoicing through a communion of vulnerabilities</i> Adanna James (Virtual)	Centrum
10:15 AM	<i>Break (30 Min) Coffee, Resource Room</i>	
10:45 AM	<i>Disability, Imago Dei, and the Tangible Presence of God</i> Brian Brock	Centrum
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch, Exhibits Networking Discussions	Dunn Dining, Gallery
1:30 PM	Workshops & PhD Seminar <i>60 - 75 min.</i>	Gault Hall (Workshops) Dewire (PhD Sem.)
2:45 PM	<i>Break (45 Min)</i>	
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Workshops & PhD Seminar <i>60 min.</i>	Gault Hall (Workshops) Dewire (PhD Sem.)
4:45 PM	Afternoon Meditation	Centrum
5:00 PM	<i>Break (60 Min)</i>	
6:00 PM	ITD Dinner & Celebration 6:00 p.m.	Dunn Dining

Thursday, June 9th Workshop Selections

1:45 - 3:00 PM (60-75 mins)

Presenters/Facilitators	Session Title(s)	Room	Presenter
Rebekah Dyer and Allison Connelly-Vetter	Disability, Inclusion, and Access in Children, Youth, & Families Ministries	Centrum	In person
Sarah Lund	“Blessed Youth: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness with Children and Teens”	133	In person
Francis X. McAloon	Christian Spirituality and Disability: An Ignatian Consideration	150	In person

3:30 - 4:30 PM (60 mins)

Presenters/Facilitators	Session Title(s)	Room	Presenter
Topher C. Endress	Liberation Ethics and Disability: Geographic Points of Intersection	Centrum	In person
Anne Masters	Hidden in Shadow No More: Bringing Light to Restrictive Narratives about Individuals with Disabilities – An Interfaith Conversation	133	In person
Amy Kenny	Is God disabled?: Disability as Divine	150	Virtual
Sunil Kathramalla	A Comparative Theological Reflection on Dalit Theology and Disability Theology in India	Teaching Chapel	In person

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We rely on sponsorships not only to be able to host the conference, but to be able to do so in a way that is increasingly accessible and affordable.

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Interfaith Disability Inclusion and Belonging

RespectAbility, a diverse disability-led nonprofit, believes in the importance of belonging and inclusion in faith community life. Interfaith inclusion is one of the pillars of our work.

Our Interfaith Inclusion team is developing new resources and tools and collaborating with faith communities and organizations.

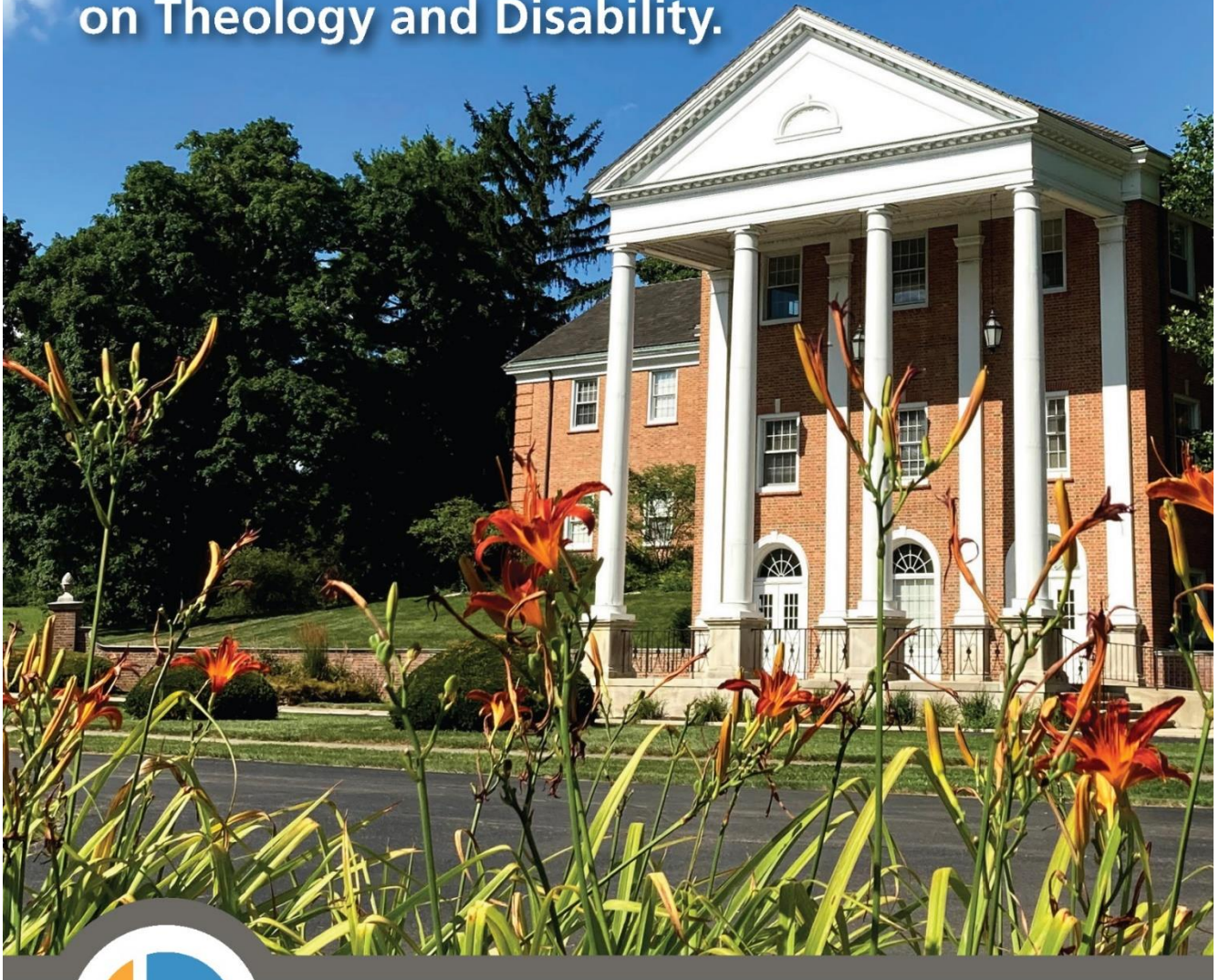
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Scan the QR code to take a short survey and tell us how we can support you and your organization!



Welcome to MTSO

We are honored to host
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MA in Practical Theology
Master of Theological Studies
Doctor of Ministry

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Institute on Theology and Disability: Mission and Vision

Our Mission is to foster diverse and authentic interfaith conversations at the intersection of theology and disability.

Our Vision is that international theological learning and religious practices embrace the gifts, needs, and contributions of people with disabilities and their families.

We work to achieve our vision through collaboratively hosting an accessible and inclusive **four-day institute** that gathers together leading scholars, writers, faith leaders, advocates, and others committed to advancing inclusive ministries and faith supports.

The Institute celebrates, explores, and investigates the ways that:

- Disability impacts all major theological disciplines as well as the many dimensions of religious life and faith community practices.
- Theology and practice mutually inform and support one another.
- Diverse perspectives enrich and inform theological formation and religious practice.

As the Institute develops, we have become more aware of the ways we seek to live out this Mission and Vision. Hence our frequent statement that we invite ‘each person present to speak out of the particularity of their own faith tradition while also respecting the traditions of all other attendees.’ We also invite you to share any concerns with the Core Council.

Reporting & Accountability

In this day and time, we are also moving toward more specific guidelines and policies. To this end, we have decided to be explicit about issues of harassment and discrimination, as well as to respect the policies of each of our institutional hosts. Thus:

The Institute for Theology and Disability encourages a community that is a welcoming place for all without harassment and/or discrimination.

Hosted by MTSO, the Institute follows their policies regarding reports of discrimination within their jurisdiction. Any reports of discrimination of any kind received by the Core Council will be taken seriously. Violations of the MTSO nondiscrimination policy will follow the scope of their policies.

Reports may be made on these campuses to the following professionals:

Kathy Dickson, Title IX/ADA Coordinator, kdickson@mtso.edu.

Campus Map

