

Prophetic Ministry

Schedule of Events

MONDAY April 4 Registration and refreshments 8 a.m. Gallery Welcome and introductions 8:45 a.m. Alford Centrum 9 a.m. Alford Centrum Faculty panel What we mean by "prophetic" in scholarship, activism and organizing 9:45 a.m. Workshop Session 1 Laying the groundwork: aspects of prophetic ministry Participants will be divided into groups based on interest Group 1: Gault Hall 133 Group 2: Gault Hall 140 **Dunn Dining Hall** Noon Lunch 1:15 p.m. Workshop Session 2 Workshopping of issues Group 1: Gault Hall 133 Group 2: Gault Hall 140 3:45 p.m. Break Debrief and evaluate next steps Alford Centrum 4 p.m. 5 p.m. Dinner **Dunn Dining Hall Coffee Shop** 6:30 p.m. Program by Bill Cohen The 1960s Anti-War and Civil Rights Movements:

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Songs that Moved a Nation



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Leaders

FACULTY

Valerie Bridgeman is associate professor of homiletics and Hebrew Bible at MTSO. A preacher and speaker in high demand throughout the country, she is the founding president of WomanPreach!, an organization bringing preachers to full prophetic voice. Bridgeman holds a B.A. from Trinity University, Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and doctorate from Baylor University.

Angela Cowser is the director of the Center for the Church and the Black Experience and assistant professor of sociology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Her vocation as a teacher is to help students who hunger and thirst for justice and mercy and equity to work effectively and concretely towards these values in this world which God so loves. Cowser received a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Chicago, Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. from the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University.

Ray Pickett is professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The author of The Cross in Corinth: The Social Significance of the Death of Jesus, he currently is working on integrating the arts of community organizing with the interpretation of Scripture. Picket holds a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Seminary and a Ph.D. in New Testament from the University of Sheffield in England.

Gerald Taylor served for 35 years as a national senior organizer for the Industrial Areas Foundation, the nation's largest and longest-standing network of local faith-based and community-based organizations. He has trained thousands of clergy, lay leaders, union leaders and others over the past 40 years. Duke, Vanderbilt and UNC-Chapel Hill are among the universities where Taylor has lectured on social change and community organizing. He studied political philosophy and economics at the City College of New York.

Yvonne Zimmerman is associate professor of Christian ethics at MTSO. Her areas of expertise include feminist theory; gender and sexuality studies; social theory; U.S. human trafficking policy; and liberationist ethics. She is the author of Other Dreams of Freedom: Religion, Sex and Human Trafficking. Zimmerman holds a B.A. from Goshen College; a Master of Theological Studies degree from Emory University, Candler School of Theology; and a Ph.D. from the University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology.

MUSICIAN

Bill Cohen, who retired in 2013 as a correspondent with Ohio Public Radio's Statehouse News Bureau, has been performing 1960s-themed musical programs throughout Greater Columbus for more than two decades. His coffehouse concert will feature folk songs that emboldened civil rights activists, energized anti-war demonstrators, and inspired advocates fighting poverty and age-old limits on personal liberty.