## The Williams Institute

## **Lectures by Pamela Lightsey**

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Nov. 5, 2019

1 p.m.

Dying Towards Life: A Queer Womanist Theology of Hope

7 p.m.

**Soul Tending Amidst Body Snatchers** 

The author of *Our Lives Matter: A Womanist Queer Theology*, Pamela Lightsey has been a leading social justice activist throughout her vocational life, working with local, national and international organizations focusing primarily on the causes of peacemaking, racial justice and LGBTQ rights.

Dr. Lightsey brings a special mix of life experience and professional proficiency to her vocation. Following service in the U.S. Army and work as a civil servant, she earned a bachelor's degree from Columbus State University, a Master of Divinity from Gammon Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center and a doctorate from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Dr. Lightsey served in parish ministry before beginning her work in higher education.



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Was the information clearly presented?	5	4	3	2	1
Could you see and hear the lecturer and audio/visual aids?	5	4	3	2	1
Did the Q&A enhance your understanding of the topic?	5	4	3	2	1
Did the lecture offer insights that apply to the work you do or hope to do?	5	4	3	2	1
Are you likely to return for future events?	5	4	3	2	1

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