



The Katie Geneva Cannon Lectureship

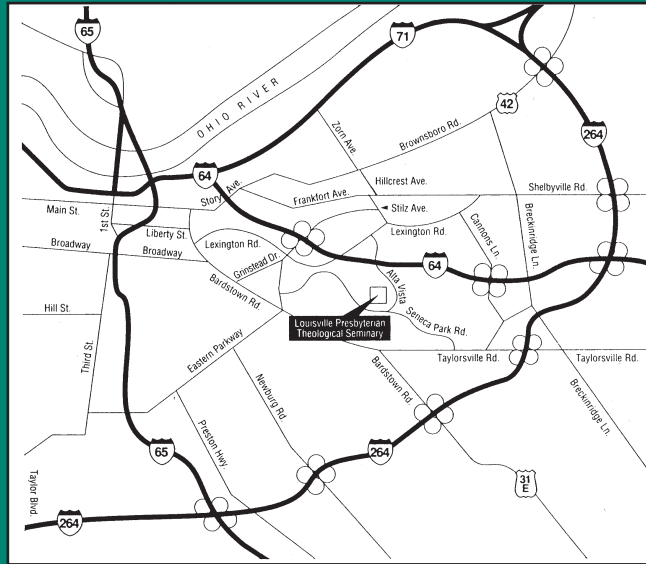
is an annual program of The Women's Center at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary presented by a woman scholar, who belongs to a racial ethnic minority in the United States and who raises a critical voice against the dominant oppressive structures and ideologies of the era. In naming the lectures after Dr. Cannon the Women's Center honors one of the Black Women pioneers, the first to enter ordained office in the Presbyterian denomination (PCUSA — 1974), and a "mother" of womanist theology, who through her writing and speaking has done much to address the dynamics of racism, sexism, and classism in the church and in the world.

The Women's Center at Louisville Seminary

The Women's Center at Louisville Seminary has been in existence for almost 20 years and entered into a new stage of its development in 2005, with the active participation of an advisory board, and in 2007, with the appointment of Heather Thiessen (MDiv '00; ThM '02) as director, and its relocation to White Hall. If you would like to know more about the Center, its programs, and how you can contribute, contact Heather Thiessen at hthiessen@lpts.edu or Johanna Bos at jbos@lpts.edu.



We gratefully acknowledge the many friends of The Women's Center who helped make this event possible through their generous donations.



DIRECTIONS TO LOUISVILLE SEMINARY

Louisville Seminary is located only 15 minutes from downtown Louisville as well as 15 minutes from Louisville International Airport.

If you are driving from the east, west, north or south, the campus is easy to find by exiting at Grinstead Drive off I-64. Take Grinstead Drive to Lexington Road, turn left. Follow Lexington Road to Alta Vista Road, turn right. Proceed 1/2 mile to Louisville Seminary.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please make your own reservations at Laws Lodge on the Louisville Seminary campus.

Laws Lodge Conference Center, Louisville Seminary

502.992.0220; 1044 Alta Vista Road; Louisville, KY 40205-1798. Cost of rooms: \$65.83 (tax included). Rooms may be shared, and rollaways and cots are available for an additional \$10 per night. Make requests when reserving your room.



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We will create holy space and time for women involved in teaching and leadership in religious communities of diverse faith traditions and denominations. We will learn about each other, discuss, compare and contrast, describe challenges and achievements. Above all we will create energy around interfaith learning and worship, reaching across boundaries to share knowledge, spirit and experience.

Presenters:



“Teaching Empires, Interpreting Texts, Redefining Authority”

Dr. Gay Byron—2010 Katie Geneva Cannon Lecturer. Dr. Byron is the Baptist Missionary Training School Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, New York. She

has lectured and presented papers in a wide variety of contexts, and is the author of many articles and the book *Symbolic Blackness and Ethnic Difference in Early Christian Literature* (London/New York: Routledge, 2002).



“Places of Authority for Women in the Jewish Context.”

Dr. Nancy Fuchs Kreimer is Director of the Department of Multifaith Studies and Initiatives and Professor of Religious Studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. Dr. Kreimer has extensive experience in inter-

faith dialogue and is the author of *Parenting as a Spiritual Journey* (Jewish Lights, 1998), besides many articles and chapters in books.



“Places of Authority for Women in the Muslim Context.”

Suendam Birinci is a PhD candidate at Hartford Seminary with a focus on comparative theologies and ethics of Christianity and Islam. She has taught graduate courses on different aspects of Islam and interfaith dialogue

and worked with various organizations in the US, orchestrating and participating in dialogue projects. Forthcoming publications include *Non-Violent and Engaged Islam*, co-authored with Ian Markham (Ashgate Press).

These three presenters will also offer workshops on Monday. (See Program schedule).

SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 12, 2010

[all events in Garden Court – Ground Floor]

- noon **Lunch**
- 2 p.m. **Opening Ritual**
“Dancing on Common Ground”
– Johanna Bos: “A Woman’s Voice”
- 3:30 p.m. **First Plenary**
– Suendam Birinci: “Places of Authority for Women in the Muslim context- Shared Perspectives.”
Table discussions
- 5:30 p.m. **Reception and Dinner**
- 7:30 p.m. **Katie Geneva Cannon Lecture**
–Gay Byron: “Teaching Empires, Interpreting Texts, Redefining Authority”
- 9 p.m. **Booksigning**

Monday, September 13, 2010

[All events except breakfast in Laws Lodge]

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast:** Winn Center
- 8:45 a.m. **Ritual**
“Reaching Across the Boundaries – Accepting and Respecting Difference”
- 9:15 a.m. **Lecture**
–Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer: “Places of Authority for Women in the Jewish Context”
Table discussions
- 10:30 a.m. **Workshops**
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch and Panel Discussion**
Byron, Birinci and Kreimer
- 3:30 p.m. **Repeat Workshops**
- 5:15 p.m. **Closing Ritual**
“Sharing a Taste of Good Things”

Workshops (10:30 and 3:30)

- W-1 Dr. Byron: “The Authority of Texts and Traditions”
- W-2 Dr. Kreimer: “Women as Teachers and Interpreters of Sacred Text”
- W-3 Dr. Birinci: “Religious Context as Seedbed for Women and Social Action”
- W-4 Dr. Bos: “Emancipatory Practices in the Classroom”

Table discussion questions

Plenary I:

- What are the places of authority for women in our different contexts?
- What are the restrictions and barriers to women exercising this function?

Plenary II:

- What are healthy and effective strategies for emancipation?
- What is the vision/ultimate goal toward which we reach in our communities?

At the tables there will be a craft project to work on for participants.

Panel discussion questions

- Where are the places of resistance to patriarchy in our religious context?
- How do we put in place emancipatory alternatives to present ideologies and practices?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



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REGISTRATION

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Registration Deadline: August 30, 2010

Register online at www.lpts.edu, or complete this form and mail with your check for registration payable to LPTS/Women’s Center Fund to the following address:

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DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

I will need CHILD CARE.

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING:

- All events on September 12 and 13; \$75
- Sunday only; \$50
- Monday only; \$50

Except for meals, events are free for students, but registration is required for all events.

Indicate below your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices of workshops:

_____ W-1 _____ W-2 _____ W-3 _____ W-4 (Monday, 10:30 a.m.)

_____ W-1 _____ W-2 _____ W-3 _____ W-4 (Monday, 3:30 p.m.)

She opens her mouth with wisdom, the teaching of kindness is on her tongue—Proverbs 31:26