

# Council on Theological Scholarship and Research announces grant recipients for pilot projects

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*The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) has recently announced the five grant recipients for pilot projects in its program to explore the possible future of theological scholarship by theological school faculty.*



The following projects and research teams were selected for funding:

- ***Equipping Faith Leaders to Provide Trauma-informed Care to Latino, Mixed-status Families within Their Congregations***

Research team: *Liseth Rojas-Flores, Associate Professor of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Jennifer Medina Vaughn, Assistant Professor, Psychology, Pepperdine University*

- ***Healing with Dignity: Spiritual and Pastoral Care in Native America***

Research team: *Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Professor of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology, Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University; Carol Lakota Eastin and Michelle Ann Oberwise Lacock, Directors, MorningSky Leadership Initiative*

- ***Intercontinental and Polycentric Graduate Course on Contemporary Ecclesiology and Synodality: Rome, Chicago, Latin America***

Research team: *Michael M. Canaris, Associate Professor of Ecclesiology and Systematic Theology,*

*Loyola University Chicago Institute of Pastoral Studies, and Emilce Cuda, Secretary, Pontifical Commission for Latin America*

- ***Lamentation as Pedagogy: A 12-month Immersion Experience***

Research team: *Danjuma Gibson, Co-director of Doctor of Ministry Program, Calvin Theological Seminary; Rolanda L. Ward, Associate Professor of Social Work, Niagara University; and Stephanie Clintonia Boddie, Affiliate Assistant Professor of Church and Community Ministries, George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University*

- ***Women in the Church: A Visual History***

Research team: *Sandra Glahn, Professor of Media Arts and Worship, Dallas Theological Seminary; Lynn H. Cohick, Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs/Professor of New Testament, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary; and George Kalantzis, Professor of Theology, Wheaton College, The School of Biblical and Theological Studies*

Funded by a generous grant by the Henry Luce Foundation, the program sought proposals that emphasized one or more of the following approaches:

- **Collaboration** between theological scholars of different cultures or ethnicities or backgrounds or ecclesial traditions or experience, and/or between theological scholars and specialists in other sectors of society
- **Use of innovative methods—including interdisciplinary engagement**—between scholars in theological disciplines, or between theological scholars and those in other disciplines
- **Expanding possible modes of dissemination** that may include academic and trade publications, public lectures, and presentations to concerned publics through the media, social media, blogs, podcasts, video, or artistic venues

Fifty-four proposals were submitted and reviewed by the program's Council on Theological Scholarship and Research, re-constituted and patterned after a group of scholars that served the Association in a similar role during the 1980s and 1990s. The Council—leading scholars from a variety of ATS schools—is advising the project as it explores possible models of research and scholarship for future program funding proposals.

Projects will be completed during the 2022–23 academic year, with final project reports due in August 2023. The Council will gather with the five project teams in spring 2023, to hear their progress and to discuss next steps.

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The Council on Theological Scholarship and Research includes:

- Co-chair: **Bruce Hindmarsh**, James M. Houston Professor of Spiritual Theology and Professor of the History of Christianity, Regent College

- Co-chair: **Christine Roy Yoder**, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty/J. McDowell Richards Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Columbia Theological Seminary
- **Eric Barreto**, Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary
- **Peter Casarella**, Professor, Duke University Divinity School
- **Cheryl Bridges Johns**, Director of the Global Pentecostal House of Studies and Visiting Professor, United Theological Seminary
- **Barbara Reid**, President, Catholic Theological Union
- **Dana Robert**, Truman Collins Professor of World Mission, Boston University School of Theology
- **Cheryl Sanders**, Professor of Christian Ethics, Howard University School of Divinity
- **Gordon Smith**, President, Ambrose Seminary of Ambrose University
- **Grant Wacker**, Gilbert T. Rowe Professor Emeritus of Christian History, Duke University Divinity School
- **Amos Yong**, Dean of SOT and SIS, Fuller Theological Seminary Council

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