

All lectures will take place in Orchestra Hall and are scheduled to last 90 minutes.

Seeking Peace in a Multi-Faith World

Focus: Interfaith (Morning Theme)

Please Note: Special 10 a.m. time due to morning lectures being combined with Faith for Living Hour.

10 a.m., Monday: Approaches to Interfaith Dialogue & Peacebuilding with Rev. Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack

This lecture will provide a foundation for the week with a focus on the challenges and opportunities for interfaith dialogue and peacebuilding in the U.S. Learn about the growing religious diversity in the U.S. and consider the experiences of other faiths. Particular attention will be given to the ways that Christian convictions are used to justify violence and ways that religious bigotry has manifested itself in hate crimes. The session will introduce a variety of positive approaches Christians have taken to interfaith dialogue, then invite participants to assess their level of interfaith engagement.

Rev. Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack is Assistant Professor of history of religions and multi-faith relations at Emory University's Chandler School of Theology and Director of the Leadership and Multi-faith Program (LAMP) with the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at Georgia Tech. She earned her MDiv, ThM, and PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Womack's research combines commitments to interreligious understanding, Christian-Muslim dialogue, and American-Arab relations. Her upcoming book, *Protestants, Gender, and the Arab Renaissance in Late Ottoman Syria*, explores the encounters between American missionaries and Arab residents of Ottoman Syria in the pre-World War I era. She has lectured and published widely and is a member of the American Society of Church History, the Middle East Studies Association, the International Association for Mission Studies and the American Academy of Religion. Womack is the recipient of numerous awards for her scholarship, including honors from the American Academy of Religion and the Fund for Theological Education.



10 a.m., Tuesday: Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations: Historical Models with Rev. Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack

There is much to learn from history about the ways that Christians, Jews, and Muslims can and should relate to one another. This lecture gives attention to historical models of Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations, with a particular focus on the Middle East, where religious plurality has long been a way of life. While challenging notions of primordial Christian-Muslim or Jewish-Muslim tensions in the region, positive and negative historical encounters will be considered while examining lessons from history to present-day efforts for interreligious peacebuilding.

10 a.m., Wednesday: Islam in America: Learning from the Past, Confronting Prejudice with Rev. Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack

The history of Muslims in America, including African slaves, early immigrants from the Middle East, African American Muslims, and diverse Muslim immigrant communities since the 1960's demonstrates Islam's deep roots in America. An understanding of this past will help answer the questions: How have Christian discourses about Islam impacted Muslim life in the U.S.? How do views of race and gender shape American impressions of Islam today? What can American Christians do to build friendships with American Muslims?



10 a.m., Thursday: Imagining the Future: Games for Peace, Games for Dialogue with Rev. Dr. Deanna Ferree Womack

The U.S. is at a critical turning point when it comes to the possibility of pursuing interreligious peace and justice. This lecture invites participants to reflect upon roles in their home contexts to promote religious literacy, foster understanding of various traditions, and cultivate positive relations between people of different faiths. Imagine what life together should look like in the multi-faith society of twenty-first century America and consider the sort of tools and dispositions needed to make that vision a reality. Among new strategies and principles for dialogue, learn how to play games for peace.

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Focus: Peace with Justice (Afternoon Theme)

1:30 p.m., Monday: The Role of Reconciliation, Memory & Theology in Shaping the Public Stage (Part I) with Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

Explore how the concepts of reconciliation, memory, and theology impact the church internally and how these concepts should be used to shape the role of faith and the church in the public space. Lessons will be drawn from the Northern Irish Peace process as well as highlighting other global hotspots struggling with religious toxicity and bad theology.

Rev. Dr. Gary Mason is a Methodist minister, a senior research fellow at the Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at Maynooth University in Ireland, an adjunct professor at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, and director of Rethinking Conflict in Belfast, Ireland. He previously served 27 years as a Methodist clergy person in parish ministry in Belfast and played an integral role in the Northern Irish peace process. Mason studied business for his primary degree at the University of Ulster where he was awarded the British Enkalon Cup. He holds a doctorate in psychology from the University of Ulster and completed his theological studies at Queens University. He played a key role in establishing the Skainos Project, a world-class urban center developed in a post-conflict society as a model of co-existence and the largest faith-based redevelopment project in Western Europe. Mason is a close advisor to Protestant ex-combatants on the civilianization efforts of paramilitaries, and he was instrumental in facilitating negotiations with paramilitaries and government officials. In 2007, he was made a member of the Order of the British Empire for his work in the peace process and was awarded the honor by HRH Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.



1:30 p.m., Tuesday: The Role of Reconciliation, Memory & Theology in Shaping the Public Stage (Part II) with Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

In this lecture, Rev. Dr. Gary Mason will continue with a further discussion on the concepts of reconciliation, memory, and theology and their place regarding faith and the church in the public sphere.

1:30 p.m., Wednesday: From Extremism to Inclusion: What Hardliners Joining the Peace Process in Northern Ireland Can Teach a Post-Election U.S. with Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

This lecture will focus on three questions: In political disagreements, how do people listen and allow time to hear the other side of the argument? Is it possible to have a civil conversation in uncivil times? How can some of the painful lessons of those difficult uncomfortable conversations that paved the way for the Irish peace process be relevant in fragmented societies today? Explore these questions and their possible solutions.

1:30 p.m., Thursday: Redirecting the Church Outwards with Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

The Western Church seems to have a fortress door mentality. How does the church ensure that the framework of the gospel spills into the public square as a meaningful and relevant influence? Discuss the role of the modern church in the west with a focus on its place and purpose in public life.

Supplemental Lecture Materials

To promote further learning, speakers participating in the Chautauqua Lecture Series are asked to provide recommended reading lists, handouts and lecture PowerPoint slides. To request resources for a particular theme or speaker, please email education@lakesideohio.com. Please note that the Education Department is not able to videotape or audiotape the lecture.

A Look Ahead: Week 9 Lecture Highlights

C.S. Lewis (morning theme)

Monday, Aug. 13:

10 a.m., C.S. Lewis & the Love of God with Rev. Dr. Jerry Root

Tuesday, Aug. 14:

10 a.m., C.S. Lewis: Joy & the Deep Longing for God with Rev. Dr. Jerry Root

Wednesday, Aug. 15:

10 a.m., C.S. Lewis: Spiritual Formation & Mere Christianity with Rev. Dr. Jerry Root

Thursday, Aug. 16:

10 a.m., C.S. Lewis: Spiritual Formation & the Life of the Imagination with Rev. Dr. Jerry Root

The Art of... (afternoon theme)

Monday, Aug. 13:

1:30 p.m., The Art of... First-Person Portrayals with John Moser, PhD

Tuesday, Aug. 14:

1:30 p.m., The Art of... Woodworking with Dan & Julie Warther

Wednesday, Aug. 15:

1:30 p.m., The Art of... Haiku with Julie Warther

Thursday, Aug. 16:

1:30 p.m., The Art of... A Cappella with Ball in the House A Cappella Group