

THE 10TH ANNUAL HESED LECTURE AT AUSTIN SEMINARY

2023

HESED X

— WHERE FAITH & JUSTICE MEET —

חסד *hesed*;

love in action; justice;
steadfast love; mercy;
loving kindness.

2023 THEME: CAGES

The purpose of the Hesed lectures at Austin Seminary is to promote awareness and church involvement in the area of social justice, thus enabling hesed, which is Hebrew for love in action.



MARCH 3 & 4



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DR. STEPHEN RAY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & PREACHER



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WORKSHOPS**



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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

**Denotes Online/Livestreamed portion*

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Check In & Registration - McCord Community Center

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Opening Worship Service - Shelton Chapel*

8:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Refreshments / Meet & Greet - McCord Community Center

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Check In & Registration - McCord Community Center

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Keynote Lecture & Q/A - Dr. Stephen Ray - McMillan 210*

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM - Break, Refreshments, Community Expo - McCord Community Center

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM - Workshops Round 1 - McCord Community Center

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - Lunch & Community Exhibits - McCord Community Center

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM - Workshops Round 2 - McCord Community Center

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM - Break

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM - "Hesed in Action" Panel Conversation - McMillan Memorial 210*

3:00 PM - Closing Service & Sermon - Dr. Stephen Ray - McMillan 210*

ABOUT THE 2023 HESED X THEME

In 2023, we celebrate Hesed's tenth lecture series. Since that time, the Hesed lectures have done far more than bring speakers to campus. The Hesed experience has created community and formed leaders that have helped transform Austin Seminary and the communities the students have entered after graduation. Three of the last four student body presidents were Hesed chairs. Twenty-six Black, LatinX, and Asian students won graduate fellowships and awards over the last decade. Hesed leaders are hard at work in their communities: leading congregations, advocacy organizations, working as chaplains. Two previous Hesed chairs are even on staff at Austin Seminary!

This year's Hesed focuses on the theme of "Cages." While "cages" can evoke the dehumanization of those in detention, we are focusing on the more abstract idea of dehumanization all oppressed people feel when placed in cages of racism and injustice.

These cages aren't easily broken, but they can be stretched and weakened as the people within create community and work towards the incremental change—change that we have experienced and celebrate as a seminary community. Questions arise for us: How do we work within cages to create that community? How do we bend the bars to reach out and form collaborative relationships with others? How do we reconcile the cages of our culture with our interior freedom in God?

Join us in this year's Hesed lecture series as we explore these questions and more!

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