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HESED LECTURE SERIES

“THERE IS NO JUSTICE WITHOUT US”

PRESENTED BY
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN/AFRICAN DIASPORA & LATINX
STUDENT GROUPS OF AUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY





THIS YEARS THEME

“THERE IS NO JUSTICE WITHOUT US”

ABOUT THE THEME:

THE PURPOSE OF THE HESED LECTURESHIP AT AUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, THUS ENABLING ‘HESED,’ WHICH IS HEBREW FOR JUSTICE, LOVING KINDNESS, AND MERCY. THE THEME, “NO JUSTICE WITHOUT US,” ADDRESSES THE ABSENCE OF LIFEGIVING JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE UNITED STATES. AS ATTESTED FROM THE BRUTAL DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD, ICE RAIDS OF IMMIGRANTS, AND COVID-19 DEATHS, PEOPLE OF COLOR HAVE FACED ONE INJUSTICE AFTER ANOTHER, FROM RACIAL TO ECONOMIC TO HEALTH TO HOUSING TO FOOD, ETC. WITH THIS FOCUS, VIRTUAL HESED 2021 AIMS TO GATHER JUSTICE-MINDED PEOPLE, ACTIVISTS, BELIEVERS, AND POTENTIAL ALLIES NOT ONLY TO DEFINE THE INJUSTICES BROWN AND BLACK COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCE BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO IMAGINE TOGETHER WHAT JUSTICE SHOULD LOOK LIKE FOR MARGINALIZED PEOPLE—HENCE THE US. INDEED, IT IS WHEN ALL PEOPLE RECEIVE LIVING-GIVING JUSTICE THAT WE FULFILL THESE WORDS FROM THE PROPHET AMOS: “BUT LET JUSTICE ROLL ON LIKE A RIVER, RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE A NEVER-FAILING STREAM! (5:24).”



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DR. LEONARD N. MOORE IS CURRENTLY THE GEORGE LITTLEFIELD PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND THE FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN. HE IS A NATIVE OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHO EARNED HIS BA FROM JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1993 AND HIS PHD FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1998. INSIDE THE CLASSROOM DR. MOORE TEACHES MORE THAN 1,000 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE FALL SEMESTER IN HIS TWO CLASSES: HISTORY OF THE BLACK POWER MOVEMENT AND RACE IN THE AGE OF TRUMP. DR. MOORE ALSO DIRECTS SUMMER PROGRAMS IN BEIJING, CHINA, AND CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, AND IN DUBAI. AS A SCHOLAR PROFESSOR MOORE IS THE AUTHOR OF THREE BOOKS ON BLACK POLITICS WITH HIS LATEST BOOK THE DEFEAT OF BLACK POWER: CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE NATIONAL BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTION OF 1972, PUBLISHED IN 2018. HIS FOURTH BOOK, TEACHING BLACK HISTORY TO WHITE PEOPLE, WILL BE PUBLISHED THIS SPRING. HE IS ALSO BOARD CHAIR OF THE AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE.

DR. CLAUDIO CARVALHAES ORIGINALLY FROM SÃO PAULO BRAZIL, DR. CARVALHAES IS A FORMER SHOE SHINING BOY AND NOW IS AN ACTIVIST, LITURGIST, THEOLOGIAN AND ARTIST. HE IS CURRENTLY THE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF WORSHIP AT UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN NYC. HE WORKED FOR 5 YEARS WITH THE LARGEST SOCIAL MOVEMENT IN THE WORLD: BRAZILIAN LANDLESS MOVEMENT AND IS NOW INVOLVED WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL INITIATIVES. DR. CARVALHAES IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS. HIS MOST RECENT ONE IS LITURGIES FROM BELOW 462 ACTS OF WORSHIP, WHERE HE COLLECTED PRAYERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. HE IS MARRIED TO KATIE AND IS THE FATHER OF LIBBY, CICI AND IKE.



WORKSHOP LEADERS

DR. WARREN CHALKLEN IS A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR EQUITY AND JUSTICE. HIS CURRENT WORK ADVANCES HEALTH EQUITY BY DEEPENING CULTURAL COMPETENCY, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION PRACTICES AT AN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM BASED IN TEXAS. HE LEADS LANGUAGE ACCESS SERVICES AS WELL AS THE EXECUTION OF SYSTEM-WIDE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION EDUCATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES. WITHIN HIS BROAD SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES, DR. CHALKLEN ACHIEVES PATIENT, ASSOCIATE, AND ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF DATA, TECHNOLOGY, AND HIGH IMPACT DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION LEARNING EXPERIENCES. HIS TEAM INCREASES PATIENT ACCESS AND IMPROVES PATIENT EXPERIENCE THROUGH COORDINATING LANGUAGE ACCESS EQUIPMENT, PROVIDING QUALIFIED BILINGUAL STAFF TRAINING, AND HARNESSING LANGUAGE DATA TO INFORM STRATEGIC DECISIONS. CONCERNING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, DR. CHALKLEN SERVES AS AN INSTRUCTOR, RESOURCE, AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT TO FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM. HE DESIGNS HIGH QUALITY, COST-EFFECTIVE LEARNING SOLUTIONS BY COLLABORATING WITH SYSTEM-WIDE, CLINICAL, NON-CLINICAL, AND LEADERSHIP TEAMS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND OTHER EXPERTS.

DR. CHALKLEN BEGAN HIS CAREER AS AN URBAN SCHOOLTEACHER IN SOUTH AFRICA WHERE HE WITNESSED THE IMPACT OF RACIAL INEQUITY ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES. HE PURSUED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FOCUSING ON EDUCATION POLICY AND A PHD IN URBAN EDUCATION FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY WITH A FOCUS ON CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION. DR. CHALKLEN HAS AUTHORED TWO BOOK CHAPTERS AND PUBLISHED PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES ON TOPICS SUCH AS RACIAL EQUITY, PRE-SERVICE TEACHER EDUCATION, AND TECHNOLOGY BASED LEARNING. UPON GRADUATION, DR. CHALKLEN MOVED TO NEW YORK CITY WHERE HE TRAINED TEACHERS HOW TO USE DATA TO ADVOCATE FOR EQUITY IN THEIR CLASSROOMS WHILE WORKING FOR AN EDUCATION NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORTING THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR INTERNAL STAFF MEMBERS.

DR. CHALKLEN'S PASSION FOR DEEPENING ANTI-OPPRESSIVE PRACTICES WITH, RATHER THAN FOR COMMUNITIES CONTINUES TO SHAPE HIS COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A JUST WORLD.

EVENT PROGRAM



DAY 1: MARCH 5, 2021

6:45 PM – 7:00 PM

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Gregory L. Cuellar & Allen J. Roberts, Sr.

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

KEYNOTE LECTURE, "WOKE! NOW WHAT?"

Dr. Leonard N. Moore

DAY 2: MARCH 6, 2021

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

WELCOME

Kimberly Mendoza Ramos

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

WORKSHOP #1

Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

BREAK

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

WORKSHOP #2

Dr. Warren Chalken & Mr. Niabulo Mkhize

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

LUNCH/DISCUSSION GROUPS

Led by members of the AADSG & LatinX Student Groups

Fellowship Room #1 (Austin Community)

Fellowship Room #2 (Prayer/Pastoral Care)

Fellowship Room #3 (Worship/Immigration)

Fellowship Room #4 (General Hangout)

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

CULMINATING WORSHIP SERVICE

Led by Dr. Claudio Carvalhes & Students

WORSHIP BULLETIN

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: WE HAVE BEEN KILLED
WE HAVE BEEN BEATEN
WE HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN

ALL: AND YET, WE CALL ON THE NAME OF OUR GOD THAT NEVER LEAVES US
NOR FORSAKES US

WE HAVE BEEN PUSHED DOWN
HELD BACK
AND STEPPED ON

ALL: AND YET WE ALL CALL ON OUR GOD WHO TEACHES US TO WALK BY
FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

OUR RESOURCES HAVE BEEN DEGRADED
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS BELITTLED
OUR VOICES QUIETED

ALL: AND YET WE CALL ON OUR GOD WHO BENDS DOWN TO HEAR OUR
PRAYERS

OUR FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY CONTINUES TO HIT A ROADBLOCK
WE COME IN PEACE BUT YET WE ARE MET WITH VIOLENCE
OUR DEAR MOTHERS SCREAM, CRY, WAIL AND LAMENT AT THE DEATH OF
THEIR CHILD

KILLED BY THE HANDS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO SERVE AND PROTECT

ALL: WHO SERVES AND PROTECTS US?

WHERE IS THE JUSTICE FOR US?

WE HOPE FOR JUSTICE BUT THERE IS NONE
RIGHTEOUSNESS STANDS FAR AWAY
INNOCENT BLOOD CRIES OUT FROM THE EARTH

IT IS DISPLEASED IN HIS SIGHT THAT THERE IS NO JUSTICE FOR US

ALL: NOW WE LOOK TOWARD THE HILLS FROM WHICH COMETH OUR HELP
AND WE CALL UPON OUR GOD, WHO IS A VERY PRESENT HELP IN A TIME OF
TROUBLE

SO COME, AND LET US WORSHIP AND EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER!

WORSHIP BULLETIN

OPENING SONG "HOW MUCH LONGER" BY COMMON HYMNAL

PRAYER: CALLING ON GOD FOR JUSTICE

GOD WE KNOW THAT THERE CANNOT BE JUSTICE WITHOUT US.
WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE CALLED US TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOU, LOVE
MERCY, SHOW KINDNESS...
WE REALIZE THAT NO SONG, NO OFFERING, NO SACRIFICE MATTERS IF WE
DO NOT LIVE OUT HESED
MAY WE DESIRE YOUR HESED, YOUR JUSTICE AND STRIVE TOWARDS IT
AS YOUR JUSTICE IS JUSTICE FOR THE POOR, THE OPPRESSED, THE
MARGINALIZED
WHO ARE THOSE STRUGGLING AND EXPERIENCING RACIAL AND SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC INEQUALITY,
YOUR JUSTICE IS FOR THEM. MAY WE BE FOR THEM AS WELL.
LET YOUR JUSTICE FLOW THROUGH US.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT WE CONFESS TO YOU....

CONFESSIONS OF SINS

LORD WE ARE SO SORRY FOR OUR COMPLACENCY IN OUR FIGHT FOR YOUR
JUSTICE
FOR STAYING SILENT BECAUSE WE THOUGHT THEY WERE NOT US.
THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT BEEN A PROJECT FOR ALL OF US, ONLY FOR
THOSE BORN INTO PRIVILEGE BASED ON THEIR RACE, CLASS, GENDER.
WE HAVE ALLOWED BORDERS TO BE BUILT AND WE HAVE WATCHED
IMMIGRANT CHILDREN KEPT IN CAGES IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL
SECURITY
WE REMAIN APATHETIC TO PREJUDICE SHOWN TOWARDS BLACK AND
BROWN BODIES THROUGH POLICE BRUTALITY, CALLING IT "KEEPING THE
PEACE"
WE FAIL TO NOTICE THE UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION OF HEALTHCARE
THROUGHOUT THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC, AS THE SYSTEM CONTINUES TO
FAVOR THOSE WHO ARE PRIVILEGED.
WE CONFESS THESE THINGS TO YOU, GOD. HELP US TO SEE, TO HEAR, TO
MOVE IN YOUR STRENGTH AND IN YOUR NAME. HEAR THE PRAYERS WE
MAKE IN THE SILENCE OF OUR HEARTS.

(PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER)

WORSHIP BULLETIN

ABSOLUTION "GOD WILL HEAL OUR WOUNDS" BY COMMON HYMNAL

(CHORUS ONLY)

IF WE STOP LOVING ON OUR OWN TERMS
GOD WILL HEAL OUR WOUNDS, GOD WILL HEAL OUR WOUNDS
IF WE STOP LOVING ON OUR OWN TERMS
GRACE WILL LEAD US HOME
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SCRIPTURE READING

AMOS 5:18-24

ALAS FOR YOU WHO DESIRE THE DAY OF THE LORD!
WHY DO YOU WANT THE DAY OF THE LORD?
IT IS DARKNESS, NOT LIGHT;
AS IF SOMEONE FLED FROM A LION,
AND WAS MET BY A BEAR;
OR WENT INTO THE HOUSE AND RESTED A HAND AGAINST THE WALL,
AND WAS BITTEN BY A SNAKE.
IS NOT THE DAY OF THE LORD DARKNESS, NOT LIGHT,
AND GLOOM WITH NO BRIGHTNESS IN IT?

I HATE, I DESPISE YOUR FESTIVALS,
AND I TAKE NO DELIGHT IN YOUR SOLEMN ASSEMBLIES.
EVEN THOUGH YOU OFFER ME YOUR BURNT OFFERINGS AND GRAIN
OFFERINGS,
I WILL NOT ACCEPT THEM;
AND THE OFFERINGS OF WELL-BEING OF YOUR FATTED ANIMALS
I WILL NOT LOOK UPON.
TAKE AWAY FROM ME THE NOISE OF YOUR SONGS;
I WILL NOT LISTEN TO THE MELODY OF YOUR HARPS.
BUT LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS,
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN EVER-FLOWING STREAM.

WORSHIP BULLETIN

SERMON

DR. CLAUDIO CARVALHAES

PASSING OF THE PEACE

AMOS 5:18-24

LEADER: LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS.
TO THIS PEACE WE WERE CALLED
AS MEMBERS OF A SINGLE BODY.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU, LA PAZ DE CRISTO SEA CONTIGO

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU, IGUAL CON USTED

CLOSING SONG

SOMOS EL CUERPO DE CRISTO GTG #768

BENEDICTION

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US THIS WEEKEND!