



## **Spring 2018 Windows on the World Schedule**

**Fridays, 10:00 a.m. in McInnis Auditorium (St. Davids campus) unless otherwise indicated.**

**Sponsored by the Office of the Provost. Open to the Public.**

\* An asterisk after dates below indicates that following that particular presentation, the Provost's Office will host an informal luncheon in Baird Library (Walton Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. to extend the conversation over a meal. Sodexo has extended a discounted meal rate of \$5/person, payable at the door. Luncheon attendees should go through the Dining Commons line and bring their lunches back to Baird Library.

### **Friday, JANUARY 12 \* - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATION**



**Rev. Dr. Harold Dean Trulear, Associate Professor of Applied Theology, Howard University School of Divinity, and National Director, Healing Communities USA**

***"In a Building Not Made by Hands: Martin Luther King, the Beloved Community and Mass Incarceration"***

Martin Luther King, Jr. held the idea of "The Beloved Community" as a vision for human relationships. In a society which incarcerates its citizens at record and alarming rates, what would this vision of a Beloved Community mean for reforming the criminal justice system and bringing healing and restoration to communities disproportionately affected by mass incarceration? How does Beloved Community frame the lives of individuals and families in an alternative narrative of justice and freedom?

### **Friday, JANUARY 19 \* - IN COLLABORATION WITH CAMPOLO CENTER FOR MINISTRY**

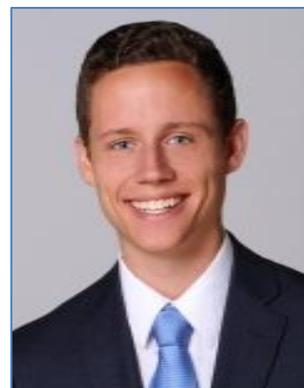


**Kelly and Niki Tshibaka, Co-Pastors, The Lighthouse Fellowship, Washington, DC**

***"Disciple' – Noun or Verb? How a Simple Definition Could Change the Trajectory of the U.S. Church"***

Believers agree we are to "go make disciples," but few people seem to know how to do it. Denominations report alarming and sustained declines in churches, members, and ministry leaders, indicating the U.S. has become a post-Christian, secular nation. How do we change that? Disciple-making. Drawing on more than 11 years of experience in effectively making disciples, Kelly and Niki Tshibaka, pastors, church planters, and professionals in the Washington, DC area, share practical lessons they've learned in how to make disciples.

### **Friday, JANUARY 26 \* - HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS WEEK**



**Dan Mackett, College Mobilization Program Manager, International Justice Mission**

***"Redeeming Power – How Justice is Woven Into the Gospel"***

Power is a sensitive issue – and one which most of us don't like having conversations about. However, power is something God has given each of His image bearers to use in bringing about a reflection of His beautiful character. Thus, it's important we think about power and the gospel's implications on how it is used. Ever since the fall, we have corrupted the way we use power. This corruption of power has severe consequences for God's original plan – slavery being one of the worst byproducts. Slavery is the exploitation of an image bearer for one's own selfish gain. As we look to the example of Christ on the cross, He teaches His followers how power can be redeemed and used to bring flourishing once again through the abolition of slavery – flourishing that will show the world there is a God who rescues, restores, and is perfectly just.

**Friday, FEBRUARY 2 \* - IN COLLABORATION WITH RED LETTER CHRISTIANS**

**Jon Huckins, Co-Founder, Global Immersion Project**

***“The Opportunity of Conflict: Practicing Everyday Peace”***

Five minutes on our smart phones and we are again confronted with the conflicted reality of our country and world. As followers of Jesus, do we throw up arms and walk away or roll up our sleeves and join God in healing our broken world? The work of peacemaking is often stigmatized as something soft and idealistic reserved for political power brokers or those on the fringes of society. As followers of an others-oriented, enemy-loving God, it is clear that peacemaking is neither soft nor idealistic, but a subversive, costly way of life that moves us toward conflict armed to heal rather than to win. What if conflict wasn't a problem to fix, but an opportunity for transformation? What are the tools we need in order to move toward conflict in our relationships, neighborhoods and world as participants in God's mission of restoration?

**Friday, FEBRUARY 9 - IN COLLABORATION WITH “HEART OF AFRICA” STUDENT CLUB**

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***“The Africa You Should Know – Enlightenment on the Necessity of Knowing the Full Story as an Aide to Amplify the Quality of Service in Africa” Panel of Eastern University Professors***

We are often blinded by the single sided story the media tells on various topics about the African continent, which has created an epidemic of ignorance even in the community of believers and missionaries who seek to do well in their service to “the least of these.” The fact is every stereotype has truth in it, but it is not the whole story. In this discussion, some of Eastern University's finest professors, Dr. Gramby-Sobukwe, Dr. Mike Mtika, Dr. Joao Monteiro, and Dr. Benjamin Dube, will shed light on their experiences in various parts of Africa in the hope of giving our community an idea of how to approach service in an African country.

**Friday, FEBRUARY 16 \* - IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY**

**Dr. Anthony Le Donne, Associate Professor of New Testament, United Theological Seminary**

***“Friendship at the Religiopolitical Border: The Risks of Intimacy in the Age of Tr\*mp”***

In an age of neo-Nazism, neo-Fascism, and the coopting of evangelicals, American Christianity is in danger of selling her soul. Dr. Anthony Le Donne will expose the fault lines and obstacles for authentic relationships of intimacy in America. He will suggest that ancient ideas about friendship and modern theories about humor might reorient the Church toward righteous political friendships.

**Friday, FEBRUARY 23 – SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE**

**Spring Recess Commissioning Service**

**Megan D. Acedo, M.Div., MSW, Coordinator of Student Ministries & Service Learning**

This will be a formal commissioning of Eastern University students, faculty, coaches and staff who will spend their Spring Recess on Eastern-sponsored service trips (academic, athletic, missions).



**Friday, MARCH 9 \* - IN COLLABORATION WITH CAMPOLO CENTER FOR MINISTRY**

**Rev. Greg Klimovitz, Associate Presbyterian, Presbytery of Philadelphia (PCUSA)**  
***“Reformed and Reforming: Christian Vocation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”***

Christian vocation can be framed as our individual and corporate call to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in our particular time and place. While true of disciples throughout the ages, the present realities of the twenty-first century dare us to embrace a renewed, adaptive, and intersectional understanding of our vocation rooted in a conversant theological traditioning of our faith that speaks into our cities, neighborhoods, and larger world. This work invites all to reimagine how our gifts, talents, passions, entrepreneurial ideas, artistic expressions, and public professions can be pursued in light of our central identity as the people of God called and sent into the world.

**Friday, MARCH 16 \* - AS PART OF EASTERN UNIVERSITY’S FAITH FORUM**

**Dr. Emerson Powery, Professor of Biblical Studies, Messiah College and Associate Director, Clergy Leadership Program of Central PA**

***“Can Scripture Speak for Itself? Race and the Bible in American History”***

Dr. Emerson Powery will discuss the function of biblical interpretation during the period of the abolitionist movement in antebellum America. Concentrating on enslaved voices – and their commitment to freedom – allows us to appreciate the contribution of marginal voices to the larger discussion of the role the Bible played in the American crisis of human bondage. It also hints at possibilities for how we might interpret the Bible during the crises of our day.

**Friday, MARCH 23**

**Nikki Toyama-Szeto, Executive Director, Evangelicals for Social Action and the Sider Center**  
***“ESA: Faith in the Public Square”***

Join us as we re-think and re-imagine what faithful witness looks like lived out. Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA) and Sider Center Executive Director Nikki Toyama-Szeto shares observations from ESA’s work advocating, and partnering with communities that provide fuel for everyday, faith-fueled justice.

**Friday, APRIL 6 \* - IN COLLABORATION WITH RED LETTER CHRISTIANS**

**Lisa Sharon Harper, Speaker, Author, Writer, Activist. Author of “The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right”**

***“The Art of Listening: The principles of compassionate listening and how they make you a better family member, friend and follower of Jesus”***

From Genesis to Revelation, Lisa Sharon Harper examines the biblical concept of shalom, the Kingdom of God, and God’s very good news to people who need it most.



**Friday, APRIL 13**

**Dr. Margaret Kim Peterson, Professor of Theology, Eastern University**

***“Being Smart Around Substances: Addiction, Harm Reduction, and Living Life to the Fullest”***

We all know people whose lives have been damaged by the addictive use of psychoactive substances. Sometimes we are those people. How can we understand the function that addiction plays in our own lives and the lives of those we love? What steps can we take to reduce the harms associated with addictive substance abuse? And how can we find ways to manage pain which open a pathway to a fuller experience of life’s pleasures?

**Friday, APRIL 20**

**JoAnn Flett, Senior Lecturer, Social Sector Leadership, College of Business and Leadership, Eastern University**

***“Business Matters to God: Using Business as a Force for Good”***

Certified B-Corporations [B-Corps] are a group of businesses whose avowed purpose is to use business as a force for good. These organizations simultaneously pursue social and economic goals. The B-Corps activity has theological significance for managers, leaders, impact investors and all those who see business as a medium of God’s work in the world. This presentation explores how, and why, B-Corps are pursuing goals beyond profit maximization.

