April 29, October 27, January 26, and February 23

Each seminar meets from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the location specified. Sessions take place this year at Butler University, 4600 Sunset Avenue, as well as on the campus of Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd Street.

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RELIGION and RACE in the AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 7:00 PM
HOWARD L. SCHROTT CENTER for the ARTS, BUTLER UNIVERSITY
The tragic events of Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014 sparked a national conversation about race. In the following months, the #blacklivesmatter movement gained momentum as a rallying cry for justice as more tragic events unfolded across the country. Join us for the inaugural event of our latest seminar series, as we hear reflections on religion and racial justice from two noted religious scholars and activists.

SPEAKERS
REV. PAMELA LIGHTSEY is the Associate Dean and a Clinical Assistant Professor at Boston University School of Theology. A recognized human rights activist, Lightsey has done work related to LGBTQ human rights, racism, poverty, and sexism. She has supported recent protests in Ferguson, Boston, and Baltimore. Lightsey's upcoming publication, Our Lives Matter: A Queer Womanist Theology, is forthcoming in the fall of 2015.

REV. STARSKY D. WILSON is President and CEO of Deaconess Foundation, a faith-based grant-making organization devoted to advancing child well-being in the St. Louis region. He is also pastor of Saint John’s Church (The Beloved Community). Wilson is Co-Chair of the Ferguson Commission, charged with advancing policies to strengthen the region following the death of Michael Brown Jr. and the subsequent community uprising.

RELIGION and RACE in INTERFAITH CULTURE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 7:00 PM
SHELTON AUDITORIUM, CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
With countless episodes of conflict and violence between Jews, Muslims, and Christians making headlines around the world, what positive examples of mutual support and collaboration can model an alternative, hopeful vision? The Tri-Faith Initiative of Omaha, Nebraska, is a joint project of local Jewish, Muslim, and Christian congregations committed to dialogue and engagement. Two leaders of the initiative will reflect on their unifying work.

SPEAKERS
RABBI JOSH BROWN is the Associate Rabbi at Temple Israel in Omaha, Nebraska. Brown graduated from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion with a master's degree in Jewish Education and was ordained with a master’s in Hebrew Letters in 2008.

DR. SYED MOHIUDDIN is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at Creighton University School of Medicine and a Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at Creighton’s University School of Pharmacy. He is the Founder and President of the American Muslim Institute and a founder and current member of the board of the directors of the Tri-Faith Initiative.

GLOBAL INTERSECTIONS of RELIGION, RACE, and CULTURE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 7:00 PM
SHELTON AUDITORIUM, CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Religion’s role in international relations and politics is complex and multifarious, especially as religion intersects with racial and cultural identities. This seminar explores the complex real-world impacts of religion on global societies and international politics.

SPEAKER
ELIZABETH SHAKMAN HURD is Associate Professor of Politics at Northwestern University, where she teaches politics, religion, and international affairs. She is a regular contributor to public discussions on U.S. foreign policy and the politics of religious diversity. This year she has two relevant publications, Beyond Religious Freedom: The New Global Politics of Religion (2015) and Politics of Religious Freedom (2015).

RESPONDENTS
EDWARD CURTIS is Millennium Chair of the Liberal Arts and Professor of Religious Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He is the author, most recently, of The Call of Bilal: Islam in the African Diaspora.

REV. FRANK A. THOMAS serves as the Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics and Director of the Academy of Preaching and Celebration at Christian Theological Seminary. His most recent book is American Dream 2.0: A Christian Way Out of the Great Recession.

RELIGION, RACE, and JUSTICE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 7:00 PM
HOWARD L. SCHROTT CENTER for the ARTS, BUTLER UNIVERSITY
How have faith communities in Indianapolis responded to the national conversations on race in recent years? How are these issues being played out in our city? For our final seminar, local faith community leaders, scholars, and activists living in context and doing the work will discuss these broader questions.

SPEAKER
REV. DAVID HAMPTON serves as Senior Pastor of Light of the World Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis. Hampton has received the Presidential Call to Service Award 2011 (which was recognized by President Obama) and the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Award in Religion in Indianapolis in 2007.

RESPONDENTS
TERRI JETT is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Special Assistant to the Provost for Diversity and Inclusivity at Butler University. She is President of the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana and an Elder at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.

REV. ANASTASSIA ZINKE is the Minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in Indianapolis. She is active with three local interfaith organizations: the Interfaith Hospitality Network, IndyCAN, and the Center for Interfaith Cooperation.