

March 19–April 2

Community Voices

Speakers:

Nzia Vang, KaZoua Berry, TBA

Two Hmong Minnesotans will join us: Nzia Vang will share her refugee experience. KaZoua Berry will bring the perspective of a second-generation immigrant. Our third speaker will be announced later.

April 16–May 7

The Role of Christians in a Secular Culture

Speaker:

Joel Lawrence

Dr. Lawrence is the executive director of the Center for Pastor theologians, a former pastor, and a scholar. Previously, he has taught in Faith 20/20 on the dangers of fusing Christianity with American Nationalism, and on the role of morality in the Christian life. Please come join us as Dr. Lawrence continues to discuss his fascinating insights about the role and mission of Christians in a secular culture.

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Spring 2023

How can we flourish in
our faith together?

January 8–22

Growing in Understanding: Why emotional maturity matters for your own spiritual health and our health as a faith community

Speaker:

Laura Mortenson

Join us for this three-week series led by Laura Mortenson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, as we explore how emotional maturity affects our spiritual lives individually and as a faith community. We will discuss topics such as emotional literacy, the pitfalls of toxic positivity and the prosperity gospel, the importance of mental health, and nurturing a healthy relationship with your thoughts and emotions.

Week 1: Peeling back the onion: going beyond the “mad, sad, glad triad” of emotions.

Week 2: Positive vibes only? Beginning to debunk toxic positivity and the prosperity gospel of mental health.

Week 3: “So far as it depends on you”: how a healthy relationship with your thoughts and emotions impacts your spiritual health and your relationships.

January 29–February 19

Black Mirror and Seeing Our Own Reflection

Speaker:

John Dunne

In this class we will explore together the significance of Christian engagement with popular media by diving into Netflix’s dystopian anthology show, *Black Mirror*. With stand-alone episodes/films, *Black Mirror* probes what it means to be human in a technological world. While the show raises interesting, if not disturbing, questions, it refrains from giving answers, putting the onus on viewers to continue the conversation. This ongoing conversation is the prerogative of this class, as we reflect in Socratic fashion on what the show asks us to (re)consider about our tech habits in the light of the Christian tradition. To facilitate this discussion we will watch an episode each week and read an essay from Dr. Dunne’s new volume, *Theology and Black Mirror* (published by Fortress/Lexington).

February 26–March 12

Colossians: Constructing a Christian Identity

Speaker:

Laura Kozamchak

This 3-week series will survey Paul’s letter to the Colossians. This brief letter is rich in Christological teaching as well as practical instruction in Christian identity and living. As we study together, will take a look at who these early Christians were, what their culture and context was like, and how Paul instructed them about the identity of Christ and his followers, including how they ought to live as Christians in their context. We will then examine and discuss how this letter instructs us about our Christian identity and how we ought to live as Christians in our contexts today.