



Christian education for laity and clergy

Greetings and Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

The Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology was established in 1991 by a group of Lutheran congregations in eastern Upstate New York, for two primary purposes:

- to provide significant and appropriate education for those engaged in intentional lay ministry in Christian congregations and other judicatories, and to support them in this work
- to provide continuing education and growth in faith for clergy, deacons and laity, and personal enrichment for anyone in an environment of worship and fellowship.

In recent years the Institute has often included interfaith learning opportunities.

Daily Worship @ the Institute

Morning Prayer

Monday–Friday 7:30 am

Evening Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs 9:15 pm

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 7:30 pm

Pre-Service Music 7:15 pm

All services are held in Shineman Chapel.

All are welcome, including
those not taking classes.

General Information

Check-in and room assignment: Sunday, July 25, 4–7pm, Hilltops Hall. Sign-up to **carpool** for daily rides to classes.

Check for signs and directions. Campus traffic patterns may change from one year to the next. **Name badges** must be worn at all times for classes and meals.

If you are staying overnight in the dorms, **you must bring**: bed linens (twin-long) or sleeping bag (no rental linens), towels, toiletries. We **recommend** you bring lamp, fan, garbage bags, window screen, and other creature comforts. This is college dormitory living. We encourage casual clothing, comfortable shoes, and sweaters for upstate New York summer weather: warm/hot days, cool nights.

Arriving later in the week? Please report to the Institute office, Clark Hall 252, for your name badge and packet.

Orientation for the week is Sunday, 7:30pm in Shineman Chapel. **Welcome reception** for all participants is Sunday, 8:30pm on the patio of Shineman Chapel. Those interested in singing with the Institute Choir will meet after evening worship Sunday night.

The annual Tuesday night party in the dorm will take place after worship—bring snacks to share. Look for announcements on the traditional Thursday Late Night Out on the Town, after evening worship, at a local restaurant.

Smoking is not allowed inside any Hartwick College building.

Hartwick College requires **everyone** coming to campus to be fully **vaccinated against COVID-19**. All participants must be vaccinated and be able to show proof if requested.

Meals are served in Dewar Hall Commons Cafeteria. Breakfast 7:30–9:00am. Lunch 11am–1pm. Dinner 4:30–6:00pm. **Weekly** overnight and commuter registrants use a meal card.

See the registration form in this brochure for the fee schedule and information regarding required texts.

Costs for the Institute are partially underwritten by a subsidy from the founding congregations. Congregations or individuals who wish to support this ministry are welcome to do so in any amount at any time by sending a check to the address on this brochure payable to Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology.

Faculty

Tom Henry. BA, Comprehensive Social Studies; MS, History and Education, doctoral work, American History. Teaches at Oasis of Syracuse, senior education and living program. Master Teacher Emeritus, Colonial Williamsburg.

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Gail Wolling. Retired pastor; MDiv, STM, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg; Dean, Central Crossroads Conference, Upstate New York Synod.

Patty Wolff. Pastor, East Guilford Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Bainbridge; BM, SUNY Potsdam; MBA, Pace University; MDiv, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA

Curriculum

Seminars. Two and a half hours, afternoon or evening, Monday–Thursday

Courses. One hour each day, Monday–Friday or Monday–Thursday

All classes meet in Clark Hall unless otherwise noted. Register for classes by completing and returning the registration form in this brochure by **Monday, July 12** to guarantee your selection. Register for a single class or seminar or for the entire week. A Study Bible is useful.

Courses | Monday—Friday

8:45 am

100 Old Testament Survey

Herion. Survey of major Old Testament categories—Torah, Historical Books, Writings, and Prophets, with reference to apocryphal and deuterocanonical books.

205 Back to Basics

Messner. All human beings are *religious*—even atheists. What are “valid” religious options humans pursue? How might Christians respond?

415 Theology and Preaching

Wolling. Theology shapes our sermons. Take an intentional look at key theological concepts; their appearance in scripture and in sermons: salvation, justice, incarnation, baptism, sin.

10:00 am

150 New Testament Survey

Silvernail. Survey of the New Testament documents, exploring historical and theological themes.

236 Angels and Demons in Christian Tradition

Hodgetts. Overview of biblical teachings, the church Fathers, and others on angels and fallen angels.

306 Scripture through Storytelling

Rankins-Burd. Scripture is filled with song and story, movement and emotion. Draw from storytelling and theater to dramatize the Word. Interactive class.

977 Game of Altars and Thrones: Christian Roots of the Arthurian Legend

Sperti. For one brief shining moment there was Camelot—or was there? From ancient annals of Wales to modern films and mini-series, trace the religious, romantic myth of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

11:15 am

010 Anatomy of the Bible

Hodgetts. Is the Bible in chronological order? What books were disputed or left out? How does the Christian *Old Testament* differ from the *Jewish Scriptures*? Bring a Bible.

157 The Contemplative Writings of the Old Testament

Herion. Why does God seem to dispense rewards and punishments so unfairly? An examination of Israelite reflections on this question in the books of Lamentations, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, and Psalms.

400 Introduction to Preaching

Wolling. Some first steps toward preaching.

1:15pm

195 The End of the World! Really?

Mickiewicz. “There was a great earthquake, the sun turned black, the moon turned blood red, and the stars of the sky fell to earth” The End! Really? What is John of Patmos’s book about if not the end of creation?

163 Luther's Commentary on Galatians

Hodgetts. Luther's commentary on Galatians (1535) influenced John Bunyan, Charles Wesley, and others. Read the commentary online. Bring a Bible.

425 Preaching 201

Wolling. Bible study with an eye to developing a sermon. Examine and discuss lectionary texts from Luke

4:15pm / Mon–Wed

399 Institute Choir

Hill. Rehearsal for the Wednesday evening Eucharist. Sign up on the registration form.

Seminars

Monday / 2:30 pm

S105 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

Wheatley. Genesis, Exodus, Acts. Learn more about covenant and inheritance, healing and betrayal, deliverance and deception.

S121 The Song of Deborah

Wolff. Judges 5 may be the oldest piece of literature in the Bible—an epic poem that rivals some of the world's best poetry. Historically, it foreshadows the role women will play in the Gospels, interacting with Jesus and expanding his understanding of his mission.

Monday / 6:30 pm

S355 The Christian Funeral: What It Is; What It Is Not

Messner. Is it a memorial service? A celebration of life? The order for the burial of the dead? Does it matter? It does—be reminded of why.

S411 Pray, Practice, Proclaim

Sperti. A seminar for the proclaimers of God's Word.

S787 13 Things Mentally Strong Congregations Don't Do

Wheatley. Feel sorry for themselves, shy away from change, make the same mistakes over and over, expect immediate results, and more.

Tuesday / 2:30 pm

S187 Straw or Not? The Letter of James

Shear. James addresses practical issues and problems faced by Christians. A letter of wise counsel and God pleasing solutions. What did Luther really think of it?

S198 The Revelation of Saint John

Mickiewicz. What did John of Patmos really envision and hope for?

S340 Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Richards. Explore the link between the emotional and spiritual dimensions of life. Develop a plan for healthy growth in both areas. Live and love well as God intended.

Tuesday / 6:30 pm

S138 Getting Real with God: A Journey through the Psalms

Richards. Explore the nature, theology, and blessing of the Psalms in living an authentic life in the Spirit.

S455 Let the Children Come to Me

Hill. Ideas and resources for children's sermons.

S812 A look at Politics Today

Henry. Where are we? Where are we going? And where is the church? How can people of faith become voices of reason in the current partisan, hostile political environment? Awareness of current realities, and the tools of manipulation misshaping civil discourse.

Wednesday / 2:30 pm

S611 Passing on the Faith

Shear. How can parents and other adults in a child's life pass on biblical faith in our times? Practical and faithful ways to raise and teach children.

S921 Earth Care: Genesis 1

Wolff. God's commands to fill and subdue the earth can be seen in ways that point to creative cooperation that exists in nature.

30th Anniversary Banquet

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Dewar Hall Cafeteria. \$14 per person. All are welcome.

Cost included for full time registrants with a meal card.

Speaker: Dr. Gary Herion, Professor of Biblical Studies, Hartwick College

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 7:30pm – Shineman Chapel

7:15 Pre-Service Music

Thursday / 2:30pm

S220 Creeds and Confessions, Part 1

Roushey. An overview of the Christian faith as seen through the Lutheran confessional documents of the 16th century. Their history and how they still shape our faith today. Book of Concord recommended.

S300 Corporate Worship in the Christian Tradition

Messner. Overview of the theology, history, and practice of Christian worship in the Western church. Bring your congregation's worship book and a Bible.

S432 Preaching as a Spiritual Exercise

Velez. How preaching helps us grow in the Spirit.

Thursday / 6:30pm

S158 The Jerusalem Temple

Herion. An introductory overview of the First (950-586 BC) and the Second (520 BC-70 AD) Temples in Jerusalem. Their histories, architecture, personnel and institutional roles in Israelite and early Jewish society.

S220 Creeds and Confessions, Part 2

Roushey. See 2:30pm description above

Continuing Education Retreats

Saint Margaret's House Retreat Center
47 Jordan Road
New Hartford, NY 13413
(315) 724-2324

October 28-29, 2021
January 28-29, 2022
April 29-30, 2022

Retreats are open to anyone for continuing education and fellowship. Information on classes, costs, and other details arriving soon. Save the dates!

Helpful Hints and Requests

Register for all courses and seminars by returning the **registration form** in this brochure, whether for the week or just one course or seminar. Please use *only* this registration form to guarantee your selections. Timely registrations are appreciated.

If you do not check-in on Sunday afternoon and arrive later in the week, go to the Institute office, Clark Hall 252 as soon as you arrive. Receive your name tag, meal card (if applicable), and packet, which includes a class schedule and room assignments.

Prepare for your courses. Do reading in advance.

Study Bibles and *The Book of Concord* are available for purchase at the Institute office in Clark Hall for \$45 each.

If the LBW and WOV are required for a course, students must bring their own. Hymnals should not be removed from the chapel.

Please give us your feedback: course/seminar evaluations and general evaluations are read and taken seriously. Suggestions have led to many improvements over the years. Fill them out and return them before you leave or mail them back.

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