

Navigating The Seas of Change

Winter-Spring 2017

Sundays | 9:45–10:45 AM | Haverkamp Room

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January 8

Imam Zia, Afghan-American Islamic scholar & Fatimah Popal

How do we extend brotherhood and sisterhood to those with whom we disagree? What are our own misperceptions of people of other faith? Imam Zia and his wife, Fatimah, have spent a decade working in this field. They have much to share with us. Come learn more about Muslim brothers/sisters and have the opportunity to hear first-hand how we can bridge our divides with selfless service and compassion.

January 15

**Salih Sayilgan, Catholic University & Dr. Zeyneb Sayilgan
Moderator Dodd Sims, M.D.**

A follow-up to their fall discussion on Christian-Muslim engagement, at this session Salih will speak to the challenges of fostering interfaith dialogue in America. His wife, Dr. Zeyneb Sayilgan, will bring a Muslim woman's perspective to the conversation. Salih Sayilgan is a teaching fellow at the Catholic University of America where he teaches courses on Islam and World Religions.



January 22

**Dr. G. Wilson Gunn, Jr.,
General Presbyter,
National Capital Presbytery**

Dr. Gunn will speak to us about adaptive change and leadership in posts where we seek to lead. He will also talk with us about changes in the Presbytery level and answer any questions members might bring to the session concerning our presbytery.



January 29

Ambassador Philip C. Wilcox

The decades-old conflict between Israel and Palestine is at a critical impasse. What will American diplomacy be in the days and year ahead? He will talk about this tragic conflict between Israel who aspires to be a democratic and Jewish state and Palestine whose people live under unjust occupation and want a state of their own.



February 5

**Peter Wehner, Senior Fellow,
Ethics & Public Policy Center**

Many orthodox Christians feel increasingly marginalized. How should we think about engagement in a culture that is both effective and faithful, and what is the political role in all of this?



February 12, 19 & 26

**Sathi Clarke, Wesley Seminary's
Chair in World Christianity
and Professor of Theology,
Culture & Mission**

This is a three-class series on world religions and Christian theology that adopts a way of belonging, behaving, and believing for the common good.

March 5

**Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana, writer
and Presbyterian pastor**

Improvising with God. How is God at work in our lives and how do we respond? Examples of God's improvisation from scripture will be explored as we challenge ourselves to see God in creative and surprising ways through music, pop culture, literature and psychology.



**Wednesday Evenings, 7-8:30 PM
March 8, 15 & 22 | room 103/105**

**Joanne Steller, co-founder of
"Practicing Spirituality" at Foundry
United Methodist Church**

Explore our propensity for busyness. What did Jesus teach about this topic? How do we react to being busy and what practices might we develop to make room for grace and growth?

March 12, 19 & 26, April 2

**Dr. Victoria Barnett, Director of
Programs on Ethics, Religion and the
Holocaust at the U.S. Holocaust
Memorial Museum**

Her series will challenge our understanding of how the Holocaust radically transformed the relationship between Christians and Jews. She will provide an overview of the role Christian churches played and explore post-Holocaust conversations between Christians and Jews. One session will focus on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's role in this history.



April 23 & 30, May 7, 14 & 21

Dr. Katherine Grieb

A regular WPC lecturer, Dr. Grieb will conclude our program year with the challenge of addressing our year-long study topic "How Do We as Christians Navigate the Seas of Change?" in our intensive parsing of scripture.