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ECUMENICAL SCRIPTURE WORKSHOP

Welcoming the Stranger ~
Or Not?



June 19-23, 2017



Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center
100 Hodges Road, Charleston, WV

LECTURERS

Dr. Robert D. Miller

**WELCOMING THE STRANGER ~
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We have been told that immigration is “not a Bible issue.” It is, however, one of the issues the Old Testament spends a great deal of time on. The laws of the Pentateuch and the voices of the Prophets repeatedly return to “Widows, orphans, and foreigners,” and their message is consistent ... or is it? This week we will look at what the Bible has to say about immigration, including times Israel failed to welcome the stranger.

Recommended Reading:

M. Daniel Carroll-Rodas, *Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible* (2013),

vanThanh Nguyen and John M. Prior, *God's People on the Move: Biblical and Global Perspectives on Migration and Mission* (2014),

Fleur S. Houston, *You Shall Love the Stranger as Yourself: The Bible, Refugees and Asylum* (2015).

Rev. Dr. Sarah S. Henrich

**LIVING BY THE SPIRIT:
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Our study of the New Testament this summer will focus on a matter of perpetual interest to humankind: how do we welcome the stranger and share the gospel while honoring the values and commitments of our many traditions? Surely this question was as alive and important in the days of Jesus and the earliest Christian communities as it is today. Join us as we look closely at the many ways “living by the Spirit” (the way of living to which all the baptized were and are called) shaped new communities in which “welcoming the stranger” was both joy and risk.

WORKSHOP DYNAMICS

The Workshop begins with registration Monday by 5:00 P.M. It ends Friday after Morning Prayer.

SPIRITUAL DYNAMIC

Worship is both private and communal. Tuesday through Thursday have prayer services led by various attending clergy and laity. Chapels and grounds provide opportunity for prayer and meditation.

INTELLECTUAL DYNAMIC

There are two lecture sessions on Monday and four on the next three days. Lecturers rotate, so each presents morning and afternoon sessions. Once each afternoon, the lecturers comprise a panel to discuss questions in an open assembly.

FELLOWSHIP DYNAMIC

There are formal breaks after lunch, socials before dinner and at the end of each day. Snacks and beverages are provided at the socials. Informal fellowship may occur at any time.

Faculty

Robert Miller II, O.F.S., Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Old Testament

Robert D. Miller II is a Secular Franciscan with a PhD in Hebrew Bible from the University of Michigan. His books, *Chieftains of the Highland Clans: A History of Israel in the 12th and 11th Centuries BC* (2005), *Oral Tradition in Ancient Israel* (2011), and *related articles* have made him a recognized authority on Early Israel. He is also greatly interested in Biblical Theology, having organized several conferences on the subject, edited the volume, *Syriac and Antiochian Exegesis and Biblical Theology for the 3rd Millennium* (2008), and attempted a critical biblical theology in *Covenant and Grace in the Old Testament: Assyrian Propaganda and Israelite Faith* (2012). Dr. Miller has also worked in the interface of science and theology as one of the recipients of two major grants, Religion and Science in Pastoral Ministry (www.atompluseve.com) and Science for Seminarians (www.scienceforseminaries.org). He is also active in Jewish-Christian and Muslim-Christian dialogue at the local and international levels. Dr. Miller is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the American Schools of Oriental Research and serves on the Board of Control of the *New American Bible* for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Rev. Sarah S. Henrich, Ph.D.
Professor of New Testament

Rev. Dr. Sarah Henrich is now serving as an Interim Pastor at Lutheran Church of Peace in Maplewood, MN. She retired from teaching at Luther Seminary in July 2014 after having taught there for over 20 years. She spent two years as a pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. She continues as an adjunct at Luther Seminary and Augsburg College. Previously, she taught at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and Yale University. She is presently serving on the national Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, Chair the Bible Division and also serves on teams engaged in dialogue with the Disciples of Christ and with the Moravians. She has MA degrees from Bryn Mawr and Yale; her MDiv is from Lutheran Theological Seminary and her MPhil is also from Yale, as is her PhD. She received a MA degree in Art History at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. Her many publications are listed at www2.luthersem.edu/faculty/fac_vitae.asp?contact_id=shenrich.

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COST OF THE WORKSHOP

The total cost of the workshop for a single room is \$450.00. The price for double room occupancy is \$420.00 per person (please include roommate name). This includes lodging, meals, use of the facility and registration fee. The price for a commuter is \$250.00 for registration fee, use of the facility and meals (does not include breakfasts or late evening socials). Rooms are available on a first come first serve basis. Registration with payment must be received by June 5, 2017.

PARTICIPANTS

Clergy and laity of various churches possessing an interest in furthering their scripture understanding and possessing some scripture study background are encouraged to attend. Faculty are outstanding scholars engaged in main-line scripture research. The atmosphere of frank and open dialogue between participants and faculty is exceedingly conducive to growth in scriptural appreciation.

PLEASE BRING A BIBLE

DIRECTIONS TO SAINT JOHN XXIII PASTORAL CENTER

From I-64, take exit 58A (Oakwood Road/US 119). At the end of the exit make a right onto US 119 South. Go approximately 2 miles. Make a Left onto Hodges Road. St. John XXIII is at the end of the drive.

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

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