

SHARED SPACES AND SHIFTING CONTEXTS

A Conference on the Study of Spirituality and Spiritual Formation

November 18-19, 2021—A hybrid event both at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio and online

Overview

This conference is dedicated to initiating dialogue between scholars and practitioners of Christian spirituality and spiritual formation. This ecumenical conference examines the historic, present, and future trends of spiritual formation through the critical relationship between spirituality, spiritual formation, and practical theology. The intended audience is the scholars, students, spiritual directors, and formators of these distinct but interrelated disciplines. This conference seeks to bring together diverse thinkers to advance the theory and practice of spiritual formation while creating opportunities for ongoing conversations, research, and partnerships.

Sponsoring Organizations

Institute for the Study of Contemporary Spirituality (ISCS) at the Oblate School of Theology
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality (SSCS)
Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care (JSFSC)

Registration

In person: \$100 (includes a social and dinner Thursday night / lunch Friday)
Online: \$50

Schedule

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

2:00 PM PLENARY

"A Look to the Recent Past: Movements in Christian Spirituality/Formation Over the Past Century"

Glen Scorgie, PhD (Professor of Theology, Bethel Seminary)

3:30 PM PANEL: "Christian Spirituality and Formation in Academic Contexts"

Steve Porter, PhD (Professor of Theology and Philosophy, Biola University)

Fr. John Markey, OP (Director of PhD in Christian Spirituality Program, Oblate School of Theology)

Tim Robinson, PhD (Professor, Brite Divinity School)

Vanessa White, PhD (Associate Professor of Spirituality and Ministry, Chicago Theological Union)

6:00 PM SOCIAL & DINNER (included in registration)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

9:00 AM PLENARY: "A Look Within: The Relationship of Christian Spirituality/Formation and Theology"

Elizabeth Liebert, PhD (Professor of Spiritual Life, Emerita at Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley)

10:30 AM PANEL: "Christian Spirituality and Formation in Denominational & Congregational Contexts"

Alison Boone (The Academy for Spiritual Formation: The Upper Room)

Renata Furst, PhD (Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture & Spirituality, Oblate School of Theology)

Chris Hall, PhD (President of Renovaré)

Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, PhD (Sankofa Institute, Oblate School of Theology)

12:00 PM BOXED LUNCH (included in registration)

1:00 PM PLENARY: "A Look to the Future: Christian Spirituality/Formation in Light of the Emerging Zeitgeist"

Amos Yong, PhD (Professor of Theology and Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary)

2:30 PM PANEL: "Spirituality and Formation in Emerging Forms"

Elaine Heath, PhD (Abbess for a Multicultural Intentional Community)

Amy Uelmen, SJD (Director for Mission & Ministry at Georgetown Law, Focolare Movement)

Rachel Wheeler, PhD (Assistant Professor of Theology & Spirituality, University of Portland)

Video Presentations from the **Transforming Center** and **The Chapel** (An experimental gathering of spiritual misfits)

4:00 PM Dismissal – end of conference

Final Thoughts

Our intent is that this conference serves as a platform for new conversations, collaborations, and relationships. The conference sponsors believe that the academic research and the practical formation aspects of these disciplines work in a necessary symbiotic relationship and that scholars and formators from each discipline will greatly benefit from engaging.

Register at ost.edu/events/sharedspaces

Lodging information available at the above registration website