



## Science and the Next Generation of Religious Leaders: The Science for Seminaries Project

Friday, November 20, 2015

1:00 – 6:00 pm

**1:00-1:45: Introductions (AAAS, ISSR, ATS)**

**1:45-2:30: Keynote –Jennifer Wiseman, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) DoSER program director, and Philip Clayton, Ingraham Professor of Theology at Claremont School of Theology, in dialogue**

**2:30-3:00: Break**

**3:00-4:30: Science Integration in Seminaries**

### **Moderator:**

**Stephen P. Graham** is Senior Director of Programs and Services at the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

### **Panelists:**

**David Bosworth** is Associate Professor of Old Testament at Catholic University of America. Dr. Bosworth integrated discussion of psychology and neuroscience on grieving into his course on The Psalms, and helped organize campus events on integrating science.

**William P. Brown** is Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Brown integrated discussion of science topics into his Old Testament Introduction course.

**Christopher G. De Pree** is Professor and Chair of Astronomy at Agnes Scott College. In addition to his active research and teaching in astronomy, Dr. De Pree serves as a local science advisor to the Science for Seminaries project at Columbia Theological Seminary, where he has given guest lectures in classes, assisted with project planning, and more.

**Paul Louis Metzger** is Professor of Christian Theology and Theology of Culture at Multnomah Biblical Seminary. Dr. Metzger integrated discussion of several different science topics (human cognition/free will, AI, cloning) into his course on Readings in Ethics and integrated material on bridging science and faith into his course on Theology of Cultural Engagement. He has also worked to communicate the importance of this effort to Multnomah's evangelical constituents both through Multnomah channels and blog posts on *Patheos.com*.

**Martha L. Moore-Keish** is Associate Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Moore-Keish integrated discussion of science (cosmology/evolution, with guest presentation by a primatologist) into her Christian Theology course.

**Frederick L. Ware** is Associate Professor of Theology at Howard University School of Divinity. Dr. Ware integrated discussion of a range of scientific topics (including cosmology, evolution and suffering, and divine action) into his Systematic Theology course, including specific attention the importance of science for African American churches and communities.

#### **4:30-5:00: Breakout Sessions**

**5:00-6:00: Reaching Beyond the Classroom** - a panel on pilot project seminaries' enrichment activities, including continuing education, campus-wide events, and field trips.

#### **Moderator:**

**Lea F. Schweitz** is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology/Religion and Science at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Dr. Schweitz is on the AAAS Science for Seminaries advisory committee and is a faculty mentor to two pilot project seminaries. She is also leading a parallel grant-funded initiative at LSTC that integrates science into core courses.

#### **Panelists:**

**Charles P. Arand** is Professor and Department Chair of Systematic Theology, and Dean of Theological Research and Publications, at Concordia Seminary (St. Louis). He is working with other Concordia faculty on a suite of curricular and extracurricular engagements with science, including a symposium and campus-wide book club related to neuroscience.

**Ron Cole-Turner** is H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, and vice president of the International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR). He has also served on the advisory board of the John Templeton Foundation and the Metanexus Institute, and is the author of numerous books at the intersection of science and religion.

**María Teresa (MT) Dávila** is Associate Professor of Christian Ethics at Andover Newton Theological School, where she explores issues relating to social justice and liberation ethics in a diverse American society. She is currently working to integrate science into a core ethics course she teaches, while helping plan campus-wide events that engage with science.

**Kevin Jung** is Professor of Christian Ethics at Wake Forest School of Divinity. Dr. Jung integrated discussion of science (naturalistic/evolutionary accounts of human nature) into his Philosophy of Human Nature course, and discussion of neuroscience and evolutionary psychology into his Foundations of Christian Ethics course.