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PROGRAM BOOKLET

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Welcome to the 2019 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability!

We are glad you are here. We are particularly appreciative of the hospitality of both Western Theological Seminary and Hope College on our return to their campuses after our 2016 Institute was held here. Did you know that this is the <u>10th year</u> of the Summer Institute? Many of you who are here are new to the Summer Institute. You have received information about what to expect, but the delight and magic of the Summer Institute is that the whole is always greater than the sum of its parts.

Whether new or alums who have come back, know that all questions are welcome. We trust that you will help everyone feel at home. A special thanks to Lynn Swedberg who helps coordinate the accommodations and supports that individuals need, along with the help of our scholarship recipients. But we count on community to help one another! Put the dots on your badges so we can easily know who has been here before, and who is here for the first time.

We have incorporated many suggestions from last year, but the Institute is truly what the community present makes of it. Every location we have been at has its strengths and weaknesses. There will be both here. We keep on learning. So, welcome!

"Thank You!" to the Team that is Responsible for the 2019 Institute...

It truly takes a village to help this ten-year-old grow!

- Ben Conner, Luke Soderstrom, Cherri Westhouse and Theresa Hamm who have helped prepare for our arrival and handled lots of the logistics. Courtney Kust at Hope College has helped many of us with the registration process.
- Summer Institute Faculty and Administrative Team: Bill Gaventa, Erik Carter, John Swinton, Devan Stahl, Tom Reynolds, Hans Reinders, Julia Watts Belser, Ben Conner, Darla Schumm, Neil Cudney and David Morstad
- Supports and Accommodations Coordinator: Lynn Swedberg

- Cooperative Resource Exhibit: David Morstad
- Chaplains: Stephen Weisser and Lisa McKee
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- And all presenters, attendees, and others praying for a successful Institute!







Monday - Community Day Schedule

From Longing to Belonging: Practices and Pathways for Inclusion

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Exhibit Room Open for Set Up	Maas Hall*
	BREAKFAST OPEN Phelps Dir	
7:30	Registration Open	Maas Hall
8:30	Morning Meditation: Carlos Thompson & Shelly Christensen	
9:00	Welcome: Bill Gaventa, Ben Conner, and President Tim Brown WTS	
	From Longing to Belonging: Practices and Pathways for Inclusion Shelly Christensen and Barbara Newman	
	"Everyone is welcome." "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." "Join our family." Our congregations issue these warm statements of welcome and offer places of belonging. How can our congregational good intentions in these words on our doors and on our websites turn into actions that support all people to belong? Join us for a discussion that introduces the key elements in a community of belonging and discover some very practical strategies and tools to turn those welcome statements into a reality in your congregation. You'll learn from faith communities we have visited and worked with as we highlight the perspectives and practices that allow each of us to move from longing to belonging within the heart of a congregation.	
10:20	BREAK & BROWSE Maas Hall	
10:45	 Longing and Belonging in the Holland Area: A Panel featuring Local Ministries and Initiatives Moderator: Benjamin Conner, Western Theological Seminary Renew Therapeutic Riding Center: Melissa Conner, Executive Director. A Christian organization that empowers people with disabilities through horseback riding and serves many local organizations. The Church of Benjamin's Hope: Eric Peterson, Pastor, and a resident/congregant. A Christian church with a particular way of addressing inclusion and a vision for "Connecting people of all abilities with Jesus and with each other." Calvin Institute of Christian Worship: John D. Witvliet, Director and Professor of Worship. How is engagement with the lived experience of disability transforming and enriching CICW? Benjamin's House: Krista Mason, Executive Director, A "live, work, play, worship" intentional community in which people of all abilities are transformed by the love of Christ. 	
12:00 PM	LUNCH (Poster Sessions, Roundtable Discussions, Networking, Exhibit Room)	
1:45-3:00	From Longing to Belonging Breakout Sessions at WTS (PAGE 2)	WTS
3:30	Closing Worship in Mulder Chapel at WTS led by Prof. Sue Rozeboom, Nouwen Fellows, and Friendship HouseMulder Chapel (WTS)	
6:00	Opening Dinner Maas Hall	

*Please see <u>maps at the end of this program</u> for building/room locations.





Monday Afternoon Breakout Sessions

1:4	45-3:00	From Longing to Belonging Breakout Sessions	Western Theological Seminary
•	Continuin suggestio	nristensen, From Longing to Belonging: Continuing the C ng the conversation from the morning plenary and engaging the ns from Shelly's new book on how to include people with disa ealth conditions in your faith community.	ne practical
•	Theologi	arton, Ben Conner, and Carlos Thompson, From Longing ical Education on explores ways that theological institutions can move beyon	
•	What doe about the developm In moving	er, Incomplete without You: The Church and People with es it really mean to belong? This presentation will spur deeper e ways in which churches might welcome and weave people we mental disabilities and their families more fully into the life of the g from barriers to belonging, we discover the power of life live those at the margins are indispensable to the flourishing of events.	r reflection vith the community. ed together
•	When we is inclusio	naw, From Longing to Belonging: Intellectual Disability think about people with intellectual disabilities and their fait on still a useful concept? This workshop explores what it might hat surpass our images of inclusion.	
•	Worship How does persons e	wman, From Longing to Belonging: Enjoying the Shared with Persons Experiencing Dementia s the language of worship provide common place to plant our experiencing dementia? This session will explore some practic ipping together with people with dementia.	feet with
•	The session a view to	inton, From Longing to Belonging: Mental Health Challe on will explore the spiritual dimensions of mental health chall examining what kinds of community we need to be to enable to live life in all of its fullness even in the midst of enduring me	enges with the body
•	This inter The Cultu At its core positive o neurodive considers opportun	active session features applications of the Serenity Prayer and re of Gentleness (COG) has four supporting pillars: Safe, Love is the philosophy that everything is based off establishing a putcomes in all connections. This is especially true when appro- ersity, or the acceptance and celebration of those that operat to be normal. Alex Kimmel will lead attendees, through Power ities, to an understanding of individualized supports including rtance of acceptance and faith. Be ready for laughter and an operative.	d an introduction to COG. d, Loving and Engaged. relationship. This philosophy has potential for bached with the understanding of e other than what most of the world erPoint, video clips and small group discussion g sensory and communication needs as well as





Tuesday-Thursday Schedule

A note about the schedule for Tuesday through Thursday:

Our general flow is Meditation in <u>Maas Hall</u>, Plenary, Morning Breakout Sessions, Lunch, Plenary after Lunch, Afternoon Breakout Sessions, and Closing Meditation in the <u>Western Seminary Chapel</u>. The PhD Symposium runs in both the morning and afternoon breakout session times, starting on Tuesday. We have tried to organize the workshops so that those connected to a similar theme are on separate days and times, so participants can make their own workshop track depending on a particular interest *(e.g. inclusive worship, theology, families, etc.)* but we want to note that workshop subject matter will overlap. Thus, we are not designating strands. Our breakout sessions don't fit easily in one box, as they should not. We do not have a mental health strand this year because there were not enough proposals in that area.

If you want to see the complete descriptions on the plenary and breakout session speakers and their presentations, see the copies at the Registration Desk or go to:

faithanddisability.org/2019-summer-institute/

All will be held at Western Theological Seminary's Main Building. (See the map at the end of the program.)

Tuesday, May 21

7:00	Dining Hall Opens	Phelps I	Dining Hall
8:00	Registration Open, Resource Room Open	Maas Conferen	nce Center
8:30	MORNING MEDITATION: Led by Kirsty Jones	I	Maas Hall
9:00	MORNING PLENARY	1	Maas Hall
	Healing the Wounds of Privilege - Amy Julia Becker		
	Becoming More Effective Agents of Change: Looking beyond Inclusion to all Intersections of One's Disability - Andy Arias		
10:30	BREAK, Resource Room, Posters.	I	Maas Hall
11:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS (60 minutes this morning)	Western Theological	Seminary
	Incorporating Persons with Special Needs into the Worship Ministry C. Trent Broussard, D. Ed. Min.	of the Church	Room 104
•	The Appropriateness of "The Body of Christ" Imagery for Disability N Louise Gosbell, PhD.	/linistry.	Room 105
•	Sam the Sinner? Cognitive Impairment and Prevenient Grace: Corali	e Bridle	Room 106
•	Becoming a W.I.S.E. (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive & Engaged)	I	Room 159
	Faith Community for Mental Health: Rev. Amy Petré Hill JD, M.Div.		
•	Empowering Leaders from the inside Out: Daniel Aaron Harris	I	Room 155
•	Ph.D. Symposium: Devan Stahl (Approval needed)	President's Room, G	iraves Hall

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12:00	LUNCH Exhibits, Networking Discussions, Posters	Phelps Dining Hall
1:00	This Ability Orchestra. Los Angeles	Maas Hall
1:45	AFTERNOON PLENARY: SITD TED TALKS	Maas Hall
	Practicing the Virtues of Discovery, Together - Keith Dow	
	Becoming the Baptized Body - Sarah Jean Barton	
	The Disarmed Community: L'Arche as "Parable" for the Peace Churcl	h - Jason Grieg
3:00	BREAK WTS Atrium, Graves	Hall for PhD Seminar
3:30-4	:30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS Western	Theological Seminary
•	Practical Applications to the Sacraments: Robert Furtado, M Ed.	Room 155
•	Transgender, Disability, and Biomedicine in the Image of God: Max Thornto	n Room 104
•	You Can Be BRAVE - Part 2. Dr. Jennifer Camota Luebke & Christopher Luebke Antonio E. Contreras	Room 159
•	Radical Hospitality and Faith Inclusion: Lessons from St. Benedict. Rev. Dr. Robert Slocum	Room 106
•	An Investigation of the Spirituality of Fourteen Adults with Intellectual Disabilities in Australia. Andy Calder.	Room 105
•	Ph.D. Symposium (continued) President	t's Room, Graves Hall
4:45	AFTERNOON MEDITATIONS: Sue Rozeboom and members of the Western Theological Seminary Communi	Mulder Chapel ity
5:15	DINNER	Phelps Dining Hall
7:00	COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE Atrium, Western Sharing Reflections on Jean Vanier, Informal Conversation and Artistic Express	n Theological Seminary ssion





Wednesday, May 22

Dining Hall Opens		Phelps Dining Hall
Registration Open, Resource	Room Open	Maas Conference Center
MORNING MEDITATION:	Led by Michael Walker	Maas Hall
MORNING PLENARY		Maas Hall
Ay Bendito! Theologizing la	tinamente on Dis-Ability Hyphens	
Carmen Nanko-Fernandez P	h.D.	
ВREAK , Resource Room, Pos	ters.	Maas Hall
BREAKOUT SESSIONS (75 mir	nutes)	Western Theological Seminary
	d Verbal Members at Church Lenae Cra	ndall Room 104
	f Nonverbal Autism: Methodological Co	onsiderations
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Laura MacGregor, PhD (Can	-	rnal caregivers. Room 106
	ctual and Psychiatric Disability Kate Finl	еу,
		Studies Room 159
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"Special Needs," and Servic		
What If the Blind Want to b Ray W. McAllister, PhD	e Ministers and Theology Professors?	Room 105
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3:00	Вгеак	WTS Atrium, Graves Hall for PhD Seminar
3:30-4	:30 Breakout Sessions	Western Theological Seminary
•	Interactive Worship Service Planning Lida Merrill, M.Th. a Lynn Swedberg, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA	nd Room 159
•	A Theology of Autism & Disabilities through the Lens of S Professor Ron Sandison, M. Div.	t. Augustine Room 155
•	Using Video Modeling and a System of Least Prompts to T with Intellectual Disability to Participate in Faith Commun Victoria Slocum, PhD	-
•	How The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Is Sup with Disabilities Dr. Cade Charlton, Mary Woodruff and Ka	
•	Understanding and Responding to Ableist Oppression: Allyships and Belonging in Faith Communities Thomas N	. Murphy
•	Ph.D. Symposium continues. Devan Stahl	President's Room, Graves Hall
4:30	AFTERNOON MEDITATIONS: Sue Rozeboom and members of the Western Theological S	Mulder Chapel Seminary Community
5:15 -	6:00 DINNER	Phelps Dining Hall
7:00	Leadership Team Planning Meeting	Room 159





Thursday, May 23

 8:00 Registration Open, Resource Room Open: Maas Conference Center 8:30 MORNING MEDITATION: Led by Stephen Weisser 	Dining Hall Maas Hall Maas Hall Maas Hall Maas Hall
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9:00 MORNING PLENARY	
	Maas Hall
Disability, Theology, and Ministry: Perspectives from India and Zambia	Maas Hall
Rev. Christopher Rajkumar and Bishop Patrick Lusanga	Maas Hall
10:15 BREAK, Resource Room, Posters.	indus ridii
10:45 BREAKOUT SESSIONS Western Theological	l Seminary
 The Interface of African Culture, Traditional Religion, and Disability: Implications for Pastoral Care Ministry in West Africa. Reverend Olutayo Stephen Shodipo and Ministries with People with Disabilities in Zimbabwe Munorwei Chirovamavi and Colleagues 	Room 155
 Twenty-Five Years after "The Disabled God": Confronting Ableism, Transforming Religious Symbols Dr. Rebecca F. Spurrier and Expanding our Imagination: Disability in Heaven. Kevin Timpe 	Room 159
Advanced Illness Care and Persons with Disabilities - Margaret Peterson, PhD	Room 106
Faith & Vulnerability: Principles of Care Joe Landis	Room 104
and From Workers to Witnesses: Accompanying People with Impairments as Christian Vocation Jason Grieg and friends	
Holding Space: Disability Culture and Identity in Faith Communities Catherine Webb	Room 105
Ph.D. Symposium. Devan Stahl President's Room, G	Graves Hall
12:00 LUNCH. Phelps Dining Hall, Exhibits, Networking Discussions, Posters Phelps	Dining Hall
1:45 AFTERNOON PLENARY: JEAN VANIER EMERGING SCHOLAR LECTURE	Maas Hall
Cognitive Impairment, Friendship, and Spirituality: A Reading of Lazarus from a Dementia Perspective Talitha Cooreman, Ph.D. #SITD19 Twitter: @TheologyDis Downloads: <u>bit.ly/19SITDPres</u> Hope Map: <u>maps.hope.edu</u>	





3:00	Вгеак	WTS Atrium, Graves Hall for F	PhD Seminar
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•	Disability, Theology, and Ministry in India and Zambia Rev. Christopher Rajkumar and Bishop Patrick Lusanga	: Continuing the Conversation	Room 155
•	Theology and Disability: Affirmation Undermined by S Anne Masters, MA, FAAIDD	hadow Narrative	Room 159
•	Sunday School Teacher Training - Cade Charlton & Mary Woodruff Room 10		Room 106
•	Aberdeen's Friendship House: The Challenges of Starting an Equitable Community Room 10 Topher Endress		Room 104
•	Ph.D. Symposium. Devan Stahl	President's Room,	Graves Hall
4:30	AFTERNOON MEDITATION: Sue Rozeboom and members of the Western Theologic		Chapel, WTS
6:00	CLOSING DINNER AND CELEBRATION	Western Theologic	al Seminary
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Thank you for coming. All registrants will receive an email with a link to an online evaluation of the 2019 Summer Institute. Please use that to give feedback, share ideas, suggest issues that need to be covered and to suggest speakers.

The 2020 Summer Institute will return to Western Theological Seminary, May 18-21, 2020.

The Call for Workshops will go out after Labor Day, with a Submission Deadline moved up this year to December 1, 2019





Poster Presentations

Day	Title	Leader
Monday	Co-constructing stories and re-negotiating identity with stroke survivors	Natasha Kwik, Calvin College
	An Investigation of Spirituality in Person Centered Planning for Adults with Disabilities	Holly Pedersen and Jolynn Webster

Roundtable Luncheon Discussions

Day	Title	Leader
Monday	Congregation Ahavas Israel-Grand Rapids A synagogue that has thought through matters of inclusion.	Rabbi David J.B. Krishef <u>(Note:</u> Rabbi Krishef was to be on the morning panel but his plans changed due to an award presented to his son.)
Tuesday	Networking for Attendees who work for Organizations that Provide Direct Support Services	Lida Merrill
Wednesday	<i>"Jesus Club": Making Jesus Christ known to people with intellectual disabilities through preaching the Gospel and loving friendship.</i>	Louise Gosbell
Wednesday	I Come from a Land Down Under - New Zealand perspectives of disability	Fiona Sherwin

(Room for more. See Registration Table to organize one)





Summer Institute on Theology and Disability: Mission and Vision

Our Mission is to foster diverse and authentic interfaith conversations at the intersection of theology and disability.

Our Vision is that international theological learning and religious practices embrace the gifts, needs, and contributions of people with disabilities and their families.

We work to achieve our vision through collaboratively hosting an accessible and inclusive **four-day institute** that gathers together leading scholars, writers, faith leaders, advocates, and others committed to advancing inclusive ministries and faith supports.

The Institute celebrates, explores, and investigates the ways that:

- Disability impacts all major theological disciplines as well as the many dimensions of religious life and faith community practices.
- Theology and practice mutually inform and support one another.
- Diverse perspectives enrich and inform theological formation and religious practice.

As the Institute develops, we have become more aware of the ways we seek to live out this Mission and Vision. Hence our frequent statement that we invite 'each person present to speak out of the particularity of their own faith tradition while also respecting the traditions of all other attendees." We also invite you to share any concerns with the Coordinating Team.

In this day and time, we are also moving toward more specific guidelines and policies. To this end, we have decided to be explicit about issues of harassment and discrimination, as well as to respect the policies of each of our institutional hosts. Thus:

The Summer Institute for Theology and Disability encourages a community that is a welcoming place for all without harassment and/or discrimination.

Housed at two institutions of higher education, the Institute follows the policies of each institution regarding reports of discrimination within their jurisdiction. See those policies here:

Hope College Policy: <u>hope.edu/offices/title-ix/index.html</u> and WTS, Title IX policy: <u>www.westernsem.edu/title-ix-resources/</u>

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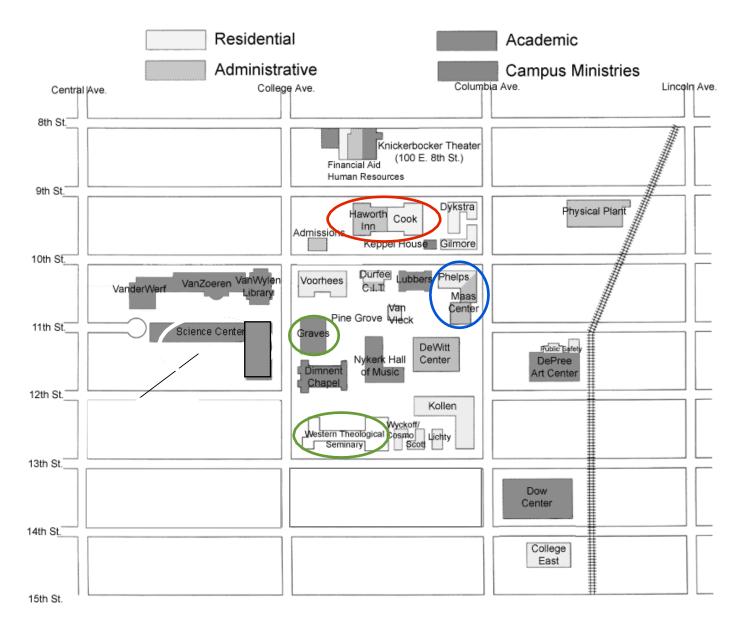
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Hope College Map

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Primary Residences: Haworth Inn and Cook. Parking in lot on the north side of 9th St. Breakout sessions, and optional evening worship: Graves and WTS Breakfast, Lunch:Tuesday/Wednesday Dinners Phelps Plenary Sessions, Lunch, Opening Banquets: Maas Center





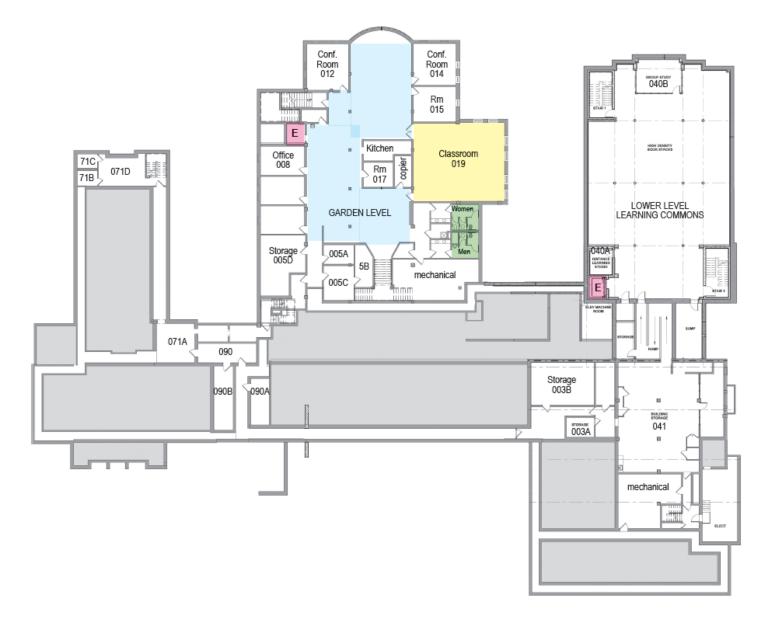
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Western Theological Seminary Map (Lower Level)







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