



# *Hooding Ceremony* *2018*

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF DIVINITY  
WAIT CHAPEL  
SATURDAY, MAY 19



# Wake Forest University School of Divinity

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## HOODING CEREMONY

SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING  
SATURDAY, MAY THE NINETEENTH, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
WAIT CHAPEL

### GATHERING

PRELUDE..... The Div Cats  
Sean McClure (MDiv '19), Christian McIvor (MDiv '20),  
and Sally Ann Morris, Musician-in-Residence

\* PROCESSIONAL: "All Are Welcome" (vss. 1-4; see page 9) .....TWO OAKS

WELCOME.....Shakeisha Holton Gray  
and Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo,  
Earley Assistant Professor of Catholic  
and Latin American Studies

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... Rogan Kersh  
Provost and Professor of Politics and International Affairs

HYMN: "All Are Welcome" (v. 5; see page 9) .....TWO OAKS

CALL TO WORSHIP .....Stephanie Williams  
Nathan Jones

INVOCATION..... James Wilkes

# CENTERING

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ..... English: Amanda Kerr  
Arabic: Cherubim A D Aid Ibrahim A Saed  
Greek: Ethan Cagle  
Spanish: Andrea Simmonds

Musical Response: “We are the Body of Christ”



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# PROCLAIMING

HOMILY ..... Bill J. Leonard  
Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies  
and Professor of Church History

RESPONSE: “Greater Is Coming” by Jekalyn Carr ..... Lift Every Voice

HOODING OF THE GRADUATES ..... Jill Y. Crainshaw  
Acting Dean and Blackburn Professor  
of Worship and Liturgical Theology  
  
Michelle Voss Roberts  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
and Associate Professor of Theology  
  
Shonda R. Jones  
Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Services  
and Assistant Teaching Professor of Intercultural  
Theological Education  
  
School of Divinity Faculty

\* LITANY OF RESPONSE AND BLESSING ..... Anna Fleig  
Paul Chambers

Leader: From Egypt to California, and throughout the Midwest, we were called to enter into this mosaic of ministry. For the varieties of gifts, and the vibrancy of the class of 2018,

All: We give thanks to you, O God.

Faculty: To the class of 2018, you came as individual threads, willing to be stitched into this tapestry of learning. We have held the frame for your work in and out of the classroom as the unique hues of your threads were woven into the fabric of this community. We bless you as you go into the world.

**All:**                   **We give thanks for this community of learning.**

*Congregation:       Your lives intertwined with ours, and we have watched your colors become more vivid. Just as the pattern of the Spirit has come into fuller view, so have our lives been brightened with your gifts. We bless you and the varieties of your ministries.*

**All:**                   **We give thanks for this community of support.**

*Graduates:           To our teachers and mentors, our families and friends, our spiritual guides and beacons of wisdom, we have worked faithfully to live into this season of learning. We thank you for your gifts of patience and love, and we bless your continued wefting of the threads of knowledge.*

**All:**                   **We give thanks for this community of love.**

*Leader:               Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. The threads of our lives are now fastened securely together in the Spirit, allowing us to weave justice, reconciliation, and compassion into the fabric of creation. For the class of 2018,*

**All:**                   **We give thanks to you, O God.**

## **SENDING**

ACCEPTING THE CALL AS VIBRANT THREADS ..... Leanna Coyle-Carr

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT..... Sophia Russell, Mia Sloan,  
Elisabeth Barksdale, and Michaiah Hinds

SPECIAL RECOGNITION..... Jill Y. Crainshaw

\* BENEDICTION ..... Jill Y. Crainshaw

\* RECESSIONAL: “Go in Peace, Go in Love” (see page 10) .....GIPGIL

*Please join us for a reception honoring the graduates  
following the Hooding Ceremony in the  
Green Room of Reynolda Hall.*

\* All who are able are invited to stand.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

BILL LEONARD's research focuses on Church History with particular attention to American religion, Baptist studies, and Appalachian religion. He is the author or editor of some 25 books including *Christianity in Appalachia* (1999); *Baptist Ways: A History* (2003); *The Challenge of Being Baptist* (2010); *Can I Get a Witness?: Essays, Sermons and Reflections* (2013); and *A Sense of the Heart: Christian Religious Experience in the U.S.* (2014). In March 2015 he delivered the William James Lecture on Religious Experience at Harvard Divinity School and in February 2017 he gave the William Self Lectures on Preaching at McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University. His newest book, *The Homebrewed Christianity Guide to Church History: Flaming Heretics and Heavy Drinkers*, was published by Fortress Press in July 2017. Leonard is on the board of the *Journal of Disability and Religion*, *The Baptist Quarterly (England)*, the Day1 Preaching Network, the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, and the Governing Board of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He is an ordained Baptist minister, and a member of First Baptist Church, Highland Avenue (American Baptist Churches, USA) in Winston-Salem.

## NOTES

LIFT EVERY VOICE aims to provide opportunities of worship through music. They are a group of singers and musicians who rehearse weekly and often minister in community worship and in the greater Winston Salem community through gospel music. Lift Every Voice welcomes all that want to be a part of this ministry as singers or musicians as we continue to grow, expand to different styles of music and minister through song.

LITANY OF RESPONSE AND BLESSING was written by Anna Fleig.

A RAINBOW COLORED THREAD is included in each program. This thread represents the importance of the family, friends, and colleagues who have supported the Class of 2018 as they have been actively weaving their way along this journey. You are a vibrant thread in their stories and they wanted to say thank you for being a part of their tapestry.

## CLASS OF 2018 GIFT

Each member of the Class of 2018 has pledged to give at least \$20.18 toward the purchase of a memorial bench to honor the lives of their classmates Sheila Kebe and Denise Franklin. The bench will be constructed out of timber salvaged from a felled tree outside Davis Chapel, the School of Divinity's community worship space. The timber will be returned to the space outside Davis Chapel and will serve as a space for rest and reflection for future generations of students. The School of Divinity appreciates the Class of 2018's continuing efforts to meet the goal of one hundred percent participation from the class.

## CLASS OF 2018 STOLES

The stoles that the graduates are wearing are from *Colores del Pueblo*, a fair trade organization that empowers Mayan women in Guatemala to gain economic self-sufficiency as weavers and a renewed sense of purpose as survivors of domestic abuse. The organization is committed to promoting social justice and cultural preservation through economic fair trade.

### STUDENT MARSHALS

Kaylee Godfrey (MDiv '19)  
Tamika Jackson (MDiv '19)  
Christian McIvor (MDiv '20)  
Meagan McNeely (MDiv '19)  
Joseph O'Donnell (MDiv '20)

### STUDENT PLANNING TEAM

Anna Fleig  
Shakeisha Gray  
Michaiah Hinds  
Mia Sloan  
Stephanie Williams

### STUDENT LIFE AND GRADUATION COMMITTEE

Christopher T. Copeland  
Shonda R. Jones  
Demi McCoy  
John Senior

## ABOUT THE BILL J. LEONARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRO FIDE ET HUMANITATE

The Bill J. Leonard Distinguished Service Award is awarded annually to faculty, alumni, or friends of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. The award will be given annually at the spring University Founder's Day Convocation or at an appropriate venue to be determined by the School. Recipients embody the principle of Wake Forest's motto of *Pro Humanitate* and the School's mission, such as a commitment to diverse faith engagements and to being agents of justice, reconciliation, and compassion in Christian churches and other ministries.

The award was established and funded by the late James M. Dunn and his wife, Marilyn, to honor "the life contributions of Bill J. Leonard as teacher, scholar, historian, and as the first dean of the divinity school at Wake Forest." Dunn served as resident professor of Christianity and public policy from 1999 until his retirement in 2014.

The first award was made during the 2009-2010 academic year to commemorate the School's first class of entering students in 1999 and to honor the Reverend Doctor Bill J. Leonard's decade of service to the School.

Previous recipients include:

**2010**

Bill J. Leonard  
Dean and Professor of Church History

**2011**

Douglass "Doug" M. Bailey  
Assistant Professor of Urban Ministry (retired)

**2012**

Laura Barclay (M.Div. '08)

**2014**

Michael "Mike" Aiken ('71)  
Executive Director, Greensboro Urban Ministry (retired)

**2015**

Jo Ann Trethaway  
Operations Manager, School of Divinity (retired)

**2016**

Jeanette Wallace Hyde  
United States Ambassador and Wake Forest life trustee

**2017**

Rev. Dr. J. Lee Hill, Jr. (M.Div. '05)

**2018**

Gail R. O'Day  
Dean and Professor of New Testament and Preaching

DEGREE CONFERRED DECEMBER 31, 2017  
MASTER OF DIVINITY

Leanna Michelle Coyle-Carr . . . . . Dallas, TX  
 Hope Lenora Victoria Martin . . . . . Walkertown, NC  
 James Henry Wilkes Jr. . . . . Gastonia, NC

MASTER OF DIVINITY  
*May 21, 2018 Graduates*

Elisabeth S. Barksdale † . . . . . Winston-Salem, NC  
 Michelle Anita Butler-Evans . . . . . Winston-Salem, NC  
 Paul Edward Chambers Jr. . . . . San Ramon, CA  
 Emily Claire Davis . . . . . Roxboro, NC  
 Marc Christopher DeCoste . . . . . Plymouth, MA  
 Gregory Brooks Drumwright . . . . . Greensboro, NC  
 Denise Franklin ♦ . . . . Winston-Salem, NC  
 Kevin William Garrity . . . . . Winston-Salem, NC  
 Kerri Miller Gibbs . . . . . Greensboro, NC  
 Shakeisha Holton Gray . . . . . Salisbury, NC  
 Michaiah Hinds . . . . . Milwaukee, WI  
 Nathan T. Jones . . . . . Winston-Salem, NC  
 Sheila Alick Kebe ♦ . . . . Winston-Salem, NC  
 Brenden J. Kee . . . . . Atlanta, GA  
 Amanda Lynn Kerr . . . . . Charlotte, NC  
 Sophia Lanise Russell . . . . . Hamlet, NC  
 Priest Cherubim A D Aiad Ibrahim A Saed . . . . . Cairo, Egypt  
 Andrea Mae Simmonds . . . . . Suches, GA  
 Mia Jo Hash Sloan . . . . . Winston-Salem, NC  
 Jenna Nicole Sullivan . . . . . Little Rock, AR  
 Jude Swanson . . . . . Appomattox, VA  
 Morgan Denise Wehrkamp . . . . . Sioux Falls, SD  
 Stephanie G. Williams . . . . . Willow Springs, MD

† *Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology Concentration: Food Track*

♦ *In memoriam*

G. Travis Woodfield ♦ ..... Reading, PA  
 Angel R. Woodrum ♦ ‡ ..... Frankfort, KY  
 Laurie Kenyon Woods ‡ ..... Kalamazoo, MI

MASTER OF DIVINITY/MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING  
*May 21, 2018 Graduates*

Anna Kathleen Fleig ..... Seattle, WA  
 Taylor Brooke Pisel Miller ..... Winston-Salem, NC

MASTER OF DIVINITY/MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION  
*May 21, 2018 Graduates*

Walter Ethan Cagle ..... Spout Springs, NC

♦ *In absentia*

‡ *Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology Concentration: Ecology Track*



## SCHOOL OF DIVINITY JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

Religious leaders are challenged to respond to countless contemporary challenges. Together, joint degrees create opportunities that enhance what each degree offers on its own.

### **Master of Divinity / Master of Arts in Counseling**

This degree is for students seeking to enter vocations in religious leadership with skills both in theology and counseling. Students enrolled in the joint degree program can complete the requirements for both degrees in four years instead of the five years needed if each program is undertaken separately. The joint degree program is designed to ensure that students meet the educational requirements for licensure as professional counselors in North Carolina and most other states.

### **Master of Divinity / Master of Arts in Education**

The degree promotes interdisciplinary conversation between theological education, public education, and community engagement and provides students pathways for developing skills and acquiring competencies necessary for achieving excellence in careers where religious leadership and education intersect. The Master of Arts in Education seeks to educate future teachers broadly to meet the challenges of the 21st century classrooms by providing rich foundations in content and pedagogy and to prepare teachers for caring and effective service in diverse pK12 learning environments.

Additional joint degrees with other schools and programs of the University include bioethics, law, and sustainability, and a dual degree pathway in management with the School of Business.

Read more about our degree programs at [divinity.wfu.edu/academics/](http://divinity.wfu.edu/academics/).

## MASTER OF DIVINITY CONCENTRATIONS

The Wake Forest University School of Divinity provides an integrative, multi-disciplinary approach to theological education. One of our aims is to equip women and men to be public religious leaders. Several concentrations within the Master of Divinity degree offer courses that allow students to develop skills and gain knowledge specific to particular fields of study and areas of public religious leadership.

### **Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology**

Religious leaders today have unique and growing opportunities to impact congregations and communities by understanding the synergistic relationship between food, health, and ecology as each is broadly defined. Public health leaders and institutions and religious leaders and institutions share much history and at least one goal: the well-being of humans and the communities in which they live, work, and play. Religious leaders today become more effective when they cultivate a holistic view of wellness and learn strategies for helping faith communities embody this view in worship, education, mission, and other programs.

This Master of Divinity concentration explores the implications for and intersections of contemporary religious leadership with foodways, the health of the public, and ecology through three tracks: food, health, and ecology. A general track is also available.

Additional concentrations include Sustainability and Episcopal Studies (available beginning Fall 2018).

Read more about all of our concentrations at [divinity.wfu.edu/academics/concentrations](http://divinity.wfu.edu/academics/concentrations).

# All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,  
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger  
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we  
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us  
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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# Go in Peace, Go in Love

The musical score is written on six staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "Go in peace. Go in love. Go to seek. Go to serve. Go in hope to work and pray. And God goes with you all the way. And God goes with you all the way." The first ending of the final phrase is marked with a bracket and the number "1.", and the second ending is marked with a bracket and the number "2.". The score concludes with a double bar line.

Go in peace. Go in love.

Go to seek. Go to serve.

Go in hope to work and pray. And

God goes with you all the way.

And God goes with you all the way.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b.1953  
Tune: GIPGL; Sally Ann Morris, b.1952  
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