Wednesday, October 25

11:00 a.m.

Registration Opens (Bill Daniel Student Center, Second Floor Foyer)

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Featured Presentation

Seeing It Whole: The Vocation Circle* (Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)
- Jane Patterson, Seminary of the Southwest & Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative
  Chair—TBD

Panel Presentation

Christian Engagement with Diversity and the Cultivation of the Common Good
John Brown University Undergraduate Panel (Baines, Second Floor)
- Emma Beagle, John Brown University
- Tessa Greathouse, John Brown University
- Sophia Schwarz, John Brown University
- Kyla Isaac, John Brown University
  Chair—Brad Gambill, John Brown University

Colloquium Sessions

Philosophical and Theological Reflections on Discord (Beckham, Second Floor)
- Devotio Postmoderna
  —Nathaniel Kidd, Reconciliation Anglican Church
- Discord, Discipleship, and Delight: A Kierkegaardian Lesson in Joy
  —Ryan West, Grove City College
- The Wisdom of Love: An Epistemology of Love for a Skeptical and Divided Age
  —Adam Pelser, U.S. Air Force Academy
  Chair—William Sterrett, Baylor University

Authenticity, Community, and Virtue in a Divided World (Fentress, Second Floor)
- Recovering Hospitality in an Age of Discord
  —Randy Ridenour, Oklahoma Baptist University
- The Malaise of Modernity: Authenticity and Loneliness
  —Paul Carron, Baylor University
  Chair—Ian Gravagne, Baylor University
Community Across Physical Differences (White, Second Floor)
- Monstrous Dignity: Disability, Community, and the City of God
  — John Wolfe, Utah Tech University
- Rev. Carter Bearden: “The Deaf Billy Graham” on Unity and Courage
  — Lewis Lummer, Baylor University
Chair—Devan Stahl, Baylor University

Reflection on Discord Through Literature and Arts (Cowden, Third Floor)
- How to Love a Robot: Selfhood and Community in Ishiguro’s Klara and the Sun
  — Harrison Otis, Baylor University
- Navigating Mexico’s Scylla and Charybdis: The Liberal Democratic Dissent of Octavio Paz and Enrique Krauze
  — Mark Griffin, Oklahoma City University
Chair—Chelsea Sentell, Baylor University

Pluralism in Philosophical and Theological Perspectives (Houston, Third Floor)
- Unity in Diversity: Critically Recovering a Neglected Political Metaphor to Forge Unity in Fractured Times
  — Donald Roth, Dordt University
- E Pluribus Unum: Illiberal Pluralism in Augustine’s Early Dialogues
  — Michael Foley, Baylor University
- Uncivil Discourse
  — Randall Smith, University of St. Thomas, Houston
Chair—Brian Clayton, Gonzaga University

1:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Featured Presentation

Church Under the Bridge “No Divisions Among You” (Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)
- Jimmy Dorrell, Church Under the Bridge
Chair—TBD

Panel Presentation

Constructing Christian Identity: The Church as Nation, Polis, and Family (Baines, Second Floor)
- Ben Peterson, Abilene Christian University
- James Rogers, Texas A&M University
- Zachary McCartney, Hillcrest Church/Abilene Christian University
- James Wood, Redeemer University
Colloquium Sessions

**Biblical Wisdom for Divided Times** (Beckham, Second Floor)
- Acts 15 as a Model for Discernment Amid Sharp Disagreements
  —Andrew Arterbury, Baylor University
- “Doing” Christianity in Times of Discord
  —Susan Smith, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc.
- “Welcome One Another”: A Pauline Ethic to Address Polarization in Christian Higher Education
  —Julien Smith, Valparaiso University
Chair—Darren Middleton, Baylor University

**Leading in Tumultuous Times** (Fentress, Second Floor)
- Leadership in an Age of Discord: Fostering Hope and Flourishing in Faith Communities
  —Richard James Putnam, Baylor University
  —Leanne Howell, Baylor University
- Teaching, Learning, and Leading for Flourishing and Sustainability in an Age of Discord
  —William Sterrett, Baylor University
- The Healing Power of Disclosure: Naming the Secrets that Divide Us
  —Peggy Hinds, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Chair—Mark Bryant, Baylor University

**Alasdair MacIntyre and Discord** (White, Second Floor)
- Alasdair MacIntyre and the Church as a Tradition of Enquiry
  —Thomas Pearson, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- Can One Pursue a Uniting Christian Telos in a Pluralistic Society?
  —Eric Silverman, Christopher Newport University
- The Church as Unifier
  —Nate Padley, John Jay Institute
Chair—TBD

3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**Break**

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**Featured Panel**

**Discerning Calling with and for Others** (Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)
- Thomas Hibbs, Baylor University
- Mollie Moore, Baylor University
- Lauren Kuykendall, George Mason University
Chair—Brian Braman, Boston College
Panel Presentation

Called to Boise: A Conversation with the Multi-Faith Action Project* (Baines, Second Floor)
- Kevin Starcher, Covenant Presbyterian Church (MAP)
- Amy Fife, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Dennis Williams, St. Paul Family Life and Education Center
- Shauna Williams, St. Paul Family Life and Education Center
- Michael Ross, St. Paul Baptist Church
Chairs—Kathryn House, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Meadville Lombard Theological School, & Jennifer Wilson, Windley Works, Myrtle Collaboration Coach

Colloquium Sessions

Religious Impacts on Culture (Beckham, Second Floor)
- Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy of ‘Kill the Indian, Save the Man’: From Conqueror to Loving Neighbor
  —Mariah Humphries, Baylor University
- Religious Fundamentalism and Ideological Radicalism: A Psychological, Cultural, and Spiritual Analysis
  —Naji Abi-Hashem, Baylor University Institute for Studies of Religion
- The Long-Lasting Educational Impacts of Bible Translations in Sub-Saharan Africa: Uniting Christians and Non-Christians
  —Vinicius Okada Da Silva, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  —M. Noelia Romero, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  —Abigail Stocker, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  —Rebecca Thornton, Baylor University
Chair—Bo White, Baylor University

Overcoming Racial Discord in Our Times (Fentress, Second Floor)
- Church Racial Composition, Linked Fate, and Support for Black Lives Matter
  —Jerry Park, Baylor University
- What Produces Sustained and Active Hope Among White Christians Interested in Racial Justice?
  —Christine Jeske, Wheaton College
Chair—Marcelo Kuyumjian Boccato, Baylor University

5:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Break

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner (Blume Conference Room, Cashion Academic Center, Fifth Floor)
7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

**Welcome** (Blume Conference Room, Cashion Academic Center, Fifth Floor)
- Darin Davis, Director of the Institute for Faith and Learning and Clinical Professor of Moral Philosophy in the Honors Program

**Brian Family Lecture**

**The Problem of Solidarity** (Blume Conference Room, Cashion Academic Center, Fifth Floor)
- James Davison Hunter, University of Virginia
  Chair—Thomas Hibbs, Baylor University

**Thursday, October 26**

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

**Featured Presentation**

**Kierkegaard and the Vices that Divide and the Virtues that Heal**
(Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)
- Kierkegaard’s Argument for Faith in Others and Hope for Others: How Love Works to Overcome Divides
  —C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University
- Kierkegaard, “The Public,” and the Vices of Virtue-Signaling
  —John Lippitt, University of Notre Dame Australia
  Chair—Todd Buras, Baylor University

**Panel Presentations**

**Vocations Don’t Just Happen: Organizing Church Life to Hear God’s Call***
(Baines, Second Floor)
- Jason Ingalls, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church

**Language, the Arts, and Shared Meaning**
**John Brown University Student Panel** (Beckham, Second Floor)
- Colin Sanders, John Brown University
- Zipporah Jones, John Brown University
- Sarah Grace Smith, John Brown University
- Kacy Highfill, John Brown University
  Chair—Brad Gambill, John Brown University
Colloquium Sessions

Polarization Within Ecclesiastical and Academic Context (Fentress, Second Floor)
- A Case Study for Reducing Division and Increasing Belonging During an Age of Discord: One Religious University’s Experience
  —Jenet Erickson, Brigham Young University
  —Blake Fischer, Brigham Young University
- A Test of Endurance
  —Fred Johnson, Hope College
- Using a Hermeneutical Tool for Evaluating and Navigating Potential Ecclesial Discord
  —Jill Swisher, Northwestern College
  —Lori Doyle, Concordia University Irvine
Chair—Matt Turnbull, Baylor University

Technology and the Quest for Unity* (White, Second Floor)
- Called to Connection: Technology, Community, and Calling in the Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative
  —Kathryn House, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Meadville Lombard Theological School
- Technology Toward the Common Good
  —Daniel Crouch, Baylor University
- Together Again: Identifying Enlightenment Ideals that Perpetrated Discord Within the Church
  —Finney Premkumar, University of Birmingham
Chair—TBD

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Featured Panels

Leadership in an Age of Discord (Co-convened with Max De Pree Center for Leadership, Fuller Theological Seminary)* (Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)
- Michaela O'Donnell (Participant & Chair), Fuller Theological Seminary
- Uli Chi, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health and Fuller Theological Seminary, De Pree Center
- Jasmine Bellamy, Reebok
- Matt Snowden, First Baptist Church, Waco

Preaching, Teaching, and Researching in an Age of Racial Discord (Baines, Second Floor)
- Patricia Lynn Brown, Azusa Pacific University
- Matthew D. Kim, Baylor University
- Michael O. Emerson, Rice University
Chair—Elijah Jeong, Baylor University
Called Together in an Age of Discord through the Essays of Zadie Smith, James Baldwin, and Derek Walcott (Beckham, Second Floor)
- Elizabeth Corey, Baylor University
- Richard Rankin Russell, Baylor University
- William Weaver, Baylor University
Chair—TBD

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (Blume Conference Room, Cashion Academic Center, Fifth Floor)

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Panel Presentations

Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose: Calling at the Intersection of Community, Leadership, Technology, and the Pandemic* (Baines, Second Floor)
- Kathryn House, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Meadville Lombard Theological School
- Jason Burtt, Trinity Western University
- Gabriel Lotarski, Wayne State University
Chair—Roman Williams, Interfaith Photovoice

Higher Education, Vocation, and the Common Good (Beckham, Second Floor)
- Evan Laningham, NetVUE/CIC & Loras College
- Geoffrey Bateman, Regis University
- Christine Jeske, Wheaton College
- David Timmerman, Carthage College

Faithfully and Fruitfully Navigating Divides in an Age of Discord (Cowden, Third Floor)
- Richard N. Williams, Brigham Young University
- Kylie Burdge, Brigham Young University
- Kiara Burdge Aguirre, Brigham Young University
- Madeline R. Garrett, Brigham Young University
- Edwin E. Gantt, Brigham Young University
- Aaron R. Burdge, Alterity Psychological Services
Chairs—Madeline R. Garrett & Richard N. Williams, Brigham Young University

Teaching Business Students the Art of Civil Conflict Resolution (Houston, Third Floor)
- Sarah Perry, Baylor University
- Matthew Wright, Baylor University

Teaching Philosophy in Troubled Times (Claypool, Third Floor)
- Anne-Marie Schultz, Baylor University
- Lenore Wright, Baylor University
- Skye Perryman, Democracy Forward
Chair—Robert Garcia, Baylor University
Colloquium Sessions

Callings and Congregations* (Lipscomb, Third Floor)
• Calling, Context, and the Church: From Belonging to Witness
  —Rhonda McEwen, Regent College
  —Gustavo H. R. Santos, Vancouver School of Theology
• Calling of the Ancestors: Bridging Racial and Ethnic Divides by Reconceptualizing Vocation
  with an Awareness of the Role of Our Ancestors
  —La Ronda Barnes, Boston University
• Vocational Pauses and Pivots: Spirituality and Congregations under Covid
  —Claire Wolfteich, Boston University
Chair—Larry Parsley, Truett Seminary, Baylor University

Pedagogical Practices for Navigating Discord (Fentress, Second Floor)
• Disputatio and Educating for Intellectual Virtues
  —Kirsten Welch, Teachers College, Columbia University
  —Carl Sohmer, University of California-Irvine
• Living in a Polarizing World: Guidance from Biblical Narratives
  —Al Erisman, Seattle Pacific University
Chair—Julia Hejduk, Baylor University

The Politics of Unity and Discord (White, Second Floor)
• E Pluribus Unum: Faith, Federalism, and Unity through Factions
  —Samuel Chen, Northampton Community College & The Liddell Group
• How Religious Freedom Can Strengthen Communities: A Historical View
  —Paul Kerry, Brigham Young University
• What is Politicization?
  —Rich Eva, Baylor University
Chair—Saralyn McKinnnon-Crowley, Baylor University

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Plenary Address

Reckoning and Reconciliation: Race, Memory, and Moral Imagination in American Life
(Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)
• Angel Adams Parham, University of Virginia
Chair—Phillip Donnelly, Baylor University
5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Vespers (Foyer of Meditation, Armstrong Browning Library)

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner (Blume Conference Room, Cashion Academic Center, Fifth Floor)

7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

William Carey Crane Scholars Lecture

Whoever.... (Blume Conference Room, Cashion Academic Center, Fifth Floor)
- G. S. “Mack” McCarter III, Community Renewal International
Chair—Ron Cook, Baylor University

Friday, October 27

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Panel Presentations

Sounding it Out: Calling and Caring in Abilene, Amarillo, and Waco* (Baines, Second Floor)
- Jeff Reid, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Abilene
- Gary Jensen, First Baptist Church, Amarillo
- Toana Smith, First Baptist Church, Amarillo
- Joshua Hays, First Baptist Church, Waco
Chair—John N. Davis, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Abilene, and Hardin-Simmons University

Teaching Diversity and Social Responsibility to Future Doctors: An Interdisciplinary Approach (Beckham, Second Floor)
- Zane Yi, Loma Linda University,
- Jessica ChenFeng, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Amy Hayton, Loma Linda University
- Saul Barcelo, Loma Linda University

How Food Brings Us Together: Literature and Theology
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Undergraduate Panel (Cowden, Third Floor)
Chair—Brent Gibson, Mary Hardin-Baylor

Colloquium Sessions

Disciplinary Perspectives on Discord (Houston, Third Floor)
- Narrative Approaches to Finding Meaning in Work in an Age of Organizational Discord
  —Timothy Ewest, Houston Christian University
- Sabbath Practices and Burnout Among Nursing Educators
  —Megan Soltwisch, Louise Herrington School of Nursing, Baylor University
- Nursing as a Healing Art in an Age of Discord
  —Jessica Peck, Louise Herrington School of Nursing, Baylor University
Chair—Andrea Alexander, Baylor University
Life Together in an Age of Discord (Claypool, Third Floor)
- Brothers and Sisters: Rediscovering Christian Friendship in an Age of Division  
  — Josiah Stephens, The Dunham School
- Doing Life Together in a Neoliberal Age: The Promise of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Political Theology  
  — Frank Della Torre, Baylor University
- Exploring Civic Virtue and Behaviors Across the Christian Tradition: Emerging Findings from the National Survey of American Civic Health  
  — David Weerts, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
  — Alberto Cabrera, University of Maryland, College Park
Chair— John O’Callaghan, University of Notre Dame

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Carl F.H. Henry Lecture

Christian Higher Education as Communal Means of Grace
(Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)
- Alison Noble, Messiah University
- Shirley Mullen, Houghton University
- Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary
Chair—Joe Creech, Lilly Network for Church-Related Colleges and Universities

Featured Workshop

Bridging Divides, One Photo at a Time: Smartphone Cameras for the Common Good*
(Fentress, Second Floor)
- Roman Williams, Interfaith Photovoice

Featured Presentation and Response

Friendship—A Call to Concord, Unity, and Peace (Baines, Second Floor)
- Paul Wadell, St. Norbert College
- David Corey, Baylor University (response)

Panel Presentations

Untimely Teachers in an Age of Discord: Nietzsche and Wittgenstein as Educators
(Cowden, Third Floor)
- Karl Aho, Tarleton State University

Vulnerable to Victorious: A Journey from Anxiety to Wellness*
(Beckham, Second Floor)
- Patrick O’Connor, First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica
- Ishmael Carter, First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica
Wisdom in an Age of Discord
Union University Undergraduate Panel (Claypool, Third Floor)
Chair—Scott Huelin & Justin Barnard, Union University

Colloquium Sessions

Embracing Unity and Dissonance in Modern Discourse (Lipscomb, Third Floor)
• Is it PC? Personal Commitment, Pragmatic Context, Political Correctness
  —Jeffrey Dueck, Alliance University
• The Heart of Civility
  —Richard Langer, Biola University
• The Value of Disagreement
  —Alexander Pruss, Baylor University
Chair—Ezra Choe, Baylor University

Revitalizing Christian Practices for Unity and Renewal* (White, Second Floor)
• Building Creative Communities of Calling as a Path of Connection in this Age of Discord
  —Audrey Woodhams, Boston University
• A Narrative-Based Communal Framework for Individual Pastoral Development
  —Eva Bleeker, Denver Seminary
• What is Common about Common Prayer? Rethinking the Role of the Daily Office
  —Jonathan Kanary, Baylor University
Chair—Jill Klentzman, Baylor University

Meaning in Music and Film (Houston, Third Floor)
• J.S. Bach’s Vocation: Bringing Forth an Orderly Church Music to the Glory of God
  —Joshua Veltman, Union University
• Wes Anderson’s Asteroid City: Art and the Search for Meaning
  —Brent Gibson, University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Chair—TBD

12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Lunch with Closing Remarks
(Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)

12:45 to 2:00 p.m.

Called Together in Spite of It All: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow
(Barfield Drawing Room, Second Floor)
• Anne Snyder, Comment Magazine