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SUMMER SYMPOSIUM
JUNE 4–8 2018

COURSE SUMMARY
June 4–8 2018
6:00pm – 9:00pm

MONDAY
4th

ANXIETY
Mentoring Youth for Joy in Anxious Times

TUESDAY
5th

POVERTY
Thriving Grace: Hope’s Agenda Setting

WEDNESDAY
6th

IDOLATRY
Looking for Joy in All the Wrong Places: An Augustinian Guide to our Anxieties

THURSDAY
7th

BELONGING & CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

FRIDAY
8th

SUBSTANCE ABUSE
Fake Joy: Substance Abuse and Young People’s Thirst for Wholeness

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This weeklong course is designed for pastors, seminarians, lay leaders, and youth ministers. Each night from 6:00 to 9:00pm, we will gather for evening fellowship dinners, lectures, and workshop breakouts to name and discuss some of the adversities our youth face every day. Throughout the week, we will learn with and from one another some concrete ways to combat these adversities to better nurture the foundations of joyful, flourishing lives. Yale Divinity School’s standard charge for a Summer Study course is $450. The Youth Ministry Institute is providing each registrant for this program a $400 scholarship, reducing the tuition for each registrant to $50 for the entire weeklong program.

BOOK YOUR PLACE
Registrants have the option to attend individual lectures or may opt to attend the week-long course. This event has rolling registration that continues during the week of the event.

To register, please visit: summerstudy.yale.edu/YMI
If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our Communications Coordinator: madeleine.ranges@yale.edu

All lectures will be available on YouTube: youtube.com/YaleYouthMinistryInstitute

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and effects on youth, we will bring into conversation the voices and disciplines of youth, ministers, professors, theorists of urban studies and theologians. Rev. Dr. Conde-Frazier is Academic Dean and Vice President of Education at Esperanza College of Eastern University. Rev. Ortiz has served in urban ministry for 30 years and is Director of National Programs at Esperanza.

JUNE

REV. DR. ELIZABETH CONDE-FRAZIER & REV. RUBEN ORTIZ ON POVERTY

Eastern University
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier and Rev. Ruben Ortiz will deliver a lecture entitled, Thriving Grace: Hope’s Agenda Setting. While practical theology has defined thriving in the language of scholars, what does thriving mean for young people and youth pastors living in urban poverty as the reality of their lives? Beginning with the description of the context of urban poverty, its problems

JUNE

DR. JAMES K. A. SMITH & DR. KYLE DAVID BENNETT ON IDOLATRY

Calvin College; Caldwell University
Dr. James K. A. Smith and Dr. Kyle David Bennett will deliver a lecture entitled, Looking for Joy in All the Wrong Places: An Augustinian Guide to our Anxieties. This lecture will consider how the duplex of anxiety and anger—fostered and fomented by the rituals of distraction—are both generators and fruit of idolatries. But we will also consider what it might look like to overcome these inhibitors, to find rest and arrive home to joy. Dr. Smith is professor of philosophy at Calvin College, where he holds the Gary and Henrietta Byker Chair in Applied Reformed Theology and Worldview. Dr. Bennett is Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Spirituality and Leadership Institute at Caldwell University.

JUNE

DR. MICHAL BETH DINKLER & REV. SKIP MASBACK ON BELONGING & CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

Yale Divinity School; Yale Youth Ministry Institute
Dr. Michal Beth Dinkler and the Rev. Skip Masback will deliver a lecture entitled, "Paul’s Not-so-Secret Secret: Belonging and Christian Freedom in the Midst of Affliction." Maya Angelou said once in an interview, "You are only free when you realize you belong no place - you belong every place - no place at all. The price is high. The reward is great." Paul traced the Christian path to this freedom with a secret he blabbed from one end of the ancient world to the other. As he framed his secret in his letter to the Philippians: "I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (4:12-13). This lecture will explore how our youth might claim this freedom Paul calls them to and offer youth workers practical suggestions for helping individuals and youth open their lives to "him who strengthens" us. Dr. Dinkler is assistant professor of New Testament at Yale Divinity School. She is the author of over 30 published works, Luke (2013) and Reflexivity and Emotion in Narratological Perspective: Reading Joy in the Lukan Narrative (2017). Rev. Masback was a youth minister for over 20 years before founding and directing the Yale Youth Ministry Institute.

JUNE

DR. JOYCE MERCER & REV. CHARLES EDWARD ATKINS, JR. ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Yale Divinity School
Dr. Joyce Mercer and Rev. Charles Edward Atkins, Jr. will deliver a lecture entitled, Fake Joy: Substance Abuse and Young People’s Thirst for Wholeness. In this lecture, we look at substance abuse as offering false joy to youth. We will share a strengths-based model for working with incarcerated youth that can be engaged with young people in other settings, that supports their genuine quest for joy against the seductive false joy of substance abuse. Dr. Mercer is a scholar-researcher, teacher, writer, retreat leader, and professor of Pastoral Care and Practical Theology at Yale Divinity School. Charles Edward Atkins, Jr.’s work focuses on religious practice in incarcerated communities. Charles is an ordained minister who currently works as a full-time Chaplain with the N.J. Department of Corrections at the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility.

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