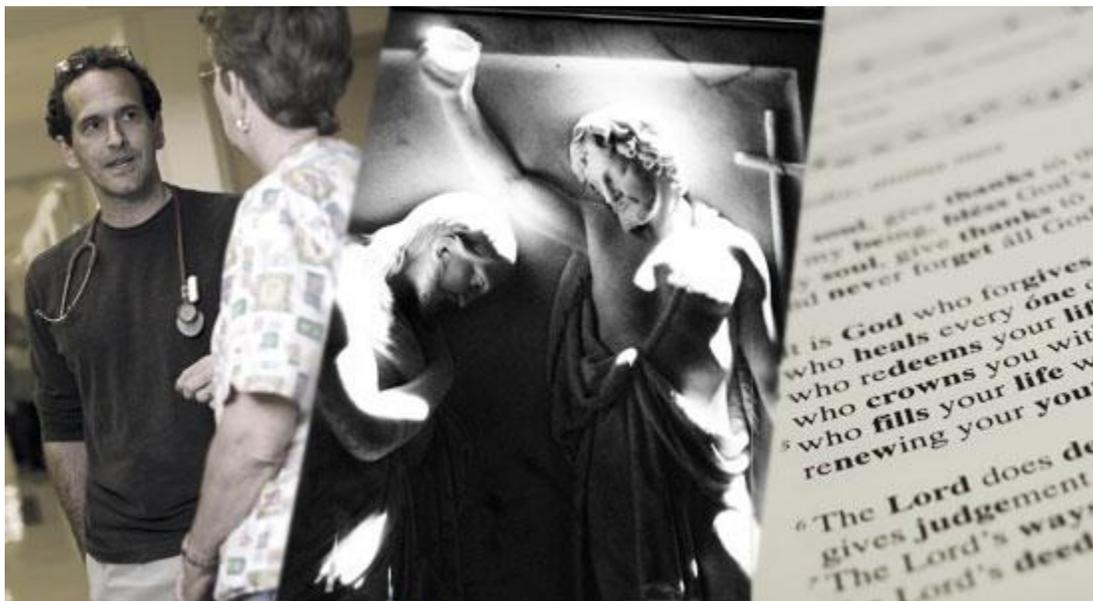




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**THEOLOGY,
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2015-16

Fellowship Handbook

Dear TMC Fellow,

Welcome to Duke Divinity School! We are delighted and honored that you have chosen to invest a year (or more) of your life with us. We are committed to foster the theological formation that will help you reimagine and reengage your vocation in healthcare. This handbook is intended to provide helpful information and orientation regarding the Theology, Medicine, and Culture Fellowship.

In their book, *Reclaiming the Body: Christians and the Faithful Use of Modern Medicine*, Joel Shuman (Duke MTS '93, PhD '98) and Brian Volck say it is a sign of illness that “most North American Christians approach medicine without much consideration of its relation to their theological convictions.” Our prayer is that your experience as a Fellow will prepare you to do what most North American Christians are not practiced at doing—that you will come to think, talk, and practice theologically with respect to your work in the contexts of health and medicine, and that this formation will further equip you to be salt and light in the domains you inhabit in years to come.

Shuman and Volck add that “Christians should always understand themselves as part of a gathered people, integral parts of a community called the Body of Christ. In other words, we never really go to the doctor alone.” You will not go through this experience alone, either. As Co-Directors, we are committed to making this a rich and rewarding experience, and we are confident that the friendships you develop with one another will be sources of much grace this year and in the future.

Grace and peace,



Warren Kinghorn, MD, ThD



Farr Curlin, MD

Co-Directors, Theology, Medicine, and Culture

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Mission Statement

The Initiative in Theology, Medicine, and Culture at Duke Divinity School invites Christians to reimagine and reengage contemporary practices of health care in light of Christian tradition and the practices of Christian communities.

Faculty and Staff

TMC Co-Directors



Warren Kinghorn is associate research professor of psychiatry and pastoral and moral theology. Kinghorn received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School and his M.T.S. and Th.D. from Duke Divinity School. In addition to teaching at Duke Divinity School, Warren practices psychiatry at the Durham VA Medical Center. His scholarly interests focus on the teaching of medical professionalism, in the intersection of theology and trauma theory, in the philosophy of psychiatric diagnosis, and in the way that religious communities care for persons with mental illness.



Farr Curlin is Josiah C. Trent Professor of Medical Humanities. A practicing palliative medicine physician, Farr works in both the School of Medicine's Trent Center for Bioethics, Humanities & History of Medicine, and the Divinity School's Initiative on Theology, Medicine, and Culture. Before moving to Duke, Farr founded and was co-director of the Program on Medicine and Religion at the University of Chicago. His scholarship focuses on the moral and spiritual dimensions of medical practice—particularly practices of care for patients at the end of life, the doctor-patient relationship, and the moral and professional formation of health practitioners.

Divinity School Faculty with TMC Research Interests



Esther Acolatse is assistant professor of the practice of pastoral theology and world Christianity. In much of her work, Professor Acolatse explores the intersection of psychology and Christian thought, particularly with respect to global expressions of Christianity. She is the author of *For Freedom or Bondage: A critique of African Pastoral Practices* and the forthcoming *Fleeing from the Spirit? Biblical Realism and the Demands of Contextual Theology* (Wm. B. Eerdmans). Recent articles address spiritual and psychological factors in care at the end of life and include “Embracing and Resisting Death: A Theology of Justice and Hope for Care at the End of Life” in *Living Faithfully Dying Well: Christian Practices of Care at the End of Life*, and “God as Good-Enough Mother: The Development of Hope in Job” in *Journal of Pastoral Theology*.



Ray Barfield is associate professor of pediatrics and Christian philosophy and directs the Pediatric Quality of Life and Palliative Care Program Duke Children’s Hospital & Health Center. Barfield is a pediatric oncologist with an interest in the intersection of medicine, philosophy, theology, and literature. His medical work focuses on improvement of the quality of life for children with severe or fatal diseases. His work in philosophy focuses on the imagination, narrative approaches to philosophical issues, and the history of the impact of literature on philosophical thought. He has over 80 publications in medicine, philosophy, and literature. Recent books include *The Ancient Quarrel Between Poetry and Philosophy* and a book of poetry titled, *Life In the Blind Spot*. His first novel, *The Book of Colors*, was published in May, 2015.



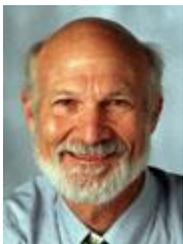
Susan Dunlap is adjunct assistant professor of pastoral theology. Dunlap is author of *Caring Cultures: How Congregations Respond to the Sick*, where she explores how three very different congregations—an African American Apostolic Holiness church, a Euro-America Protestant church, and a Latino Roman Catholic parish—respond to physical illnesses and what steps they take to provide care to their members.



Susan Eastman is associate research professor of New Testament, and director of the Doctor of Theology program. Eastman's scholarly focus is on Paul's letters in relationship to the formation and transformation of Christian identity. Her first book explored Paul's use of relational imagery to proclaim the gospel's transforming and sustaining power in the life of Christian communities. Her current research investigates questions of participation, imitation, and identity formation through a close reading of key Pauline texts in their first century context, and in conversation with contemporary work in the fields of cognitive psychology and neuroscience.



Amy Laura Hall is associate professor of Christian ethics. Hall is the author of *Kierkegaard and the Treachery of Love*, *Conceiving Parenthood: The Protestant Spirit of Biotechnological Reproduction*, and numerous scholarly articles in theological and biomedical ethics. She has served on the steering committee of the Genome Ethics, Law, and Policy Center, the Bioethics Task Force of the United Methodist Church, and as consultant on bioethics to the World Council of Churches. Her current book projects are *Erecting the Pulpit: Muscular Christianity from Victoria to Viagra* and *Good Housekeeping with Lady Julian*.



Stanley Hauerwas is Gilbert T. Rowe Professor Emeritus of Divinity and Law. He has sought to recover the significance of the virtues for understanding the nature of the Christian life. This search has led him to emphasize the importance of the church as well as narrative for understanding Christian existence. His work cuts across disciplinary lines as he is in conversation with systematic theology, philosophical theology and ethics, political theory, and the philosophy of social science and medical ethics. His books include, *God, Medicine, and Suffering*; *Suffering Presence*; *Cross-Shattered Christ*; *The State of the University: Academic Knowledges and the Knowledge of God*; and the recently published *Approaching the End: Eschatological Reflections on Church, Politics, and Life*.



Richard Payne is Esther Colliflower Professor of Medicine and Divinity. An internationally known expert in the areas of pain relief, care for those near death, oncology, and neurology, Payne has served on numerous panels and advisory committees, many at the national level. He has given expert testimony to the Congressional Black Caucus National Brain Trust and the President's Cancer Panel in the area of healthcare access disparities in cancer care, palliative medicine, and end-of-life care. He also has received a Distinguished Service Award from the American Pain Society, of which he is president; the Humanitarian Award from the Urban Resources Institute; and the Janssen Excellence in Pain Award.



David Toole is associate professor of the practice of theology, ethics, and global health, and associate dean for interdisciplinary initiatives. Jointly appointed in the Divinity School, the Kenan Institute for Ethics, and the Duke Global Health Institute, Toole teaches courses on theology and social science, the history and ethics of humanitarianism, and health systems and policy, with an emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa. His current research centers on the role of mission hospitals in African health systems, with a particular focus on the countries of the Nile River Basin in eastern Africa. He is the author of *Waiting for Godot in Sarajevo: Theological Reflections on Nihilism, Tragedy, and Apocalypse*. He also serves as the principal investigator of the Clergy Health Initiative.

TMC Staff



Lauren Wall is the Project Coordinator for the Initiative in Theology, Medicine, and Culture and the Clergy Health Initiative, providing support for programs and operations. Lauren started with the Clergy Health Initiative in the summer of 2014 after completing her Master's Degree in Religious Studies at Duke University.



Carl Weisner is Managing Director of the Initiative in Theology, Medicine, and Culture and Senior Director of the Clergy Health Initiative, with responsibilities for strategy, programs, and operations of these two initiatives. . Carl has worked at the intersection of theology and health for Duke Divinity School since 2008.

The Community of Fellows

Faculty Advisor

Each Fellow will be mentored by a TMC Faculty Member throughout their time at Duke. Fellows meet with their faculty advisor at least twice each semester. Faculty advisors will provide guidance regarding the Fellow's progress and course of study, research project, review and approve proposals for courses and practicums toward the TMC Certificate, and complete the review and evaluation of the Fellow's student portfolio.

Academics

Academic and intellectual engagement are essential components of the fellowship experience. Fellows are expected to:

1. Complete, in good standing, two semesters of study toward a residential master's degree at Duke Divinity School.
2. Complete two foundational courses:

Fall Semester:

*The Healing Arts: Suffering, Illness,
and the Witness of the Church*
(XTIANETH 761)

Spring Semester:

*Introduction to Medical
Ethics/Theological Bioethics*
(XTIANETH 807)

These two classes are taught by core faculty and focus on the relation of Christian tradition to suffering, illness, and disability, as well as to the institutions and practices of medicine and bioethics.

Other courses available which touch on topics with direct relevance to Theology, Medicine, and Culture can be found in the course schedule at <https://divinity.duke.edu/academics/course-schedule>.

3. Present a research paper or other a scholarly project directly engaging the intersection of theology, medicine, and culture. This project will be presented at one of the regularly scheduled TMC seminars in the spring semester, or at the end of the year TMC Symposium. The project may be a paper or other assignment fulfilling regular course requirements that is modified for oral presentation.

Note:

Through these core academic activities, Fellows will fulfill several of the requirements for the Certificate in Theology, Medicine, and Culture.

While the certificate is not required for fellows, many may choose to pursue it. The requirements for award of the certificate are one additional course relevant to health and medicine and completion of a practicum providing ministry-related experience engaging matters of health and illness. The full requirements along with a tracking sheet can be viewed online at <https://divinity.duke.edu/academics>.

TMC Seminar

The TMC Seminar is a semi-monthly gathering of Fellows, faculty, medical and divinity students, and others interested in the intersection of theology, medicine, and culture. The discussion format usually involves an invited speaker, but other formats include clinical case discussions, discussions of seminal books and articles, and colloquia for presentation of student research.

TMC Seminars convene at noon on the first and third Friday of each month. Dates for the 2015-16 academic year are:

Fall Semester:

September 18
October 2
October 16
November 6
November 20
December 4

Spring Semester:

January 15
February 5
February 19
March 4
April 1
April 15*
April 22*

* Reserved for certificate presentations

Duke Divinity School’s curriculum seeks to cultivate a life of worship, study, and service. We are committed to the very ancient idea that to be a person of God for others, one must be with others—in prayer, in study, at work, and at play. Our aim is that Fellows will experience themselves not only as students learning about theology, but as participants in a community and a movement of theological formation with respect to health and medicine. Toward that end, Fellows are urged participate in the following activities.

Spiritual Formation

Prayer and ministry are inextricably joined. Through intentional spiritual formation we become acclimated to the divine longing of our hearts and begin to sense that our lives are being turned ever God-ward.

Our community includes a wide spectrum of religious traditions, and it is our hope that students will become familiar with Christian practices of prayer and spirituality other than their own—developing a wider, deeper prayer vocabulary. Students will also have the opportunity to build confidence in their abilities as a spiritual leader as they journey into more faithful Christian service.

Fall Semester:

Morning Sessions: 7:00 - 8:15 am, 0028 Westbrook

Evening Sessions: 6:30 - 8:00 pm, 2116 Wilson Street, Durham, NC

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| September 1 | Evening |
| September 8 | Morning |
| September 22 | Evening |
| September 29 | Morning |
| October 20 | Morning |
| October 27 | Evening |
| November 10 | Morning |
| November 24 | Evening |
| December 1 | Evening |

As part of the spiritual formation experience, students are also be invited to take time apart from their studies to attend two spiritual retreats, one each semester.

Divinity School Fall Retreat: During the fall semester, all first year DDS students in spiritual formation groups participate in a weekend retreat. This is a time for prayerful

reflection and solitude in the midst of a rigorous academic schedule. Retreats are offered in October and November. Fellows will register for the retreat through the Office of the Chaplain.

TMC Fellows Spring Retreat: TMC Fellows and faculty will go on retreat April 8 and 9, 2016. This retreat will include silence and solitude, times of group prayer and worship, and sessions with an experienced facilitator to help us all prayerfully reflect on and respond to God's calling in our vocations.

Monthly Reflections

Each Fellow is asked to write a short (200-500 word) reflection paper once per month focused on any aspect of the intersection of theology, medicine, and culture. The paper may be an account of personal experiences, a commentary on current events, a reflection on current coursework, or even a piece of artwork. Reflections can be adapted from entries for a class or other academic activity. These papers will be collected by the co-directors and, with the author's permission, may be published to the blog and newsfeed of the TMC website.

Additional Activities and Opportunities

The Duke Divinity School seeks not simply the transmission of knowledge, but *formation*. The practices of Christian prayer, worship, fellowship, and service are essential to that formation. We encourage Fellows to participate regularly in the following activities.

TMC Brown Bag Lunches

Students and faculty are invited to gather from 12-1 pm on alternate (non-seminar) Fridays for food and informal conversation regarding how what they are learning in the classroom connects to their clinical experiences, past and future.

Worship and Prayer

Several regular gatherings of prayer and worship are central to the life of the Divinity School. These include:

- Morning prayer held Monday through Friday,
- Services of Preaching, Prayer, and Eucharist held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
- Evening prayer held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday,
- Noonday prayer on Mondays and Fridays, and
- Vespers held Thursday evenings.

The Divinity School Calendar, as well as the weekly Student Life email, will have information on the precise days and times for these gatherings.

Practicums

We encourage Fellows to take advantage of practical ministry-related experiences during their time at Duke (and completion of a practicum is required for the TMC Certificate). Some of these will be in local congregations. Others will be volunteer possibilities in local faith-based clinics and other Christian institutions responding to health related needs. Still others will be work within congregations.

Fellows may complete a practicum with one of the following organizations with which TMC has an established relationships or may seek out and develop their own opportunities for appropriate practicums in consultation with the faculty advisor:

Croasdaile Village is a senior living community located in Durham. The facility offers a wide range activities and services to accommodate the individual needs of residents. Their mission statement reads, “Croasdaile Village is a partnership of residents, staff and friends that ensures security and dignity and premiere life care.” Croasdaile Village is historically a United Methodist retirement community, and Fellows will have the opportunity to work closely with the two chaplains serving there.

The Samaritan Health Center provides comprehensive medical and dental care to the homeless and underserved of Durham, regardless of their ability to pay. It is located in Durham near a DATA bus stop. Students with Spanish speaking skills and/or a form of medical certification will participate at some level with the clinical encounter with patients. . Other students may assist with greeting patients, checking them in and out, etc. . The Samaritan’s Health Center is a largely evangelical Christian organization.

Reality Ministries is a community-based non-profit which creates “opportunities for teens and adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience belonging, kinship and the life-changing Reality of Christ’s love.” Reality offers a variety of daytime and nighttime activities aimed at bringing together people from all walks of life to experience life and the reality of Jesus’ love with one another. Volunteer opportunities with Reality include tutoring, participating in weekly Tuesday night activities, engaging with the community during of their special events or trips, etc.

Conferences

A number of academic conferences occur throughout the year that might interest students, and many of these conferences make calls for academic papers to which Fellows are encouraged to submit. One conference of note is the 2016 Conference on Medicine and Religion on March 4-6 in Houston, Texas (medicineandreligion.com). Limited funding has been available in the past through the Office of Academic Formation and Programs, the Divinity Student Council, and other programs, centers, and student groups. Fellows should contact offices and organizations about potential support as early as possible

Research

Apart from the research paper described above, TMC fellows are not required to complete independent research. That being said, all of the TMC faculty members are involved in research projects of their own, and Fellows are invited to approach faculty members regarding opportunities to participate in such scholarship.