Friday, October 6

2:30pm  Registration  
Top of Westbrook Building

3:00pm  Plenary – Cultivating Wonder  
- Devan Stahl in conversation with Warren Kinghorn  
Goodson Chapel

4:15pm  Welcome Reception  
Bovender Terrace

5:00pm  Dinner  
Divinity Cafe

6:00pm  Worship  
Goodson Chapel

6:15pm  Plenary – Overcoming a Culture of Absence in Health Care  
- John Swinton in conversation with Farr Curlin  
Goodson Chapel
Saturday, October 7, 2023

8:30am  Breakfast  
Divinity Cafe

9:15am  Morning Prayer & Worship  
Goodson Chapel

9:30am  Plenary – Christianity's Surprise  
- C. Kavin Rowe in conversation with Emmy Yang  
Goodson Chapel

10:45am  Break

11:15am  Session 1 Seminars  
Various Divinity Classrooms

12:30pm  Lunch  
Divinity Cafe

1:45pm  Session 2 Seminars  
Various Divinity Classrooms

3:00pm  Break and Free Time  
Duke Campus

5:00pm  Dinner  
Divinity Cafe

6:00pm  Worship  
Goodson Chapel

6:15pm  Plenary – A Theology of Flourishing for All  
- Wylin Wilson in conversation with Warren Kinghorn  
Goodson Chapel
Plenary I: Cultivating Wonder

Bioethicist and disability theologian Devan Stahl, MDiv, PhD, and TMC Co-Director Warren Kinghorn, MD, ThD consider how clinicians may cultivate wonder within the world of modern healthcare. To do so, they will consider Dr. Stahl’s own story, her work in disability theology, and her current research on how medical authorities understood “monstrous births” in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Devan Stahl is an Associate Professor of Religion and Bioethics at Baylor University. She specializes in bioethics and disability ethics and works as a clinical ethicist consultant for the Baylor, Scott, and White Health System. Her latest book, *Disability’s Challenge to Theology: Genes, Eugenics, and the Metaphysics of Modern Medicine* (Notre Dame Press) develops a Christian response to genetic technologies using the insights of disability scholars.

Warren Kinghorn is The Esther Colliflower Professor of the Practice of Pastoral and Moral Theology at Duke Divinity School and Associate Professor of Psychiatry in Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Kinghorn received his MD from Harvard Medical School and his MTS and ThD from Duke Divinity School. In addition to teaching at Duke Divinity School, Warren practices psychiatry at the Durham VA Medical Center. His scholarly work centers on the role of religious communities in caring for persons with mental health problems and on ways in which Christians engage practices of modern health care. He has written on the moral and theological dimensions of combat trauma and moral injury, on the moral and political context of psychiatric diagnosis, and on the way that St. Thomas Aquinas’ image of the human as wayfarer might inform contemporary practices of ministry and mental health care.
Plenary II: Overcoming a Culture of Absence in Health Care

Renowned mental health nurse and theologian, John Swinton, RMN, RNMD, PhD joins physician ethicist, Farr Curlin, MD, to examine the culture of absence and detachment that permeates modern health care. Together they will consider how Christian theology calls for and the Spirit makes practitioners capable of offering genuine healing presence to their patients.

John Swinton is Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies at the University of Aberdeen. For more than a decade he worked as a registered mental health nurse. He also worked for a number of years as a hospital and community mental health Chaplain alongside of people with severe mental health challenges who were moving from the hospital into the community. In 2004, he founded the University of Aberdeen’s Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability. He has published widely within the area of mental health, dementia, disability theology, spirituality and healthcare, qualitative research and pastoral care. He is the author of a number of monographs including: Becoming Friends of Time: Disability, Timefulness and Gentle Discipleship (Baylor Press 2017), Finding Jesus in the Storm: The spiritual lives of people with mental health challenges. (Eerdmans 2020) and Dementia: Living in the memories of God (Eerdmans 2012). In 2022 John became chaplain to the Queen of England.

Farr Curlin is a hospice and palliative care physician who joined Duke University in January 2014 where he holds joint appointments in the School of Medicine, including its Trent Center for Bioethics, Humanities & History of Medicine, and in Duke Divinity School, including its Initiative on Theology, Medicine and Culture. He works with Duke colleagues to foster scholarship, study, and training regarding the intersections of medicine, ethics, and religion. After graduating from medical school, he completed internal medicine residency training and fellowships in both health services research and clinical ethics at the University of Chicago before joining its faculty in 2003. Dr. Curlin’s empirical research charts the influence of physicians’ moral traditions and commitments, both religious and secular, on physicians’ clinical practices. As an ethicist, he addresses questions regarding whether and in what ways physicians’ religious commitments ought to shape their clinical practices in a plural democracy. Dr. Curlin and colleagues have authored numerous manuscripts published in medicine and bioethics literature, including a New England Journal of Medicine paper titled, “Religion, Conscience and Controversial Clinical Practices.” He is particularly concerned with the moral and spiritual dimensions of medical practice and the doctor-patient relationship, and with the moral and professional formation of physicians. His areas of expertise are medicine, medical ethics, doctor-patient relationship, religion and medicine, and conscience. At the University of Chicago, Dr. Curlin founded and was co-director of the Program on Medicine and Religion.
Plenary III: Christianity’s Surprise

George Washington Ivey Distinguished Professor of New Testament, C. Kavin Rowe, MDiv, PhD and TMC Alumna Emmy Yang, MD, MTS discuss Dr. Rowe’s book Christianity's Surprise: A Sure and Certain Hope. The story of Jesus Christ ushered in a new vision of humanity, informing early Christian commitments to caring for the poor and the sick. This session centers around the generative potential for the gospel in public health and medicine today.

C. Kavin Rowe
PhD, MDiv

C. Kavin Rowe is the Vice Dean of the Faculty and the George Washington Ivey Distinguished Professor of New Testament. The first of three volumes of his collected essays has recently been published as Leading Christian Communities (Eerdmans, 2023). He is the author of four other books: Christianity’s Surprise: A Sure and Certain Hope (Abingdon, 2020), One True Life: the Stoics and Early Christians as Rival Traditions (Yale University Press, 2016), World Upside Down: Reading Acts in the Graeco-Roman Age (Oxford University Press, 2009, paperback 2010), and Early Narrative Christology (de Gruyter, 2006, repr. Baker Academic, 2009). He has published dozens of articles and essays, and co-edited The Word Leaps the Gap (Eerdmans, 2008) and Rethinking the Unity and Reception of Luke and Acts (University of South Carolina Press, 2010). Rowe has been a Fulbright Scholar, Regional Scholar for the Society of Biblical Literature, chair of the Society’s Southeastern Region New Testament section, president of the Society’s Southeastern Region, and was elected to the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas. He was awarded a Lilly Faculty Fellowship, a Christian Faith and Life Grant from the Louisville Institute, the John Templeton Prize for Theological Promise, the Paul J. Achtemeier Award, and a Distinguished Scholars grant from the McDonald Agape Foundation.

Emmy Yang
MD

Emmy Yang is an internal medicine resident at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and a graduate of Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai. As a medical student, she completed a Master of Theological Studies as a TMC Fellow at Duke Divinity School. Her thesis focused on “a theological exploration of time and implications on medicine and care for the elderly.” She has published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, CMDA Today, and Christianity Today and has been recognized for her patient-centered care with induction into the Gold Humanism Honorary Society. She is constantly humbled by the practice of medicine and the friends and mentors she has met through TMC.
Plenary IV: A Theology of Flourishing for All

In this plenary conversation, Wylin Wilson, PhD, MS, MDiv and Warren Kinghorn, MD, ThD explore how theology can inform and inspire approaches to health care that promote flourishing, not only for individuals, but for the communities, places, and creatures that sustain us.

Wylin Wilson’s work lies at the intersection of religion, gender, and bioethics. Her academic interests also include rural bioethics and Black church studies. Prior to joining Duke Divinity School in 2020, she was a teaching faculty member at the Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics and a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School. She has also served as visiting lecturer and research associate at the Harvard Divinity School Women’s Studies in Religion Program. Professor Wilson is the former associate director of Education at the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, and former faculty member in the College of Agriculture, Environment, and Nutrition Sciences at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama. Professor Wilson served on the Mount Auburn Hospital Ethics Committee in Cambridge, Mass., the advisory board for the Rural Child Hunger Summit, and as volunteer spiritual care giver for Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services in Somerville, Mass. She is a member of the American Academy of Religion’s Bioethics and Religion Program Unit Steering Committee. Among her publications is her book, Economic Ethics and the Black Church.

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