

Rev. Patrick S. Cheng, Ph.D.  
Spring 2010 -- Sexuality and Ministry

Dates:

Saturday Afternoons, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT  
Five Sessions, April 10 through May 15, 2010 (but *not* April 24, 2010).

Required Texts:

- Marvin M. Ellison and Sylvia Thorson-Smith, eds., *Body and Soul: Rethinking Sexuality as Justice Love* (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2007)
- David J. Kundtz and Bernard S. Schlager, *Ministry Among God's Queer Folk: LGBT Pastoral Care* (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2003)
- Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing, *A Time to Build: Creating Sexually Healthy Faith Communities* (online)
- Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing, *A Time to Seek: Study Guide on Sexual and Gender Diversity* (online)

Session 1

April 10 -- Sexual and Gender Diversity

- Heyward, "We're Here, We're Queer: Teaching Sex in Seminary," in *Body and Soul*, pp. 78-96
- "Coming Out" and "Sexual Rating Scales," in *Ministry Among God's Queer Folk*, pp. 131-58, 216-35
- "Definitions," "Prevalence," "Science on Sexual and Gender Diversity," "Marriage and Family," and "Youth," in *A Time to Seek*, pp. 7-26

Session 2

April 17 -- Sexually Healthy Clergy and Congregations

- Thorson-Smith, "Becoming 'Possessed': Toward Sexual Health and Well-Being," in *Body and Soul*, pp. 232-50
- Underwood, "Clergy Sexual Misconduct: A Justice Issue," in *Body and Soul*, pp. 300-15
- "Creating Communities of Care" in *Ministry Among God's Queer Folk*, pp. 159-76
- "Religion and Sexuality," "Sexually Health Religious Professionals," "Welcoming and Affirming Congregations," "Safe Congregations," and "Social Action," in *A Time to Build*, pp. 7-16, 30-36

### Session 3

#### May 1 -- Scripture and Sexuality

- van Wijk-Bos, “How to Read What We Read: Discerning Good News About Sexuality in Scripture,” in *Body and Soul*, pp. 61-77.
- West, “The Bible and Homosexuality” (online)
- Eastman, “Homosexuality: Not a Sin, Not a Sickness” (online)
- Wilson, “Our Story Too . . . Reading the Bible with ‘New Eyes’” (online)
- “Scripture,” in *A Time to Seek*, pp. 27-31
- “Worship and Preaching,” in *A Time to Build*, pp. 17-18

### Session 4

#### May 8 -- Pastoral Care and Education

- “The Pastoral Care Relationship,” “The Functions of Pastoral Care,” “Pastoral Care in the Tough Times,” and “Caring for Relationships,” in *Ministry Among God’s Queer Folk*, pp. 1-130, 177-215
- “Pastoral Care,” “Education for Youth,” and “Adult Education,” in *A Time to Build*, pp. 20-29

### Session 5

#### May 15 -- Beyond Binaries

- Craig, “Bisexuality: Variations on a Theme,” in *Body and Soul*, pp. 114-28
- Mollenkott, “Crossing Gender Borders: Towards a New Paradigm,” in *Body and Soul*, pp. 185-97
- Douglas, “Black Body / White Soul: The Unsettling Intersection of Race, Sexuality, and Christianity,” in *Body and Soul*, pp. 99-113
- Cheng, “Jesus, Mary, and the Beloved Disciple: Towards a Queer Asian Pacific American Christology” (online)