Theological Education

Resisting Injustice in the Age of Trump

Friday, November 17, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

This workshop is designed to advance the work initiated in Miguel de la Torre, ed. Faith and Resistance in the Age of Trump (Orbis, 2017) where a diverse group of scholars reflect on a wide range of issues pertaining to how individual scholar/teachers of religion and religious communities of various types think about and engage in praxes of resistance to many of the false assumptions and unjust policies of the Trump Administration. It is intended to provide participants with an opportunity to engage with one another and brainstorm about strategies of resistance in a variety of different spheres of their work, including research and writing, classroom and online teaching, use of social media, broader civic education and advocacy, and community organizing for social justice.

The structure of the workshop will be arranged around a series of units focusing on such relevant themes as the environment, gender and sexuality, economics, and race and ethnicity. Each unit will offer participants relatively brief input from a featured presenter or presenters, followed by more extensive time for facilitated small and large group discussion.

In addition to providing a forum for timely and potentially transformative professional exchange, the overall goal of the workshop will be to identify a series of “best practices” which will, in turn, be shared with the attendees of the Special Topics Forum of the Theological Education Committee and eventually be published for even wider consumption in the Spring 2018 edition of “Spotlight on Theological Education” of Religious Studies News.

To this end, workshop participants are strongly encouraged to bring with them a list of related practices of resistance in which either they or their institution is currently engaged.

The cost for attending the workshop is $40, which includes a coffee break and the entire day of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 70 participants.

Panelists:
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
Jacqueline Lewis, Middle Collegiate Church
Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University
Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Marie Alford-Harkey, Religious Institute
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

You may register online while completing the registration process at https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing. If you’ve already completed registration, email reg@aarweb.org.