WHY YOUTH MINISTRY?
A BEACON OF JOY IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

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 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: http://summerstudy.yale.edu/YMI

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our Communications Coordinator: madeleine.ranges@yale.edu

COURSE SUMMARY

June 5–9 2017
6:00pm – 9:00pm

MONDAY
5th

FAMILY INSTABILITY
Incubators for Joy: Communities of Care Amidst Family Instability

TUESDAY
6th

FEAR
Forging Fearless Communities: Seeing and Hearing to Overcome Fear

WEDNESDAY
7th

DEPRESSION & SUICIDE
Nurturing Joy: Supporting the Emotional and Spiritual Lives of Adolescents

THURSDAY
8th

SEXUAL DIMENSIONS
ReVisioning Teen Sexuality: Relational Joy and Embodied Flourishing

FRIDAY
9th

VIOLENCE
Joy in the Aftermath of Violence

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**Joy in the Aftermath of Violence**

Dr. Baker and Dr. Reyes will deliver a lecture entitled, *Joy in the Aftermath of Violence*. Like the writers of Lamentations and Psalms, adolescents cry out to God and to the leaders of the community to deliver them from interpersonal and structural violence. Using an interdisciplinary framework to understand how violence affects youth psychologically, we provide an acute sense of how violence inhibits the joy and the flourishing of young people, and similarly inhibits the efforts of those who work with them. We will provide practices that promote flourishing for youth pastors, community workers, and youth themselves. Dr. Baker is Senior Fellow for Research and Learning at the Forum for Theological Exploration. Dr. Reyes is a Latino practical theologian, activist, writer, and educator and Director of Strategic Partnerships for Doctoral Initiatives at the Forum for Theological Exploration.