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

All lectures will be available on Livestream: livestream.com/yaledivinityschool/YMI

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DR. ALLAN HUGH COLE, JR. & REV. DR. PHILIP BROWNING HELSEL ON ANXIETY

University of Texas at Austin; Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Dr. Cole and Dr. Helsel will deliver a lecture entitled, Mentoring Youth for Joy in Anxious Times. The lecture focuses on the pervasiveness of anxiety in the lives of adolescents, reasons for this trend, and ways for supporting adolescents, appealing to the practice of mentoring as a conduit for resilience and joy. Dr. Cole is Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Director of Undergraduate Programs, and Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Texas at Austin. Previously he served for eleven years on the faculty of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, TX, the last four as Academic Dean. Rev. Dr. Philip Browning Helsel, is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

REV. DR. ELIZABETH CONDE-FRAZIER & REV. RUBEN ORTIZ ON POVERTY

Eastern University

Rev. Dr. Conde-Frazier and Rev. Ortiz will deliver a lecture entitled, Thriving Grace: Hope’s Agenda Setting. While practical theology has defined thriving in the language of scholars, what does thriving mean for young people and youth pastors living in urban poverty as the reality of their lives? Beginning with the description of the context of urban poverty, its problems and effects on youth, we will bring into conversation the voices and disciplines of youth, ministers, professors, theorists of urban studies and theologians. Rev. Dr. Conde-Frazier is Academic Dean and Vice President of Education at Esperanza College of Eastern University. Rev. Ortiz has served in urban ministry for 30 years and is Director of National Programs at Esperanza.

DR. JAMES K. A. SMITH & DR. KYLE DAVID BENNETT ON IDOLATRY

Calvin College; Caldwell University

Dr. Smith and Dr. Bennett will deliver a lecture entitled, Looking for Joy in All the Wrong Places: An Augustinian Guide to our Anxieties. This lecture will consider how the duplex of anxiety and anger—fostered and fomented by the rituals of distraction—are both generators and fruit of idolatries. But we will also consider what it might look like to overcome these inhibitors, to find rest and arrive home to joy. Dr. Smith is professor of philosophy at Calvin College, where he holds the Gary and Henrietta Byker Chair in Applied Reformed Theology and Worldview. Dr. Bennett is Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Spirituality and Leadership Institute at Caldwell University.

DR. LISA MILLER & MR. CLAYTON HOI-YUN MCCLINTOCK, M.T.S. ON SPIRITUALITY

Columbia University, Teachers College

Dr. Miller and Clayton Hoi-Yun McClintock will deliver a lecture entitled, The Protective and Regenerative Effect of Relational Spirituality Amidst Interpersonal Stressors and Traumas Among Adolescents. Dr. Miller is Professor of Psychology and Education at Columbia University, Teachers College and is Founder of the Spirituality Mind Body Institute. Clayton Hoi-Yun McClintock received an M.T.S. from Harvard in psychology and religion. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University.

DR. JOYCE MERCER & REV. CHARLES EDWARD ATKINS, JR. ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Forum for Theological Exploration

Dr. Mercer and Mr. Atkins will deliver a lecture entitled, Fake Joy: Substance Abuse and Young People’s Thirst for Wholeness. In this lecture, we look at substance abuse as offering false joy to youth. We will share a strengths-based model for working with incarcerated youth that can be engaged with young people in other settings, that supports their genuine quest for joy against the seductive false joy of substance abuse. Dr. Mercer is a scholar-researcher, teacher, writer, retreat leader, and professor of Pastoral Care and Practical Theology at Yale Divinity School. Charles Edward Atkins, Jr.’s work focuses on religious practice in incarcerated communities. Charles is an ordained minister who currently works as a full-time Chaplain with the N.J. Department of Corrections at the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility.

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