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**W**e will examine the power of communally-held memories and consider how these get transmitted in our institutions, schools, churches, families, and neighborhoods, and the influence they carry in shaping our lives. Events on Tuesday revolve around narratives that help form our relationships with our alma mater, its faculty, and one another as alumni/ae and colleagues. On Wednesday, the focus will shift to our roles as leaders and story-brokers in our congregations and communities. Christopher Hedges' lecture will inaugurate and celebrate the Theodore F. Schneider Fund for Homiletics. Nelson Strobert will preside at the opening Eucharist, with Theodore Schneider preaching. Marty Stevens will unpack some scripts within familiar scriptures, reminding us that it's rarely, if ever, "your grandmother's bible." Kathryn Vitalis Hoffman will lead the discussion of the implications of all the presentations for ministry in local settings.

## 2011 Presenters



Edward Sites



Christopher Hedges



Theodore Schneider



Marty Stevens



Kathryn Vitalis Hoffman

# Two Day Convocation Schedule

## Tuesday, May 3

### 10:00 a.m. Extra Event

The Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic (LHSMa) Spring 2011 Program is offered as a preconconvocation event. John E. Peterson, curator of the Lutheran Archives Center in Philadelphia, will present, "Henry Melchior Muhlenberg: The Lutheran Patriarch – and More," in Valentine Hall Auditorium. Also one of the Patriarch's restored journals will be displayed. The lecture is free; registration is separate from the Seminary Spring Convocation. Lunch is available for those who pre-register and prepay. Contact Lee Knepp by mail (P.O. Box 76, McClure, PA 17841), phone (570) 765-2358, or email (LKnepp@snydercounty.org) to register. Visit the Society's website: www.lhsmidatlantic.com.

### Registration opens at 11:00 a.m.

**11:55 a.m.** Worship in the Chapel

**12:15 p.m.** Lunch in the Refectory **or**

**12:15 p.m.** "Now We're 40, What's the Story?"

All female graduates of Gettysburg Seminary, and Lutheran year alumnae, are invited to a lunch and table talk to debrief the 40th anniversary year of Lutheran women's ordination in the U.S., and look ahead to future challenges (Valentine, 206).

*(advance reservations required for either option)*

**1:15 p.m.** Faculty Book Chat

Members of the faculty will discuss current and essential reading in their fields

**3:30 p.m.** Our Paulssen Years: A Roundtable Discussion

Moderator Ed Sites and a few of Bertha Paulssen's former students kick off the discussion of the formative dimensions of the Paulssen Years; all are invited to join in!

**4:15 p.m.** Reception in Beekmann Commons

**6:00 p.m.** The Alumni Dinner will gather alumni and friends to Seminary Ridge **or**

**7:00 p.m.** Alternative Dessert and wine reception in Valentine Hall

**7:45 p.m.** Distinguished Alumni Awards (chapel)

The Rev. Judith Cobb *Service in Parish Settings*

The Rev. Donald Main *Lifetime Service*

The Rev. Judith Simonson *Specialized Ministry*

Following the program, 25-year and 50-year & above reunion classes are invited to the President's home (Lewars House).

## Wednesday, May 4

### Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

**9:00 a.m.** Festival Service of Holy Communion

The Rev. Dr. Nelson Strobert, presiding

The Rev. Theodore Schneider, preaching

**10:30 a.m.** Marty Stevens

*"Scripts in Scripture: Varied Voices in the Greatest Story Ever Told"*

**12:00 p.m.** Lunch

options on campus in the Refectory **or** with reunion classes at Dobbin House *(advance reservations required for either option)*

**2:00 p.m.** Christopher Hedges

*"Empire of Illusion: An exploration of what can happen in our image-based culture when community narratives get replaced by emotionally driven scenarios that foster a frightening historical amnesia"*

**3:30 p.m.** Kathryn Vitalis Hoffman

*"Story Brokering as an Approach to Ministry"*

**4:15 p.m.** Closing prayer

Followed by a reception in honor of *The Rev. Theodore F. Schneider, D.D. Fund for Homiletics*

Visit [www.Ltsg.edu](http://www.Ltsg.edu) for more information

## Registration

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Synod \_\_\_\_\_

### Tuesday - May 3, 2011

Please reserve the following for me:

I plan to attend Tuesday, May 3

### Number Attending

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch at the Refectory @ \$7.00 per person.....Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch with Female Graduates @ \$15.00 per person.....Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dinner at the Refectory** @\$28.00 per person.....Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dessert & Wine Reception in Valentine Hall** (Aberly # 206) @ \$15.00 per person.....Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(circle class year) 61 66 71 76 81 86 91 96 2001 2006 other class year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ President's Reception for the 25 year and 50 year and above reunion classes (following evening program)

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to receive continuing education contact hours

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE NOTE THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CHARGE FOR ALL MEAL RESERVATIONS REGARDLESS OF ATTENDANCE.

### Wednesday - May 4, 2011

Please reserve the following for me:

I plan to attend Wednesday, May 4

### Number Attending

\_\_\_\_\_ **On campus** lunch at the Refectory @\$7.00 per person.....Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Off campus Reunion Classes** at Dobbin House @\$15.00 per person.....Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Limited shuttle transportation will be provided to Dobbin House. SHUTTLE:  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_ Reception for The Rev. Theodore f. Schneider Fund for Homiletics

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to receive continuing education contact hours

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to make a (tax exempt) charitable gift in support of the Seminary.....Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a check in the amount of..... Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline: April 12

For questions call 1-800-MLUTHER (1800-658-8437) ext. 2198

Please return this reservation with a check payable to: Lutheran Theological Seminary, Office for Advancement 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325