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First Mondays
Lecture Series
Participants



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October 6, 2008

DR. ART MUNIN
“Privilege 101”



Born on the south side of Chicago, Art grew up in a middle-class neighborhood consisting of police officers, firefighters and other laborers. Although he was raised in one of the most diverse cities in the country, his surroundings were largely segregated by race. This experience of being brought up in an area still grappling everyday with racism and discrimination is an experience he will draw upon in his lecture/workshop as he helps us expand the conversation about diversity and social justice. Art holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Loyola University Chicago where his dissertation focused on Ally Identity Development of College Students at a Religiously Affiliated Institution. Additionally, he completed a Master of Arts in Multicultural Communications from DePaul University, a Master of Education from Loyola University of Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Illinois University.

November 3, 2008



REV. ALEXANDER SHARP
“Bringing Faith to Public Life”

The Rev. Alexander Sharp is Executive Director of Protestants for the Common Good. Protestants for the Common Good was formed in 1995 to bring an informed and strong Protestant voice to public life and to offer educational resources and advocacy opportunities to people of faith on matters of public policy. Protestants for the Common Good “acts for social justice and the common good as essential to the Christian faith, educating and mobilizing people of faith to become effective participants in political democracy.”

Prior to earning the Master of Divinity degree from the University of Chicago in 1996, Al Sharp served as the Vice President of Business and Finance at the University of Chicago. He was Commissioner of Welfare for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1975 to 78 and he also headed the Office of University and Professional Schools in the New Jersey Department of Higher Education. He holds a Master of Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University and served as President of the Board of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. He is married, lives in Hyde Park, has two daughters and is a member of Hyde Park Union Church.

February 2, 2009



DR. ROBERT EUGENE MEGGINSON
“Enriching the Academic Experience of College Science and Math Students from Diverse Backgrounds.”

Dr. Robert E. Megginson grew up in a family that enjoyed and valued mathematics, which is certainly one of the reasons for his interest in the field. His maternal Native American

grandfather never attended a day of formal school in his life, but was very well self-educated and was fascinated by mathematics. After receiving his bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, he worked as a computer systems software specialist for a Fortune 500 corporation and rose to the position of Lead Systems Software Specialist in charge of all operating system software selection, development, and maintenance. He then returned to the University of Illinois to complete a Master in Statistics and a Ph.D. in Mathematics.

For the last decade, much of his interest and time have been absorbed by the problem of the serious underrepresentation of minorities in mathematics. One of only about a dozen Native Americans who are known to hold doctorates in mathematics, Megginson has served on and chaired numerous professional and national committees that address this problem. In addition to serving as the co-chair of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Committee on Minority Participation in Mathematics, he has been an advisor to many programs of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. He has spent much time working directly with students of color to help them succeed in mathematically-based fields and has mentored many undergraduate and graduate students of color from varied backgrounds who have gone on to receive degrees in mathematically-based disciplines.

March 2, 2009

DR. DAVID BRODNAX AND TRINITY STUDENT PANEL
“Using Film to Build Community Across Racial Lines.”

Using film and the thoughts of a student panel, we will explore aspects of diversity, multiculturalism and student life. The film was created by Dr. David Brodnax's 2008 Interim class, Black Cinema. The students wrote, acted in and directed the film, which portrays three different aspects of race relations in the dormitory and in



the classroom. Dr. Brodnax received his bachelor's degree in history at Illinois Wesleyan University. He earned a law degree at the University of Iowa before receiving a master's degree in history at Northwestern University. In the spring of 2007, Brodnax successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Northwestern. He joined the faculty at Trinity Christian College in 2005 and teaches a variety of courses including African American Religion, America and Western Civilization, Civil Rights Movement, Europe and Western Civilization and Latin American History.

April 6, 2009

REV. DR. BRENDA SALTER MCNEIL

Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil is called to the healing of people and the healing of nations. She is a dynamic preacher, evangelist and a thought-leader with over 20 years of experience in the field of racial and ethnic reconciliation. Dr. Salter McNeil is the president and founder of Salter McNeil & Associates, a Christian company that partners with organizations to transform them into reconciling communities. Their mission is to produce inter-culturally competent leaders on college campuses, in churches and in organizations around the world.



Dr. Salter McNeil earned her Bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Ministry from formerly named Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, now Palmer Theological Seminary. She is the author several books including the new book, **A Credible Witness: Reflections on Power, Evangelism and Race** (IV Press 2008). Through her speaking, teaching and writing, Dr. Salter McNeil boldly declares a vision that unites, transforms and brings healing to people from every tribe and every nation. Together with her husband, Dr. J. Derek McNeil and their two children, she stands at the forefront of an international movement to advance the Kingdom of God.

