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Faith Immersion Series 2011:
Navigating Religious Diversity



This timely and relevant training, designed for professionals in health, faith and human services settings, offers a series of one-day intensives to learn more about the religious backgrounds of our colleagues, clients, patients and other constituencies.

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Series at a Glance

SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2011

CATHOLIC INTENSIVE AT LASALLE UNIVERSITY, PHILADELPHIA

SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2011

BAHÁ'Í INTENSIVE AT BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY OF PHILADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA

FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2011

JEWISH INTENSIVE AT RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBINICAL COLLEGE, WYNCOTE

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MUSLIM INTENSIVE AT BAWA MUHAIYADDEEN FELLOWSHIP MOSQUE, PHILADELPHIA

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BAPTIST INTENSIVE AT AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES MISSION CENTER, VALLEY FORGE

CATHOLIC INTENSIVE

Saturday, March 19th

Registration 8:30 AM, Workshop 9 AM to 4 PM

MORNING SESSION:

All Things Catholic

Topics for this workshop include: important beliefs and practices of Catholicism, the role of Vatican II in shaping Catholicism in the twenty-first century, and current issues facing the Catholic Church in the United States.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Carrying the Way of Jesus in Your Heart to Touch Hearts: How Two Catholic Practitioners Use Their Faith in Working with Youth at Risk

The presenters will offer case studies to spark conversation among participants. How might the institutional or agency culture and individual workers including administrators and supervisors come together to offer clients safety, healing and integrated possibilities for the future?

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Margaret M. McGuinness is Professor and Chair of the Religion Department at La Salle University in Philadelphia. She is the co-editor of *American Catholic Studies*, a quarterly journal published by the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia. She received her AB and MTS from Boston University, and her Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary, New York. Dr. McGuinness has published articles in U.S. Catholic Historian and American Catholic Studies. She recently completed a manuscript on a community of Roman Catholic women religious founded to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the poor. Entitled *A History of the Sisters of Christian Doctrine*, it is scheduled to be published this year by Fordham University Press. Fordham Press is also publishing "A Catholic Studies Reader," co-edited with James T. Fisher. Her current project is a history of American nuns (*Called to Serve*) to be published by New York University Press, which will examine the role of women religious in the context of American culture from the perspective of their many apostolates, including teaching, nursing, social work, and activism.

Brother Brian Henderson, FSC since 2001 is the Director of Saint Gabriel's Hall, a Residential Treatment Facility for mainly Philadelphia court adjudicated teenage boys located near Valley Forge, PA. Brother Brian earned a BA and MA in Pastoral Studies from La Salle University and a Master's in Education from Loyola College in Baltimore while serving as an administrator at the oldest African American Catholic high school in the country, Saint Frances Academy.

Anita Godshall, LCSW is a clinician and clinical supervisor at Saint Gabriel's Hall delivering therapy on the Drug and Alcohol Program Fraternities. Anita earned a BSW at La Salle University and her MSW at Widener University.

LOCATION & PARKING:

La Salle University, College Hall Room 201 in the School of Business, 20th Street and West Olney Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141. Free parking is available in the lot at the traffic light on Olney Avenue at the Hayman Athletic Facility. College Hall is directly across the street from the Connelly Library which is a short walk from the lot just past the next traffic light at 19th St.

BAHÁ'Í INTENSIVE

Saturday, April 9th

Registration 8:30 AM, Workshop 9 AM to 4 PM

MORNING SESSION:

Exploring the Bahá'í Experience: Encountering the Dualities of Bahá'í Life

This session aims to acquaint participants with the reality, perspective, practice and struggles of the potential client who practices the Bahá'í Faith – a Faith that advocates dualities not often embraced (and sometimes actively avoided) in her/his surrounding environment. We will survey the central figures, primary narrative, archetypes, teachings, values, spirituality, individual practice, community life and struggles of the Bahá'í Faith and members of its community.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Balancing Science and Religion: Pursuing Bahá'í-Inspired Professionalism

This session entails Dr. Etemad sharing facets of his own odyssey as a psychiatrist informed and shaped by ongoing study and application of the Bahá'í revelation. Case studies will be incorporated.

SPEAKER:

Kambeze B. Etemad, M.D. was born and raised in Philadelphia by immigrant Iranian parents and is a 5th-generation Bahá'í. His involvement with the Bahá'í Faith community includes personal and family participation and service, administrative service, public education and representation, teaching and delegational capacities, internal advisory and educational services, curriculum and systems development and interfaith initiatives – on the local, regional, national and international levels. Kambeze attended Brown University, both as an undergraduate and as a medical student and completed his Residency in Psychiatry at Temple University Hospital. He was Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Attending Psychiatrist in its Outpatient Clinic. Earlier in his career his avid calling in education led him to Switzerland where he spent three years helping to develop a newly-formed international college. More recently Dr. Etemad participated in the Children and War Project at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. Currently he works as an addiction psychiatrist at Eagleville Hospital in Eagleville, PA. He loves to write and is an amateur folk pianist and vocalist.

LOCATION & PARKING:

The Bahá'í Community of Philadelphia, 2462 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131-1411

Tel: 215.879.8866 Web: www.phillybahai.org

JEWISH INTENSIVE

Friday, April 29th

Registration 8:30 AM, Workshop 9 AM to 4 PM

MORNING SESSION:

An Introduction to Judaism

AFTERNOON SESSION:

The Aleph Bet Gimel (ABCs) of Working With Jewish Clients

In this experiential session we will explore some ways to help put your Jewish patients, and yourself, more at ease during your sessions with them. Come with your questions, experience – and your sense of humor!

SPEAKERS:

Rabbi Reba Carmel is a native New Yorker who spent ten years living in Israel. Before attending the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, PA, Rabbi Carmel practiced law in New Jersey. She also holds a Master's Degree in Bible from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. A teacher of adults for nearly a decade, Rabbi Carmel has taught a wide variety of Jewish subjects in Jerusalem, Sydney, Australia and the Philadelphia area. Rabbi Carmel is on the Board of the Jewish Dialogue Group and is also a trained facilitator for the National Coalition Building Institute.

Rabbi Tsurah August is the Hospice Rabbi for Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia, partnering with area hospices to provide spiritual and emotional support to Jewish patients and their families. She is an experienced presenter and workshop facilitator, drawing on her background in interdisciplinary arts, performance, chaplaincy and education to create and lead workshops on a wide range of topics, including loss and grief, resiliency, spirituality in everyday life, healing and ritual. She is involved in interfaith healthcare chaplaincy and is a member of the Daughters of Abraham, a book group for Jewish, Christian and Muslim female clergy.

LOCATION & PARKING:

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, 1299 Church Road, Wyncote PA 19095. A receptionist inside the main building will direct participants to the workshop location. There are two free Visitor Parking Lots, one immediately to the left after entering from Church Rd. (Route 73) and the other around the back of the building. Web: www.rrc.edu

MUSLIM INTENSIVE

Sunday, May 15th

Registration 8:30 AM, Workshop 9 AM to 4 PM

MORNING SESSION:

What is Islam and Who are Muslims?

This session will provide general information on Islam and Muslims, and more specific information pertinent to people in the fields of health and social work.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Helping Muslims: What You Need to Know!

This session will address case studies offering an opportunity to put knowledge and experience into action.

SPEAKER:

Imam Muhammad Abdur-Razzaq Miller delivers the weekly sermon at the Mosque of M. R. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen in the Overbrook section of Philadelphia where he is the Religious Order Executive, teaches Arabic, provides spiritual counseling, conducts the five daily prayers and teaches formal reading and understanding of the Qur'an, Islam and Sufism. He lectures widely at universities and seminaries and has been invited to speak by the Islamic Society of New England and the Islamic Circle of America at their conventions in Valley Forge and Baltimore. In 2003 Imam Miller presented Islamic Law to Justices from Philadelphia Family Court and the Court of Appeals, in 2004 presented Islamic Law in the "Religious Sensitivity in the Courts" session to the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges and in 2007 to the Federal Judges of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He has presented Islamic law and culture regarding medical practices to physicians, chaplains and nurses at numerous teaching hospitals and medical centers. He is a Police Clergy for the 19th Police District of Philadelphia and Muslim Chaplain at Widener University. In his spare time, he has been a field archaeologist, backhoe operator and a professional violinist and bagpiper.

LOCATION & PARKING:

Mosque of M. R. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen, 5820 Overbrook Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131-1221 Tel: 215.879.6300 and 215.879.0234
Convenient unmetered parking is available on the quiet street in front of the Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Fellowship Mosque.
Web: www.bmf.org/index.html

BAPTIST INTENSIVE

Friday, June 3rd

Registration 8:30 AM, Workshop 9 AM to 4 PM

MORNING SESSION:

The ABCs of ABC-USA (American Baptist Churches-USA)

This portion of the program will be an overview of what it means to be Baptist and particularly American Baptist.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

We All Have Stories to Tell

After a brief review of the historical contribution and meaning of Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island and the founder of the first Baptist church in North America, the group will experience a highly interactive presentation on "story listening skills" and their use in engaging conflicts towards transformative problem solving. This will involve some role playing drawn from a case study to be discussed.

SPEAKERS:

Rev. Aundrea Alexander, J.D., M.Div. is the National Coordinator for The Office of Immigration and Refugee Services with the American Baptist Home Mission Societies of American Baptist Churches, USA. She is also a trainer in Conflict Transformation/Mediation Skills. She serves on the governing board of Church World Service and on the Commission on Social & Environmental Justice with the Freedom & Justice Division of the Baptist World Alliance. She holds a B.S. in Accountancy and J.D. from the University of Missouri and an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary. Rev. Aundrea is an associate minister at Saints Memorial Baptist Church in Bryn Mawr, PA where she serves as an associate minister, a Sheepfold Ministry leader and coordinator for the advocacy branch of the church's Wellness Ministry.

Rev. Dwight M. Lundgren is Manager of the American Baptist Placement, Personnel Services. He came to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies in 1999 as Coordinator of Reconciliation Ministries. In that capacity he provided training and resources in Conflict Transformation/Mediation Skills having been trained by the Plowshares Institute, Simsbury, CT. A graduate of Yale Divinity School, he has been an ordained American Baptist minister since 1969 and pastored four churches before coming to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. He recently received Certification in the academic track in Adult Psychotherapy at the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia.

LOCATION & PARKING:

American Baptist Churches Mission Center, 588 North Gulph Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406
Tel: 610.768.2000
Free parking is available on site.
Web: www.abc-usa.org

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FAITH IMMERSION SERIES link.

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Our training is co-developed by the Interfaith Center of Philadelphia and LaSalle University's Social Work and Catholic Studies Programs, in collaboration with the participating communities.

With Each Intensive, You Will:

- Gain deeper knowledge of faith traditions – one's own and others – and learn to apply these insights to work with clients.
- Become more culturally competent for working and living in our religiously, racially and ethnically diverse and pluralistic society.
- Recognize pre-conceptions and stereotypes and learn how they affect work dynamics and relationships.
- Gain practical experience with other religions' sacred books, rituals, practices, directly from experts and practitioners.
- Work through field-specific case studies led by professionals with related expertise.
- Develop relationships with people of other faiths that you can call upon in the future.

Cost:

\$75 per day or \$300 for the full series. Students with current ID, \$25 per day. Upon application, limited scholarship can be requested.

Credits (Earn up to 30 CECs):

Each full day completed awards 6 Continuing Education Credits through LaSalle University's Social Work Program for those holding an LSW, LCSW, LMFT or LPC, plus all participants receive an interfaith training certificate from the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia.

Who Should Attend:

- Licensed Social Workers and Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
- Psychologists
- CPE Graduates
- Clergy and Pastoral Ministers
- Speech Therapists
- Nurses and Physicians
- Other Health Professionals and Allied Health Professionals
- Non-Profit and Other Human Services Professionals
- Students in any of the Above Disciplines

Lunch:

Free vegetarian lunch provided at all sessions.

For More Information:

Contact Sr. Maria Hornung, MMS, Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia 215.222.1012 or meh@interfaithcenterpa.org

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