

Duerr Lecture Series

Presents

Dr. William Yoo

“When the Fullness of History Inspires and Infuriates Us”:
Settler Colonialism, Slavery, and Christianity in the United States

February 25, 26 & 27, 2024

Lectures will be presented live
and live-streamed.



Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 25

11:00 a.m. Worship

“Leaves of Grass, Streams of Righteousness, and the Kingdom of God in America”

Amos 5:18-24 and Matthew 6:30-33

7:00 p.m.

**“Even Christianity Can Reap but Small Harvest”:
The Resilience of Christian Faith and the Limits
of Evangelizing Missions in the Age of Settler Colonialism**

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Monday, February 26

7:00 p.m.

**To “Tremble for my Country”:
The Development of American Christianity in the Age of Slavery**

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 p.m.

**When the Church Seeks a More Perfect Union:
What Conservatives and Progressives Get Right and
Wrong about Christian History in the United States**

Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Lectures are free and open to everyone.

Worship service and lectures online at:
www.saintphilip.net

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viewing link and reminders.

Information found at: http://www.saintphilip.net/Duerr_LectureSeries.html

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Dr. William Yoo

Speaker for the 27th Annual Duerr Lecture Series will be Dr. William Yoo, Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History since 2020 and Master of Divinity Program Lead Professor since 2023 at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. Dr. Yoo earned the B.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, the M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary, the M.Th. from Emory University, Candler School of Theology, and the Ph.D. from Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion, Atlanta. Dr. Yoo is also a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) who desires to write, teach, and preach honest narratives of the past integrating Reformed understandings of confession and illumination.

In demand as speaker and academic lecturer and author of many articles in Presbyterian publications, Yoo's 2022 book, *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church*, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, won the 2023 Religion Communicators Council Award of Excellence.

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson confessed, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just." Though he did not support Black emancipation, Jefferson acknowledged slavery's many cruel oppressions and therefore wrestled with the moral contradictions of founding a nation on the noble principles of democracy alongside the unjust practices of slavery. Later politicians, pastors and other Christians engaged the ethics and economics of settler colonialism and slavery. Dr. Yoo will engage the Christian past in the United States with lectures that capture how Protestant churches and individuals lived out their faith convictions amid the brutal realities of settler colonialism and slavery. As a scholar and teacher, Yoo is interested in studying the fullness of history, and his lectures invite us to behold how its lessons and legacies may inspire and infuriate us.

The Duerr Lecture Series

Statement of Purpose

The Duerr Lecture Series was established in memory of W. Chris Duerr, member and elder of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston. As part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Reformed Tradition, the lectures focus upon speakers and subjects that will enhance Christian faith in light of that tradition. Challenging speakers are chosen from the fields of theology, Bible and preaching to inspire and equip congregants for deeper faith and service.

Endowment

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