

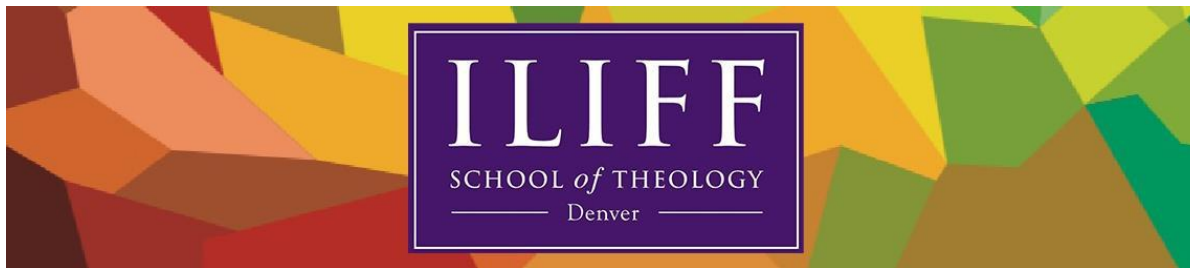
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GOING GREENER



In collaboration with Renewable Energy Ventures, Iliff is reducing its carbon footprint with an additional 88KW of solar panels to the Bacon Education Center and the maintenance building roofs. Iliff President Tom Wolfe had the honor of flipping the switch to turn on the solar panels which were installed by early October. With these additional solar panels, it should produce approximately 45% of Iliff's campus electricity consumption.



Five years ago, Iliff installed a 100KW solar electric array on the Skaggs/Shattuck roof surfaces. The solar panel installation has provided

approximately 25% of the electricity that the Iliff campus consumed. The installation of the additional solar panels took another two years.

STUDENT SENATE LEADERS

We would like to wish the newly elected student senate leaders a great start to the fall quarter. In speaking with Co-Chair Zachary Herzog, he said that they are very excited to get started in the new school year and have already been busy brainstorming ideas and activities for community building.

Here are the new student leaders:

Zachary Herzog (he/him) - Co-Chair

Zach is a third year student. He is dual enrolled in the MDiv and MAPSC programs. Originally from Denver, Zach now lives in Seattle where he works at Salt House, an ELCA church, where he is leading their new Youth Group and LGBTQ+ Ministries. He also works as the Student Coordinator in Iliff's Office of Institutional Advancement.



Kyndyl Greyland (they/them) - Co-Chair

Kyndyll is a fourth year MDiv student. Originally from Columbia, SC. They now live in West Plains, Montana, where they work at Wyte Rayvn Church, an inclusive Wiccan Church.

David Dashifen Kees (they/them) - Secretary

Dash is a fourth year MDiv student living in Alexandria, Virginia. They are Jewish and practiced Judaism into their teenage years, but encountered Paganism in the mid-90s and have been following that path since then. Dash is one of the initiates of the Firefly House in Washington DC - an organization for Wiccans, witches, polytheists, and other magic workers - and works with the house to offer public Pagan religious and educational events.



Brian Lee (he/him) - Treasurer

Brian is a third year MDiv student. He has lived in Denver since 2011 where he works as an Environmental Engineer with the US Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources. Brian is United Methodist and is currently in the candidacy process while doing his internship at Simpson United Methodist Church.

Kim Eiffert (she/her) - Communications Chair

Kim Eiffert is a third year MDiv student. She lives in North Texas with her husband, two daughters, two guinea pigs, and three dogs. Kim's professional background is in design and communications, and she has been serving as the Communications Director at Grace Avenue United Methodist Church in Frisco, Texas, for several years and is a part of the worship team for their sister campus. This year she adds Pastoral Intern to her many roles.



TWO MEMORABLE LECTURES



Professor Emeritus Jeffrey Mahan gave his **retirement lecture** at Montview Blvd Presbyterian Church on October 7. You can view the **video recording of his retirement lecture here.**



As Iliff's **Everding Distinguished Lecturer**, Dr. Kwok Pui Lan gave a public lecture on Tuesday, October 12. The title her lecture is "Women's Protests and Religion." Here is a link to the **video recording of her lecture.**

MINISTRY INCUBATOR 2.0

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The **Ministry Incubator** was initiated in 2019 with a community of clergy and laity who co-created new spaces and identified resources most needed for the effective development of new ministries. Consistent with Iliff's recognition that the Spirit uses many religious traditions, the Ministry Incubator accepted 18 Associates for the year 2020. The Associates were from nine different states and an African nation.

Led by Ministry Incubator administrator Rev. Elizabeth Jackson (M.Div. '11) and Chapel Dean Rev. Dr. Cathie Kelsey, the Associates spent time learning from individuals who have succeeded in 'out-of-the-box' ministries as well as cultivating relationships with each other to hone their own ministries' visions, missions, and goals. Building new relationships and networking with each other lead to a year-long experience and professional gatherings and collaborations that have extended well beyond the structure of the Ministry Incubator.

Following the learnings from its start-up phase, Iliff is pleased to invite applications for the January 2022 Associates for Ministry Incubator 2.0. If you are passionate about exploring, experimenting, and co-creating creative ministry, we encourage you to send in your application which will be open between **November 3 and November 24**.

For the latest information, please visit the [Ministry Incubator website](#), and on [Facebook](#) and/or [Instagram](#).

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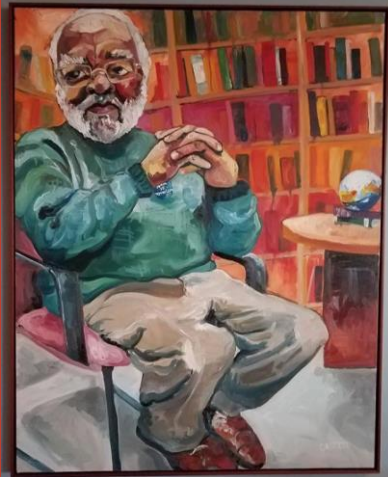
Transforming purpose in theological education

By Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Ph.D.
Autumn 2021

In the autumn issue of [In Trust](#) magazine, Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi makes the case that there is an urgent need in transforming purpose in theological education. According to her, the "rational, geographically displaced European model of education that we inherited is no longer preparing people for the spaces in which they serve." This call for transformation is especially true for new generations who are more attuned to the "...needs of a pluralistic, interconnected, and suffering planet."

Read her [write-up in In Trust magazine here](#).

VINCENT HARDING PORTRAIT



When you enter the Iliff lobby, the beautiful painting of Professor Vincent Harding hangs proudly on the wall behind the front desk. We are so excited to share that **Jordan Casteel**, the artist who created the portrait of Professor Harding, was awarded a MacArthur Genius Grant. The portrait is loan from Iliff alumna Swanee Hunt.

Professor Vincent Harding (1931-2014) was an accomplished and highly respected theologian, historian, author, and civil rights leader. He served as a speech writer to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was in the vanguard of promoting black studies as an academic discipline at colleges and universities throughout the country. Dr. Harding taught for 23 years as Professor of Religion and Social Transformation at the Iliff and was much loved by his students, colleagues, and the community.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY

In the past year, the teaching of critical race theory (CRT) has sparked intense debates and discussions across the country about its significance and use.

In partnership with the Black Women Solitionaries and the Institute for Religion, Politics and Culture, the Women's Alliance of Iliff is co-hosting a discussion to understand the legal structures that have been embedded within systems and institutions that replicate racial inequality and maintained racism in our society.



REGISTER HERE FOR THE DISCUSSION:

The panelists for the discussion includes:

Alexi Freeman, Professor of the Practice of Law; Associate Dean of Diversity Equity Inclusion; Director of Social Justice Initiatives Sturm College of Law

Deborah Richardson, Executive Director and CEO of ACLU-CO

Rev. Dr. Valarie L. Jackson (DMin. '14), Senior Pastor Cameron United Methodist Church

Norma Johnson, Healer/Poet, Writer Performing Artist, Teacher Speaker, Consultant and Facilitator

Dr. Carolyn Love, Educator, Philanthropist, Leadership Trainer and Coach; Owner, Kebaya Coaching ~ Consulting; Black Women Solutionaries, Inc.

AI, TECH AND THE END OF THE ANTHROPOCENE

Panelists



Kate Crawford



Timothy Beal

Moderator



Philip Butler, PhD

Illiff's **Artificial Intelligence Institute** is hosting a virtual conversation on "**AI, Tech, and the End of the Anthropocene**" at **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (MST), November 17.**

Dr. Philip Butler, Assistant Professor of Theology and Black Posthuman Artificial Intelligence Systems, is moderating the conversation. He is joined by panelists **Kate Crawford**, one of the world's leading figures in AI and ethics, and **Tim Beal**, a technologically savvy scholar of religious values.

"Human impact on the environment may be reaching a tipping point. The extractive nature of artificial intelligence (extraction of natural resources, of personal data, and of global labor) may be accelerating the crisis. What values might help us reframe our relationship to the environment and to technology in this new phase of human life?"

Please **[click here to register](#)** for the event.

WELCOME TO FALL QUARTER

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