Academic Lecture Series Spring 2015
Lancaster Theological Seminary

February 19, 2015
Santee Chapel

Reverend Dr. Stephanie Crumpton
Lecture Title: Laugh, Dance, Cry: Womanist Practices of Re-bodying Identities Disintegrated by Violence

This lecture will examine African American literature as a theological source informing pastoral practices of individual and communal care. Discussion will engage Toni Morrison’s Nobel Prize winning book, Beloved, to consider how characters in the text heal through practices that re-body identities disintegrated by relational, cultural, and political violence.

March 16, 2015
Santee Chapel

Dr. Eric Barreto
Lecture Title: “A People for God’s Name”: Race, Theology, and the Bible Today

Survey after survey demonstrates that ethnic diversity is only increasing in recent days and yet many of our churches remain culturally homogeneous. What might a church that invites diversity look like? We will turn to the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles to wonder together how God’s gift of diversity might take root in our lives together. Too often, our tendency has been to imagine that our faith “solves” the “problems” of diversity by making us all one, the same. In contrast, the author of Luke-Acts views our differences as a gift to be treasured not a difficulty to be overcome.

April 16, 2015
Santee Chapel

Dr. Debbie Creamer
Lecture Title: Made in the Image of God: Rethinking Accessible to All

Given that most of us will experience some form of disability at some point in our lives, this presentation begins with the idea that disability is more “normal” than non-disability, and explores some of the implications of this claim. From a practical standpoint, it compels us to create interpersonal and architectural spaces that are truly accessible to all, employing principles of universal design rather than attending to people with disabilities as an afterthought. Theologically, we are led to wonder: if humans embody the image of God, and humans experience disability in our lives, how might we then think about God, as well as about ourselves? This session will explore metaphors and lenses for reexamining disability and accessibility, and will offer practical suggestions as well as invitations for further conversation.