The Name of God is Relationship

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION • 8:30 a.m.
LECTURE • 9:30 a.m.  PICNIC LUNCH • 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Schmidt Multipurpose Room, Living and Learning Center I
COST: $25 includes continental breakfast & picnic lunch

Who has not heard of the blog and the book Dating God? Daniel P. Horan, OFM, a Franciscan friar of Holy Name Province (The New York province), a col umnist for America magazine, and the author of eight major Franciscan texts, explains the draw of this social media theology resource. “Inspired by the life and writings of Francis and Clare of Assisi, I reflect on the possibility of understand ing the relationship of prayer as ‘Dating God in the everyday and ordinary experiences of the twenty-first-century world. I also discuss other issues of timely import (at least to me).”

Currently, Dan is working on a sequel to his book and has presented The Name of God is Relationship, his topic for the Homecoming Lecture. Dan speaks of some insights he will share: While some philosophers claim that the name of God is “pure being” and some theologians claim that the name of God is “the good,” Dan suggests that the name of God is best understood as “relationship.” Beginning God’s revelation to humanity throughout the Scriptures and moving to take a deeper look at what the wisdom of St. Francis of Assisi and the spiritual tradition that bears his name tell us about God, this lecture encourages contemporary women and men to reconsider how they imagine their Creator and renew their understanding of faith in the modern world. Along with his Dating God fame, many readers are drawn to Dan for his insightful explorations of two great men who share the Franciscan spirit. In 2014 Dan presented The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton: A New Look at the Spiritual Inspiration of His Life, Thought, and Writing (Ave Maria Press), an exploration of Merton’s time at St. Bonaventure’s and its impact on his life and works. That same year he added Postmodernity and University: A Critical Account of Radical Orthodoxy and John Duns Scotus (Fortress Press), a study of the philosopher-theologian of the High Middle Ages, to his publications.
PCC 726A: The Dance of Brain, Mind, and Spirit in Pastoral Counseling
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 • 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
INSTRUCTOR: D. Keith Coleman, D.Min., AAPC Fellow
Can be taken as a workshop, for 5 credit, or eligible for seven NBCC contact hours.
How do you counsel someone whose limbic system is raging and whose amygdala is in hyper-vigilance mode? Or, even more difficult, how do you counsel with a couple who are both in the midst of a “limbic storm”? Neurotheology and its “newborn cousins” (Brain Plasticity, Mindfulness Therapy, Mind/Body Medicine, ACT, EMDR, EFT, …) can provide some “tools” for the therapist and the counselor to develop “emotional regulation” skills as a precursor (or, perhaps, prerequisite) to the initiation of more traditional therapeutic modalities!

PCC 784A: Loss and Grief Counseling
SATURDAY, December 5 • 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
INSTRUCTOR: James Houck, Ph.D., LPC
Can be taken as a workshop, for 5 credit, or eligible for eight NBCC contact hours.
This workshop explores the clinical and spiritual aspects of grief and bereavement. Personal losses of the student are explored for their implications on counseling bereft individuals. Along with a private practice ministering to families and couples, Georgette Hall-Peterson, M.S., LMHC, teaches as an adjunct professor of Pastoral Counseling and works full-time as a counselor at Neumann’s Counseling Center for Wellness.

PCC 726A: The Drug Culture as it Impacts Counselors
SATURDAY, APRIL 4 • 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
INSTRUCTOR: Stephen Manning, M.D., M.Div.
Can be taken as a workshop, for 5 credit, or eligible for eight NBCC contact hours.
Growing up is tough—maybe now more so than ever before—and when kids have mood and behavioral problems, entire families suffer. This course will provide an overview of basic clinical issues relating to pediatric mental health, including normal psychological development, the diagnosis of mental illness for those in childhood and adolescent development stages, and age-appropriate interventions.

Special attention will be paid to the use of a multidimensional diagnostic model, to commonly prescribed psychotherapeutic medications, and to issues relating to adolescent chemical dependency. Dr. Manning, who holds both M.D. and M.Div. degrees from Yale Divinity School and an M.D. from the University of Minnesota, did his general psychiatry residency at the Mayo Clinic, and completed a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Minnesota.
He has been on the faculty of the University of Minnesota and a staff physician at the University of Minnesota Medical Center since 2001.

INSTRUCTOR: Sophia Park, M.Div., Th.D., LMFT; Georgette Hall-Peterson, M.S., LMHC
Can be taken as a workshop, for one credit, or eligible for 10 NBCC contact hours.
The nature and structure of relationship and family counseling is significantly different from working with individuals. This intensive workshop will introduce students to the “nuts and bolts” of working with couples and families. Topics will include: how to structure intake sessions, methods of identifying relational/familial issues, creating short and long term treatment plans, facilitating conversations, and cultural considerations in relationship and family counseling. Beth Toler, Th.D., LMFT, assistant professor of pastoral counseling and Neumann’s Pastoral Counseling clinical coordinator, has over 15 years of clinical and ministerial experience working with couples and families. Dr. Sophia Park, M.Div., Th.D., LMFT, is an assistant professor in Pastoral Counseling and Neumann University. Her clinical practice has focused on bi-cultural families, especially the 1.5 generation or the children of immigrant families who feel caught between cultures. Along with a private practice ministering to families and couples, Georgette Hall-Peterson, M.S., LMHC, teaches as an adjunct professor of Pastoral Counseling and works full-time as a counselor at Neumann’s Counseling Center for Wellness.

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This workshop explores the clinical and spiritual aspects of grief and bereavement in various specific areas of loss. James A. als. Special attention is also given to understanding grief and bereavement.

PCC 626A: Clinical Approaches to Marriage and Family
FRIDAY, MARCH 18 • 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 19 • 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
INSTRUCTORS: Beth Toler, M.Div., Th.D., LMFT; Sophia Park, M.Div., Th.D., LMFT; Georgette Hall-Peterson, M.S., LMHC
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