

2012 SCHAFF LECTURES ADDRESS CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ETHICS



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In addition to the lectures, the Seminary will also host a dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Kadel Dining Hall. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Contact the Seminary's Continuing Education Office at 412-924-1345 or ConEd@pts.edu for more information about the Schaff Lectures. **Online dinner reservation.**

Dorrien will also speak at the First Presbyterian Church in Youngstown Tues., March 27 at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact the church at 330-744-4307.

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