

THE POWER OF STORY: BLACK SERMON AS DYNAMIC DISCOURSE

AN ONLINE CLASS

DATES

March 11-April 5, 2019

OVERVIEW

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The class will be self-paced and available for participants to engage with the instruction at their own convenience, i.e., offered asynchronously.

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS CLASS, YOU WILL:

- appreciate more fully the deep cultural roots and complexity of the Black sermonic form;
- be closer to discovering your own sermonic voice;
- understand oratorical tools/skills in the Black preaching style; and
- have familiarity with an analytical framework for the appraisal of Black sermons.

INSTRUCTOR

Brian J. Wells, Designated Pastor, Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church, Newport News, Va.

READING

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Mitchell, Henry. *Celebration and Experience in Preaching*

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REGISTRATION / CEUS

Registration is now closed for this class.

Fee: \$100; Maximum enrollment 15

CEUs: 1.0; Certificate provided upon request

QUESTIONS

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