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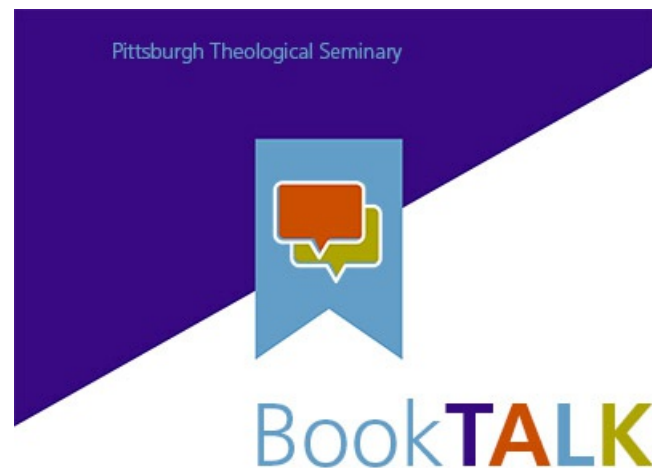
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## SEMINARY HOSTS BOOKTALK SERIES

BookTalks is a collaborative effort of **Barbour Library** and the **Center for Writing and Learning Support** featuring in-person and webinar conversations with PTS faculty and community members as well as other guests whose work is theological in nature. Our host not only highlights the books' subject matter, but also discusses the authors' writing processes, welcoming audience questions throughout. BookTalks are enhanced by library staff-curated **subject guides** and library displays for those interested in finding related resources. Recorded and linked to the PTS website and social media channels, BookTalks are envisioned to be creative resources that engage all who participate in theological and spiritual reflection and knowledge.



## UPCOMING BOOKTALK EVENTS

# SEASON'S GREETINGS: CHRISTMAS LETTERS FROM THOSE WHO WERE THERE WITH RUTH L. BOLING '24

Thurs., Dec. 5, 2024, 5:00-6:00 p.m. ET

In-Person at Barbour Library and Webinar via Zoom



Rediscover the beloved Christmas story this year through the words of those who were there. From King Herod to the Magi, the Innkeeper, the midwife -- and even Jesus himself -- hear the dramatic stories of the Bible characters forever changed by the miracle that took place in Bethlehem so long ago.



In the Advent devotional *Season's Greetings*, meet 12 biblical characters -- some well-known, others less so -- who share what Christmas meant to them through personal letters written to 21<sup>st</sup>-century readers. As we hear the multiple perspectives of what Jesus' birth and life meant for these characters of old, we're invited to ask what it means for us, now, today. Each chapter ends with a prayer, reflection questions, and journaling prompts, making this new resource an enriching Advent companion for individuals, small groups, and church leaders alike.

Ruth L. Boling is a 2024 graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in the **Doctor of Ministry program in Creative Writing and Public Theology**. She is a writer and Presbyterian minister who has served churches in Ohio, New Hampshire, New York, and New Jersey for more than three decades. She is the co-author of the bestselling *A Children's Guide to Worship* and author of *Come Worship with Me: A Journey through the Church Year*. *Season's Greetings* began as a labor of love for her congregation in Bloomfield, N.J., and grew into a book during her DMin program.

**Register in advance.** Online attendees will receive the Zoom webinar link for the event. In-person attendees are encouraged to come a few minutes early for light refreshments and beverages.

For more information, visit our **Libguide** of curated resources for this event.

## PAST BOOKTALK EVENTS

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN LETTERS: READING 1 AND 2  
THESSALONIANS WITH RAFAEL RODRÍGUEZ

A WILD AND SACRED CALL: NATURE-PSYCHE-SPIRIT WITH  
WILL ADAMS

HAVE YOU GOT GOOD RELIGION? BLACK WOMEN'S FAITH,  
COURAGE, AND MORAL LEADERSHIP IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS  
MOVEMENT WITH ANNEMARIE MINGO

CLAIMING THE CALL TO PREACH: FOUR FEMALE PIONEERS  
OF PREACHING IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY AMERICA

RESURRECTING CHURCH: WHERE JUSTICE AND DIVERSITY  
MEET RADICAL WELCOME AND HEALING HOPE WITH JOHN  
CLEGHORN

LETTERS FROM THE ECOTONE: ECOLOGY, THEOLOGY, AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE WITH ANDREW NAGY-BENSON AND  
ANDREA LLOYD

LOVING WHAT DOESN'T LAST: AN ADORATION OF THE  
BODY WITH CHRISTINA KUKUK

**NECESSARY RISKS: CHALLENGES PRIVILEGED PEOPLE NEED TO FACE WITH THE REV. DR. TERI MCDOWELL OTT**

**REVISITING RAHAB: ANOTHER LOOK AT THE WOMAN OF JERICHO WITH DR. KIMBERLY D. RUSSAW**

**BINDING THE GHOST: THEOLOGY, MYSTERY, AND THE TRANSCENDENCE OF LITERATURE WITH DR. ED SIMON**

**EVERYDAY CONTEMPLATIVE: THE WAY OF PRAYERFUL LIVING WITH DR. ROGER OWENS**

**HOW NOT TO BE AFRAID: SEVEN WAYS TO LIVE WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS TERRIFYING WITH GARETH HIGGINS**

**A PRACTICAL VISION FOR CONGREGATIONAL MISSION WITH HUNTER FARRELL AND BALA KHYLLEP**

**WITCHES AND MYSTICS IN REFORMATION SCOTLAND WITH NANCY HAYES KILGORE**

**MARY LOU WILLIAMS: MUSIC FOR THE SOUL WITH DEANNA WITKOWSKI**

**OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW: NEGOTIATING IDENTITY, RACE, AND PLACE WITH JENNIFER KAALUND**

**AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONVERSATION WITH DRs. JEROME CREACH AND EDWIN VAN DRIEL**

**BEYOND THE WHITE FENCE WITH EDITH HUMPHREY**

**JOE BIDEN AND CATHOLICISM IN THE UNITED STATES WITH MASSIMO FAGGIOLI**

**TRAUMA-INFORMED YOGA: A TOOLBOX FOR THERAPISTS WITH JOANNE SPENCE**

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