

RACE, GENDER, AND THE *IMAGO DEI*

THE 2018 SCHAFF MEMORIAL LECTURES

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SCHEDULE

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Call 330-744-4307 for dinner reservations.

4:00 p.m. Seminar

7:00 p.m. Public Lecture

Wed., May 2, 2018 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa.

4:30 p.m. Lecture "Until All of Us Are Free: How Racial Reconciliation Fails Black Women"

This lecture will explore how the Christian racial reconciliation movement has failed Black women and other women of color through its patriarchal bias and single-axis thinking about race. It demonstrates how intersectionality theory provides a fuller understanding of the dynamics of race and racism, and how they intersect with gender to impact the lives of Black women.

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11:30 a.m. Chapel "When Their Sin Makes Us Hate Our Skin," Scripture: Song of Songs 1:5-7

SPEAKER BIO

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REGISTRATION / LOCATION / CEUS



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ABOUT THE SCHAFF LECTURES

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