

## 2019 SCHAFF MEMORIAL LECTURES TO HIGHLIGHT THE DISCERNING OF SPIRIT(S) OF FORMATION

Dr. James K.A. Smith, professor of philosophy at Calvin College, will present the annual Schaff Lectures April 30-May 1, 2019. He will speak on the topic of "Discerning the Spirit(s) of Formation: On the Centrality—and Risk—of Christian Practices" during this two-day event (April 30 in Youngstown, Ohio, and May 1 in Pittsburgh). All sessions are free and open to the public. You are also invited to join us for dinner by providing an advance reservations and payment (see registration link below).

### SCHEDULE

**TUES., APRIL 30, 2019 AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF YOUNGSTOWN,  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

Call 330-744-4307 for dinner reservations.

4:00 p.m. Seminar

7:00 p.m. Public Lecture

## WED., MAY 1, 2019 AT PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, PITTSBURGH, PA.

11:30 a.m. Chapel "A Spirituality for Realists" Scripture: Psalm 73

4:30 p.m. Public Lecture (Hicks Chapel Auditorium), "Love Takes Practice: Christian Formation and the Power of Habit"

Only when we recognize the power of habit in our spiritual lives will we then appreciate why disciplines and practices are integral to the Christian life and why worship is the heart of discipleship.

6:00 p.m. Dinner by reservation only (Kadel Dining Room, McNaugher Hall); \$15/person. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 26, 2019 at NOON

7:30 p.m. Public Lecture (Hicks Chapel Auditorium), "Our 'Godfather Problem': When Christian Practices Deform"

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### SPEAKER BIO

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### REGISTRATION / LOCATION / CEUS



Registration for dinner is \$15/person. Dinner reservation deadline: Noon on April 26, 2010. Chapel and lectures are free.

All lectures and chapel will be held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. **Directions to the Seminary.** Free parking is available on campus behind the Chapel and Library. The lectures will be held in the Hicks Chapel Auditorium, and dinner will be served in Kadel Dining Room, McNaugher Hall.

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### QUESTIONS

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### ABOUT THE SCHAFF LECTURES

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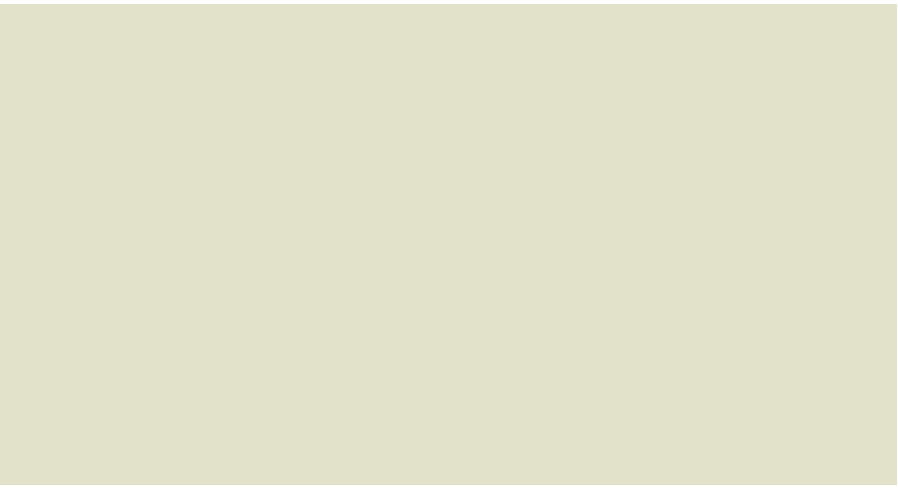
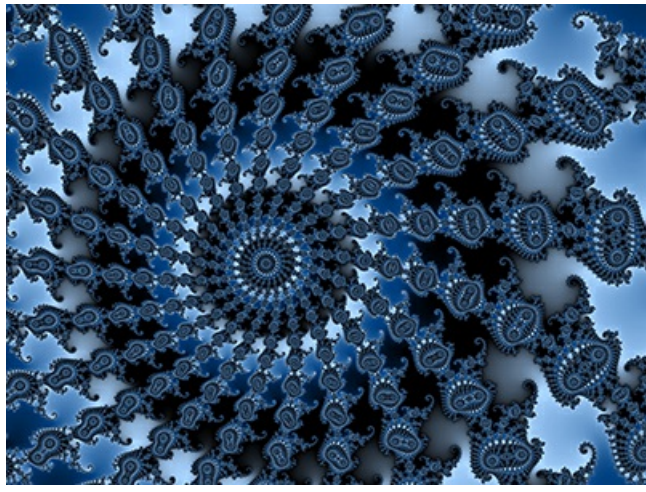
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