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DAVID S. SCHAFF LECTURES WITH TERESA L. FRY BROWN

APRIL 22, 2025 AT PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, PITTSBURGH, PA.

APRIL 23, 2025 AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

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Beginning in 2025, the Schaff Lectures will coincide with PTS Alumnae/i Days, and attendees to Alumnae/i Days will be invited to attend the Schaff Lectures in Pittsburgh.

ABOUT TERESA L. FRY BROWN

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ABOUT THE SCHAFF LECTURES

The Schaff Lecturers are named for David S. Schaff, who taught church history for 23 years at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and is best known as co-editor of the *Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia*. The lectures, which are intended to be academic in nature, occur over a two- or three-day period. A unique feature of the series is that some of the presentations take place in nearby Youngstown, Ohio, in collaboration with the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches.

The late Jane Booth Schaff (Mrs. Philip H. Schaff), 1894-1981, came from a family with historic ties to theological education. For 23 years, her father-in-law, Professor David S. Schaff, taught church history at Western Theological Seminary. Western is one of the antecedents of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Before beginning his teaching duties in 1903, he held two pastorates.

In her will, Mrs. Schaff provided for the completion of the endowment of the previously established David S. Schaff Lectureship at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, with an important stipulation and addition that the Schaff Lecturer(s) would deliver one address in Youngstown. This was a unique concept, bringing a world renowned lecturer to the Mahoning Valley for religious and cultural enrichment. For this reason, representatives of the finest scholarship of the theological world visit Youngstown annually to participate in this program. This educational experience is open to people of all denominations and faiths and celebrates the power of words shared to create, support, and thus nurture and strengthen community. The faculty of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary select the Schaff lecturer, rotating among nine academic disciplines in theological education.

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