

March 14–16, 2022

Race, Justice, Mercy, ... & Jesus Christ

*A Biblical Worldview Conference
Addressing Tough Questions with True Answers*

Monday, March 14

12:30–1:20 pm **“Humanitarian Concern from an Historically Biblical Perspective”**
Classroom Discussion—Monique Duson, in **Honsey Hall 129**, with:
• HISTORY 208 (History of the USA, Dr. Ryan MacPherson)
• RELIGION 330 (Social Thought, Chaplain Don Moldstad)

Tuesday, March 15 (All sessions on Tuesday will be held in Trinity Chapel.)

10:00–10:20 am **Chapel Service**

10:30–10:45 am **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**
**Courageously Compassionate, Compassionately Courageous:
Biblical Apologetics, the Christian Worldview, and Contemporary
Social Issues**
Dr. Ryan MacPherson, Director, Center for Apologetics and Worldviews

10:45 am–12:00 pm **SESSION ONE**
The Bible and Bigotry: Is Christianity a White Man’s Religion?
Dr. H. C. Felder, Director, Giving An Answer

12:00–1:00 pm **Lunch Break**
Bethany Lutheran College Cafeteria

1:00–2:15 pm **SESSION TWO**
Truth and Justice: How Shall Christians Respond to Critical Theory?
Monique Duson, President and Co-Founder, Center for Biblical Unity

2:30–3:45 pm **SESSION THREE**
One Creator, One Redeemer: What Is the Basis of Human Unity?
Joshua J. Nelson, Wisconsin Lutheran High School

4:00–5:00 pm **SESSION FOUR**
Panel Discussion: Speaking the Truth in Love across Social Barriers
*Anna Martinez Pacheco, President, Bethany Lutheran College World Club,
joining the other speakers for extended Q and A.*

Wednesday, March 16

10:30–11:20 am **“Does Race Matter? Comparing Christianity and the Nation of Islam”**
Classroom Discussion—H.C. Felder in **Honsey Hall 129**, with:
• HISTORY 370 (Imperialism and Globalization/Dr. David Reagles)
• PSYCHOLOGY 100 (General Psychology/Dr. Jonathan Stadler)
• RELIGION 316 (World Religions/Prof. Tom Rank)

About the Sponsor

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod's **Center for Apologetics and Worldviews** presents evidence for the truth of Christianity, critiques worldviews that oppose Christianity, fortifies believers with a proper interpretation of Holy Scripture, and engages unbelievers in conversations leading toward the Gospel proclamation of forgiveness in Christ. The Center serves students at Bethany Lutheran College and Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, boards and member congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the church at large, while furthermore welcoming all people to consider the evidence for Christianity.

By simultaneously strengthening believers and reaching out to unbelievers, the center seeks to present winsome arguments in a compassionate manner, addressing the doubts and confusions that abound in our post-Christian times and pointing to both the fact of Christ's resurrection and the salvation message that rests upon that truth. Archived video recordings of prior apologetics conferences may be found at www.blc.edu/apologetics/events. For additional resources, visit www.els.org/apologetics.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod is an American Lutheran church body of 130 congregations in full fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). The ELS is also a member of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC), which currently consists of 24 church bodies throughout the world in fellowship with one another. Following Jesus' command to bring the Gospel "to all nations," the ELS operates missions in seven countries around the world: Peru, Chile, India, Korea, Ukraine, Czech Republic and Latvia. See www.els.org/about.

About the Host

Bethany Lutheran College is a Christian liberal arts college owned and operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and committed to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the statements of faith known as the Lutheran Confessions. The college provides Christian higher education in a challenging academic environment where personal mentoring guides students to pursue knowledge, truth, and discernment for productive and fulfilling lives.

Bethany Lutheran College engages students with the saving knowledge of Christ and assists them in developing their God-given talents and abilities for meaningful lives of service in the family, church, and society. A program of study grounded in the liberal arts and taught through the discerning lens of a Christian worldview equips students with knowledge, understanding, and adaptable skills. See www.blc.edu/about-us.

"Free Conference" Format

This conference follows the format of what is known as a "free conference," similar to the format of the Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary Reformation Lectures. Participation in the conference is intended for academic discussion in a setting outside of the framework of fellowship. The presenters and participants are understood to speak for themselves, and the viewpoints they share are not necessarily representing in any official way the church bodies of which they are members.

Recording/Streaming Policy

Conference attendees are forbidden from making audio or video recordings of this event or streaming audio or video to social media. A professional video production team has special authorization to film this event. By attending this event, audience members thereby grant permission to be recorded. Video archives will be posted at www.blc.edu/apologetics/events a few weeks following this conference. Please contact Ryan MacPherson at 507 344 7787 for further information.

Overview of the Presentations

10:30 a.m.—The Bible and Bigotry: Is Christianity a White Man’s Religion?

Dr. H. C. Felder is the founder of Giving An Answer and author of *The African American Guide to the Bible*. As a former atheist, he understands why some people feel turned off from the church. As an African American, he recognizes the complicated and confusing ways that race and religion can be used to divide people from one another. As a Christian, he looks to the Scriptures for answers. The Bible proclaims God’s love to “every nation, tribe, language, and people.”

12 p.m.—Lunch Break

1 p.m.—Truth and Justice: How Shall Christians Respond to Critical Theory?

Monique Duson (President and Co-Founder, Center for Biblical Unity) spent two decades serving impoverished communities in both the United States and South Africa. Recognizing the stark realities of racial disparities, she was sympathetic to secular social justice and Critical Race Theory. Through a series of recent events, Ms. Duson recognized that the lens she used to view the world was shaped by Marxist thinking, grouping people according to race, class, and gender, rather than as unique individuals created in the image of God. She now realizes that the basic assumptions of cultural Marxism run contrary to God’s revelation. The biblical definitions of unity, justice, and mercy come from no other source than the one true God, our Creator and Redeemer.

2:30 p.m.—One Creator, One Redeemer: What Is the Basis of Human Unity?

Joshua J. Nelson, an educator currently serving at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, has worked with young adults in multiple countries and across a variety of cultures. He recognizes how different worldviews affect young people. While so many voices insist that American society is hopelessly divided by cultural differences, Christianity offers the worldview God intended: an eternal foundation for true unity—stretching back in time to our common creation in God’s image and forward in time to Christ’s return as the world’s only Savior.

4 p.m.—Panel Discussion: Speaking the Truth in Love across Social Barriers

Anna Martinez Pacheco, president of the Bethany Lutheran College World Club, will join the guest speakers for a discussion of how Christians can love their neighbors and glorify God, even when prevailing cultural messages insist upon endless division and discord. Anna is a senior majoring in Legal Studies with minors in Philosophy and Business. Her family fled religious persecution in communist Cuba when she was child. She aspires to assist refugees in finding safe homes, building stable communities, and leaning upon the Lord day by day.

Dr. Ryan MacPherson, director of the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews, will serve as moderator.



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Apologetics

giving a “defense/reason” for the Christian faith
(from the Greek term *apologia*, building a case in court)

- Paul “reasoned.” (Acts 17:2,17; 18:4,19; 19:8,9; 26:25)
- Peter said be ready to give a “reason.” (1 Peter 3:15)
- The apostles were “eyewitnesses.” (John 21:24; Luke 1:2; Acts 1:8,22, 2:32, 3:15, 4:33, 5:32, 10:39,41, 13:31, 22:15, 23:11, 26:16,22; 2 Peter 1:16; 1 John 1:1)

Worldview

the collection of ideas, or philosophy, each person has in mind while answering life’s basic questions, such as:

- Who am I?
- Where did I come from?
- What is truth?
- What is justice?
- Does God exist?
- Does God love me?



30 hours of video archives

evidence for the resurrection
the creation/evolution debate
biblical archaeology
postmodernism
transgenderism
critical theory
plus
practical tips for
cross-cultural evangelism
... and more coming soon!

Learn More ...

On Reserve in the Library

- H.C. Felder, *The African American Guide to the Bible*
- J. Daniel Hays, *From Every People and Nation*
- Marvin. J. Newell, *Crossing Cultures in Scripture: Biblical Principles for Mission Practice*

Available at the Bethany Bookstore

- Gary Habermas and Matthew Licona, *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*
- Curtis Jahn, ed., *Here We Stand: A Confessional Christian Study of Worldviews*
- John Warwick Montgomery, *History, Law, and Christianit*
- Craig Parton, *The Defense Never Rests*
- Allen Quist, *Evidence That the Bible Is True: The Apologetics of Biblical Reliability*
- Allen Quist, *The Reason I Believe: The Basics of Christian Apologetics*
- J.C. Sanford, *Genetic Entropy and the Mystery of the Genome*
- Lee Strobel, *The Case for Christ*
- David Thompson, *What in the World Is Going On?: Identifying Hollow and Deceptive Worldviews*
- Jonathan Wells, *Icons of Evolution*
- ... and more!

Pertinent College Classes

- Philosophy 202: Intro to Philosophy
- Religion 330: Christian Social Thought
- Religion 340: Apologetics
- ... and more!

Online Resources

- 30+ hours of video archives: www.blc.edu/apologetics/events
- monthly “Q & A Leading to Christ” flyers: www.els.org/apologetics/qalc

Coming soon ... June 29–30, 2022

- “Biblical Identities in an Age of Wokism & Transhumanism”: www.blc.edu/apologetics/events

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Presentations (topics, clarity, benefit)	5	4	3	2	1
Schedule arrangement (day, lecture lengths, breaks, etc.)	5	4	3	2	1
Location, set up, accommodations	5	4	3	2	1
Registration procedure	5	4	3	2	1
Conference overall	5	4	3	2	1

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Courageously Compassionate, ... / MacPherson	5	4	3	2	1
The Bible and Bigotry / Felder	5	4	3	2	1
Truth and Justice / Duson	5	4	3	2	1
One Creator, One Redeemer / Nelson	5	4	3	2	1
Panel Discussion / Martinez and Other Speakers	5	4	3	2	1

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