

**Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
CE 661
Travel Course/Focused Study in Christian Education
Summer 2024**

**Graduate Intensive | Dale P. Andrews Freedom Seminary
at the Children's Defense Fund Prathia Hall & Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child
Advocacy Ministry**

July 15–18, 2024 | CDF Alex Haley Farm | Clinton, TN

**"Building Theologies for Dignity, Hope, and Joy"
Hall-Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry**

**Attend the Children's Defense Fund Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry,
and receive academic credit!**

Join clergy, seminarians, Christian educators, young adult leaders and other faith-based advocates for children at CDF Haley Farm in Clinton, Tennessee, for five days of spiritual renewal, networking, movement building workshops, and continuing education about the urgent needs of children at the annual Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry.

Instructors:

Rev. Dr. Reginald Blount
Dr. Virginia A. Lee

Requirements:

1. Meet once during the spring. (Depending on the size of the class, this may be a group meeting or individual meetings.)
2. Complete the readings and assignments of the conference syllabus for seminarians (as indicated in following pages)
3. Register for and participate in the entire conference. You will have a choice of workshops to attend. You will also need to make reservations for hotel accommodations. Information about housing will be available when registering.

A written formulation of two or three learning goals for yourself at the conference. (The Hall-Proctor event is an immersion experience that cuts across a variety of ages and cultures. Seminary students will intentionally engage in activities [meals, workshops, etc.] that allow them to hear the voices, needs and concerns of children.) These personal learning goals should be approved by one of the instructors, prior to the beginning of the conference. Contact Dr. Lee at virginia.lee@Garrett.edu or Dr. Blount at reginald.blount@Garrett.edu for more information.

4. Requirements / Assignments for Garrett students:

- A. A written formulation of two or three learning goals for yourself at the conference. (The Hall-Proctor event is an immersion experience that cuts across a variety of ages and cultures. Seminary students will intentionally engage in activities [meals, workshops, etc.] that allow them to hear the voices, needs and concerns of children.) These personal learning goals should be approved by one of the instructors, prior to the beginning of the conference. Contact Dr. Lee at virginia.lee@Garrett.edu or Dr. Blount at reginald.blount@Garrett.edu for more information.
- B. Attendance at all the “seminarian sessions” at the Proctor Institute. (Seminarian sessions begin at 9am on Monday, July 15 and run through approximately 12:00noon on Thursday, July 18. You may want to arrive on Sunday, July 14.) And being fully present at the Hall Proctor Institute.
- C. Reading books (or listening or viewing sermons, etc.)) before the week at Haley Farm and 3 reflection papers on the readings submitted July 7 to Moodle before the Institute as indicated on the syllabus below (pages 7-8)
- D. Students will keep a journal including ideas to take home, colleagues to contact after you return home, insights about the ministry of child advocacy, and joys and concerns. (This will not be collected; it is for your own benefit in writing the final paper.)
- E. A final paper, completed after the event, where you indicate:
 - a. how you met your learning goals and what you learned from listening to children. (The pre- conference reading, the plenaries, conference worship services, networking conversations and workshops may be places to address your learning goals.)
 - b. Also include your personal reflection about how this experience challenged you: challenges to your own self-understanding and how your understanding of the Gospel has been changed by the experience)
 - c. A final project – see pages 7-8 below for more info (This will be incorporated into your final paper.)

The journal and notes you kept during the conference will be helpful in writing this final paper. Please complete your paper within 4 weeks after the conference. (An August date will be assigned.)

PLEASE NOTE: You must register for the class through Garrett and you must register for the Institute through the CDF website. (The link is highlighted below.)

You will also need to register for lodging. Information is on the CDF registration page but you will need to call the hotel to make the reservations. Dr. Lee can help you with information about the local hotels.

We know this is a lot of information. And it's not really as complicated as it might seem. Please contact Dr. Lee or Dr. Blount with questions or for more information or for clarification.

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"It's not like being in a jail," says 15-year-old Isabel. "It's more like being hidden. It's as if you have been put in a garage where, if they don't have room for something but aren't sure if they should throw it out, they put it there where they don't need to think of it again."

from *Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation* (1995)

Please note the following:

- In order to receive credit for this course, you need to pay tuition to one of the participating seminaries plus the conference registration and hotel.
- Registration for seminarians is \$175 for early registration (by April 16th) and \$220 for regular registration. The fees include lunch and dinner Monday–Thursday and most hotels serve breakfast. You will need to book and pay for your hotel separately.
- A limited number of partial scholarships for the conference registration may be available on a first come, first served basis. Check with the conference for details.
- You will be able to register for a hotel room at the time you register for the Institute and DAFS course on the CDF website. Lodging at area hotels has been averaging about \$50/night if you share a room and breakfast is usually included at the hotels.
- If you plan to fly into Knoxville, you can register for a shuttle from the airport to Clinton at ***where***for \$70.00.
- In order to arrive at the first session for seminarians on Monday morning at 9:00am, you may need to arrive on Sunday. Students make their own travel arrangements.
- For more information, go to: <https://www.childrensdefense.org/events/hall-proctor-institute-for-child-advocacy-ministry/>

Course Description and Core Components

This course offers an immersion experience for students who wish to engage and cultivate necessary prophetic voices with communities on the margins – communities contending against systemic injustices that directly impact children and youth. Biblical and theological assumptions justifying institutional complicity with oppressive systems will be challenged. Theological education in collaboration with public theology and contextual practice allow for direct engagement in communal struggles for social justice. This course will include

contextual learning to facilitate collective organizing of churches and communities for justice-making.

Learning Goals and Learning Objectives:

To reframe and to transform religious leadership in view of the sacrality and integrity of children and youth in our commitments to justice-making. By the end of this course students will be able:

1. Articulate theological, biblical, and historical mandates and frameworks for child advocacy and child wellbeing ministries.
2. Identify theological foundations for justice and preaching ministries in the effort to build partnerships among faith communities and traditions, including interfaith communities.
3. Demonstrate contextualized learning that includes social analysis, interdisciplinary approaches (e.g., theological, biblical, historical, political, and experiential studies) and practices of ministry through a final project.
4. Describe models of nonviolent direct action organizing that lead to collective action for the justice of God through congregational praxis and public theology.

Questions we will explore include:

1. Who are we in justice work, God's work, in our communities? How are we advocates for a plumbline of justice in our communities? How do we measure justice?
2. What structures perpetuate poverty, mass incarceration, white supremacy, and other forms of systemic oppression that rob children of their safety, future potential, and their freedom to be children?
3. What theologies perpetuate poverty, mass incarceration, white supremacy, and other forms of systemic oppression that rob children of their safety, future potential, and their freedom to be children?
4. In what ways do our embedded theologies reinforce the subordination of children and youth?
5. Based on the readings and videos you viewed, what is a theology of child well-being, and how does it relate to a theology of child advocacy?
6. How can we move faith communities from solely engaging in charity to doing justice work and creating a nation/world that fosters the well-being of all children?
7. How can we develop strong and effective interfaith partnerships to seek the well-being of all children?
8. How do we listen to and learn from and with children and young people? What can we learn from their stories and leadership?
9. How can we work through collective nonviolent direct action organizing to disrupt and dismantle the cradle to prison pipeline?
10. How do we become partners WITH instead of planning programs FOR children and young people who are wounded by the structural violence of poverty, white supremacy, inadequate public education, zero tolerance discipline policies, and the cradle to prison pipeline?
11. How can resilient community be nurtured considering historical traumas that are meeting present trauma?

12. What biblical, theological, and historical resources exist in our traditions to curate theologies of child well-being?
13. What roles might children and youth play in the crafting contextual theologies of child well-being? How might we make space for these roles?
14. Young people under the age of twenty-four are the most diverse generation in American history. What are the theological implications for the reality that these Black and brown youth are more likely to experience poverty, homelessness, food insecurity and violence?
15. How might a theological vision of child well-being inform and national public policy and power-building agenda?
16. Our faith traditions rely upon theological precepts tying small children, their presence, and their nurture with the hope and future of the community. In these traditions, leaders speak of this as the “promise of progeny.” A seminal, yet simple, sacred text is shared by Jewish and Christian communities and recorded in Isaiah 11:6. In it, signs of a peaceable and thriving future, where even natural enemies abide side-by-side, is ushered in by a flourishing toddler. How might we strengthen the tie between the promise of progeny, early childhood development and community thriving?

Required Texts and Resources

All seminarians are expected to:

- read and review the required texts in advance of attending DAFS
- become familiar with the Children’s Defense Fund website
- review the required multimedia resources

Bold text below indicates the author will be participating in the 2024 Proctor Institute.

Books

- Blount, Reginald** and **Virginia Lee**, editors. (2019). *Let Your Light Shine: Mobilizing for Justice with Children and Youth*
- Edelman, Marian Wright. (1993). *The Measure of Our Success*.
- Reyes, Patrick**. (2021). *The Purpose Gap: Empowering Communities of Color to Find Meaning and Thrive*.
- Smith, Luther E. Jr. (2023). *Hope Is Here!: Spiritual Practices for Pursuing Justice and Beloved Community*.
- Wright, Almeda M. (2024) *Teaching to Live: Black Religion, Activist Educators, and Radical Social Change*.

Articles

- Raghavan, Ramesh and Anna Alexandrova, “Toward a Theory of Child Well-Being,” Soc Indic Res (2015) 121:887-902

Multimedia Resources

- [CDF website](#), including [“Keep Moving Forward” video](#) [“Something Inside So Strong”](#), CDF Freedom Schools
- Short [video about Proctor](#) made by Vanderbilt Divinity School seminarian Quentin Cox

[“A Nightmare in Broad Daylight,”](#) Rev. Dr. Prathia Hall

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson at Riverside Church

[Seen & Not Heard: Raising a Nation by Listening to Children](#) (you can also access the sermon by posting the following link into your browser:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSz_cScJYA8

First Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, [When the Children Lead](#) (you can also access the sermon by pasting the following link into your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJoHybwmdQY>

[You can find additional sermons by Dr. Wilson in the appendix of additional resources.]

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Please note, some faculty may establish different or additional requirements, and each faculty will provide specific due dates.

1. **Attendance and Participation**

Attendance and participation are essential for the success of the student and the course.

Students are expected to actively participate in all Dale Andrews Freedom Seminary (DAFS) sessions and all Proctor Institute sessions. Some professors may require that students keep daily reflection notes in a journal.

2. **Engaging Required Texts through Critical Reflection Papers**

What surprised you? Challenged you? What did you find most helpful? Disturbing? Prophetic? How does the reading push you to change, to redefine ministry, to work in new ways? What questions would you like to ask the author? What questions did the book/article/sermon raise in light of the last two years?

Using the questions above, write a 4-to-5-page reflection paper on the required texts (see “Required Texts and Resources” section of the syllabus for more information on the resources listed below) **All 3 papers due on July 7 on Moodle:**

Reflection paper #1 on books 1 & 2:

R. Blount and **V. Lee**, (eds). *Let Your Light Shine* and
Edelman. *The Measure of Our Success*

Reflection paper #2 on books 3 & 4:

P. Reyes. *The Purpose Gap* and
A. Wright. *Teaching to Live: Black Religion, Activist Educators, and Radical Social Change*

Reflection paper #3 on book 5, the Raghavan, Ramesh and Alexandrova article, and 2 sermons:

Smith, Luther E. Jr. (2023). *Hope Is Here!: Spiritual Practices for Pursuing Justice and Beloved Community*

Article: Raghavan, Ramesh and Anna Alexandrova, "Toward a Theory of Child Well-Being," *Soc Indic Res* (2015) 121:887-902

Sermons: Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, "When Children Lead" and "Seen and Not Heard"

Be prepared to engage the content of these texts on Monday, July 15, during the DAFS session. (Reflection papers due to your professor before July 11 or a date assigned by your professor.) **For Garrett students the papers are due on Moodle on July 7.**

3. Project Proposal and Final Project

- a. Develop and present a Final Project Proposal at the discretion and date set by the instructor of record at your institution. Required elements of the plan must be discussed and approved by your instructor and must articulate your distinctive contribution to the children's movement.
- b. Produce a Final Project framed by the course core components, learning goals and objectives, questions we explore, and discussions. This can be a collaborative group project or individual. Due on the date set by the instructor of record at your institution.

The final project must emphasize:

- Listening to and learning from and with children and young people on the margins
- Working / partnering with those struggling with oppression vs. programs for or to
- Addressing systemic, structural oppression vs. individuals only
- Engaging in justice rather than charity

Examples of past projects include:

- Initiating a listening circle and restorative justice process, including a website, to deal with conflict around race/class bias against youth in the neighborhood
- Creating a triptych of paintings with a companion narrative exploring experiences of young people, structures of oppression and possibilities for hope as model for listening to young people and redefining youth ministry
- Creating an ongoing listening circle process for transgender youth in partnership with a community youth center
- Designing partnership for work around gardens, food culture, memories and art with young folks and their families near Latino community center
- Creating a booklist, training curriculum and support process for work with parents considering transracial adoptions through local adoption agency Omari Booker and Karla McKanders listened to immigrant children and then wrote a children's book about what they heard and saw
- Seminary/Proctor partnership video created for participating seminary

Please Note: Students in the Dale P. Andrews Freedom Seminary are expected to come prepared for each class session. This course will require an informed class interaction and the timely completion of all assignments. Your personal schedule must allow you to keep up with the due dates for readings and other assignments. All readings are to be completed before attending the Proctor Institute so you can fully engage in the sessions and seminarian discussions.

Schedule

Sunday, July 14, 2024 (Travel Day)

In order to arrive at the first session on Monday morning at 9 am, you may need to arrive on Sunday.

Monday, July 15, 2024

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Dale Andrews Freedom Seminary sessions

5:00 pm Proctor Institute begins

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

8:45 am – 8:45 pm Proctor Institute sessions

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

8:45 am – 8:45 pm Proctor Institute sessions

Thursday, July 18, 2025

8:45 am – noon Proctor Institute sessions

2024 Hall-Proctor Institute Freedom Seminary Leadership

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APPENDIX

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[I Am Not Your Negro](#) (video)

James Baldwin's "[Letters from a Region in My Mind](#)" in the New Yorker (essay)

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, selected sermons and presentations on child well-being

2019, Proctor Institute: "Whose Sanctuary is This Anyway?"

2021, Festival of Faiths: "We Don't Allow Black Children to be Children"

2022, Rainbow Push Annual Conference Keynote: "Diary of a Black Church Kid"

2022, Garrett Seminary Opening Convocation: "The Children's Sermon"

2022, Riverside Church: "Prayer Partners"

Civil Rights | Watch Makers: Women who Make America on Women in the Civil Rights
Eyes on the Prize documentary series (video)

Andrews, Dale P. (2002). *Practical Theology for Black Churches*.

Andrews, Dale P. and Robert London Smith Jr., editors. (2015). *Black Practical Theology*.

Baldwin, Lewis and Victor Anderson, editors. (2018). *Revives My Soul Again: The Spirituality of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Barber II, William J. (2016). *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement*.

Crutchfield, Carmichael. (2020). *The Formation of a People: Christian Education and the African American Church*.

Brooks, Adrian. (2015). *The Right Side of History: 100 Years of LGBTQ Activism*.

De La Torre, Miguel. (2018). *Burying White Privilege: Resurrecting a Badass Christianity*.

Daley-Harris, Shannon. (2016). *Hope for the Future: Answering God's Call to Justice for Our Children*.

Douglas, Kelly Brown. (2021). *Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter*.

Ellison, Gregory. (2020). Editor, *Anchored in the Current*; (2017) *Fearless Dialogues*; (2013). *Cut Dead but Still Alive*.

- Enns, Elaine and Ched Myers. (2021). *Healing Haunted Histories*. (2009) *Ambassadors of Reconciliation, Volumes I and II*.
- Fluker, Walter. (2018). *The Ground Has Shifted: The Future of the Black Church in Post-Racial America*.
- Francis, Leah Gunning. (2015). *Ferguson & Faith: Sparking Leadership & Awakening Community*.
- Conde-Frazier, Elizabeth. (2011). *Listen to the Children: Conversations with Immigrant Families*.
- Garza, Alicia. (2020). *The Purpose of Power: How We Come Together When We Fall Apart*.
- Harding, Vincent. (2010). *Hope and History*. (2008). *Martin Luther King Jr.: The Inconvenient Hero*.
- Harvey, Jennifer. (2019). *Raising White Kids*.
- Heschel, Abraham. (1962, 2001). *The Prophets*.
- Hicks, Derek S. (2012). *Reclaiming Spirit in the Black Faith Tradition*.
- Janssen, Denise, editor. (2015). *Educating for Redemptive Community*
- Kaba, Mariame. (2021). *We Do This 'Til We Free Us: Abolitionist Organizing and Transforming Justice*.
- Khan-Cullors, Patrisse and Asha Bendele. (2017). *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*.
- Lightsey, Pamela R. (2015). *Our Lives Matter: A Womanist Queer Theology*.
- Marbury, Herbert. (2015). *Pillars of Cloud and Fire: The Politics of Exodus in the African American Quest for Freedom*.
- Menakem, Resmaa. (2021) *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending our Hearts and Bodies*.
- Moss III, Otis. (2015). *Blue Note Preaching in a Post-Soul World: Finding Hope in an Age of Despair*
- Myers, Ched with Matthew Colwell. (2012). *Our God Is Undocumented: Biblical Faith and Immigrant Justice*.
- Parker, Evelyn. (2010). *The Sacred Selves of Adolescent Girls: Hard Stories of Race, Class,*

*and
Gender.*

Pearse, Angie. (2010). *Doing Contextual Theology*.

Reyes, Patrick. (2021). *The Purpose Gap*. (2016) *Nobody Cries When We Die: God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood*.

Ross, Rosetta E. (2003). *Witnessing & Testifying*.

Secours, Molly. (2020). *White Privilege Pop Quiz: Reflecting on Whiteness*.

Sheppard, Phillis. (2011). *Self, Culture, and Others in Womanist Practical Theology*.

Salvatierra, Alexia. (2014). *Faith-Rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World*.

Smith, Linda T. (2012, revised 2nd ed.). *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*.

Stevenson, Bryan. (2014). *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*.

Taylor, Mark Lewis. (2015, revised and expanded, 2nd ed.). *The Executed God: The Way of the Cross in Lockdown America*.

Thurman, Howard. (reprint, 1949). *Jesus and the Disinherited*.

Washington, James M. (2001 ed.). *A Testament of Hope*.

West, Traci. (2019). *Solidarity and Defiant Spirituality: Africana Lessons on Religion, Racism, and Ending Gender Violence*. (2006) *Disruptive Christian Ethics: When Racism and Women's Lives Matter*.

Wimberly, Anne. (2005). *Soul Stories: African American Christian Education*.

Wolf, Janet. (2019). *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship* available from the [Children's Defense Fund's store](#)

Wong, Kent, Ana Luz Gonzalez and James M. Lawson Jr. (2016). *Nonviolence and Social Movements: The Teachings of Rev. James M. Lawson Jr.* ([CDF online bookstore](#))

Wright, Almeda. (2017). *The Spiritual Lives of Young African Americans*