

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Lori Brandt Hale is the Director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of Religion in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Augsburg University in Minneapolis, MN. She started teaching at Augsburg in 1998. Brandt Hale is the president of the International Bonhoeffer Society - English Language Section Board of Directors, the co-editor with W. David Hall of *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theology, and Political Resistance* and the Lexington Books series on faith and politics, and the co-author of *Bonhoeffer for Armchair Theologians*. Professor Brandt Hale has degrees from the University of Virginia (PhD), University of Chicago Divinity School (MA), and University of Iowa (BA). She has held a number of leadership roles at Augsburg and, in 2022, she received the “Faculty of the Year” Award given by the Augsburg Day Student Government.

Panel Moderator



Mark Douglas is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the J. Erskine Love Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, where he is the lead professor for the Master of Theology degree program. He is the author of numerous books, including *Confessing Christ in the 21st Century* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2005), *Believing Aloud: Reflections on Being Religious in the Public Sphere* (Cascade, 2010), *Christian Pacifism for the Environmental Age* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), and *Modernity, the Environment, and the Just War Tradition*, (Cambridge

University Press, 2022). He is currently working on a new book, *War in a Warming World: Religion, Resources, and Refugees*. He is married to the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Armstrong who is also a PCUSA minister and they have one daughter, Logan, who is a doctoral student in museum studies at St. Andrews University in Scotland.

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Juliana Claassens is Professor in Old Testament and Head of the Gender Unit at the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University. Her most recent publications include a commentary on the biblical book of Jonah in the Old Testament Library series, Westminster John Knox (2024), *Writing and Reading to Survive: Biblical and Contemporary Trauma Narratives in Conversation* (Sheffield Phoenix Press 2020) and an edited collection of essays on *Narrating Rape: Lacunae and Shifting Perspectives in (Biblical) Literature and Popular Culture* (SCM Press 2024). She is an ordained minister in the Dutch Reformed Church, with a special focus on Theological Education.



W. David Hall is the Matton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Religion at Centre College and Visiting Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Augsburg University. He is the co-editor with Lori Brandt Hale of *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theology, and Political Resistance* (Lexington Books, 2020). He has written extensively on Bonhoeffer, as well as a number of other topics, including philosophical hermeneutics, political theology, and philosophical theology.



Rev. Dr. Jennifer M. McBride (Ph.D. University of Virginia) is Associate Rector at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Previously she served as an Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and held the Board of Regents Endowed Chair in Ethics at Wartburg College in Iowa. After a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Emory University, McBride directed a theology certificate program for incarcerated women through Emory's Candler School of Theology.

McBride is the recent past president of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section and serves as co-editor of the T&T Clark book series, *New Studies in Bonhoeffer's Theology and Ethics*. She is author of *You Shall Not Condemn: A Story of Faith and Advocacy on Death Row* (Cascade, 2022), *Radical Discipleship: A Liturgical Politics of the Gospel* (Fortress, 2017), *The Church for the World: A Theology of Public Witness* (Oxford University Press, 2011), and is co-editor of *Bonhoeffer and King: Their Legacies and Import for Christian Social Thought* (Fortress, 2010). In addition to book chapters and scholarly articles, her work has appeared in popular publications like *The Christian Century* and CNN.com and has been featured in the *New York Times*.

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Robert Vosloo is a professor in Systematic theology at the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, and a senior researcher at the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology. He has lectured widely on invitation, including in the United States, The Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Scotland and Australia. Robert is currently the chairperson of the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology, as well as the editor-in-chief of the *Stellenbosch Theological Journal*. His academic books include *Reforming Memory: Essays on South African Church and Theological*

History (Stellenbosch, Sun Media, 2017) and *Reading Bonhoeffer in South Africa After the Transition to Democracy: Selected Essays* (Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2020, with Nico Koopman). He is furthermore the editor or co-editor of 13 books, including, most recently, *Bonhoeffer and the Responsibility for a Coming Generation: Doing Theology in a Time Out of Joint* (T&T Clark Publishers, 2024). His research focuses on themes such as historical memory, 20th-century South African church and theological history, philosophical and theological discourses on hospitality and recognition, and the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Robert is also a fellow at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies (STIAS). Since September 2017, he writes a weekly column for the Afrikaans newspaper *Die Burger*. He is married to Julie Claassens, a professor in Old Testament at Stellenbosch University, and has three children, Jana (30), Roux (28), and Suzanne (13).



Rev. Tim Hartman, PhD, is Associate Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary. He is the author of two books: *Theology after Colonization: Kwame Bediako, Karl Barth, and the future of theological reflection* and *Kwame Bediako: African Theology for a World Christianity* and is an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He has presented at multiple International Bonhoeffer Congresses.

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