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Keynote Speaker
Walter Brueggemann

HOW DO WE READ SCRIPTURE?

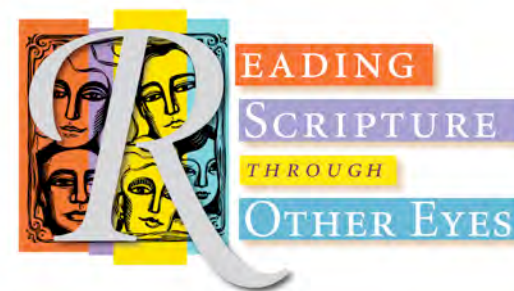
Do we read them on our own, deciding what to believe? Do we read them as part of a group, with a similar mindset? Do we read them with a world view?

Often in times of change, we find our grounding in reading scripture. But what we read and believe may be different from what someone around the world reads and believes.

Join us for Trinity Institute's 41st National Theological Conference where, led by our international panel of distinguished speakers, we will explore the theory and practice of Bible study that is authentic and transformative. Speakers will address topics including:

- What concerns do scholars have when reading scriptures?
- What does an ordinary reader bring?
- How does our culture influence what truths we may find in scripture?
- How do we read scripture together?

Reading Scripture through Other Eyes will consider these questions and others in order to help us become more conscious of what we are looking for when we return to the Bible as a source of inspiration.



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Walter Brueggemann has written that the biblical text that has guided his life was inscribed by his father in his Bible at confirmation: "Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). Following this calling, he has come to be widely regarded as

one of the preeminent contemporary Bible scholars. Today he is professor emeritus, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. His most recent book, *Journey to the Common Good*, was published in 2010. Suggested Recommended Reading: *Journey to the Common Good* *An Unsettling God: The Heart of the Hebrew Bible*

Mary Gordon

considered becoming a nun, but instead became a writer who Bill Moyers called "one of the leading chroniclers of contemporary Catholic life in America" when she was featured on his PBS series *Faith & Reason*. Her reputation as a novelist was established with the 1979 publication of *Final Payments*, followed by *In the Company of Women* a year later. She has won three O. Henry awards for best short story and is the recipient of the Lila Acheson Wallace Reader's Digest Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Her most recent work of nonfiction is *Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospels*. Suggested Recommended Reading: *Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospels*



Teresa Okure, SHCJ, is Professor of New Testament and Gender Hermeneutics at the Catholic Institute of West Africa, Nigeria, and Head of the Department of Biblical Studies and Dean of the Faculty of Theology. Her publications and

lectures have drawn international acclaim. She was co-guest editor of a special issue of the *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church* on ecclesiology in Africa and is an editor of *Texts@Contexts* a book series featuring cutting-edge scholarship on select books of the Bible from authors from a rich array of social, cultural, and ethnic locations, published by Augsburg Fortress. She received her Ph.D. from Fordham University, New York. Recommended Reading: *Mark: Texts@Contexts*

Gerald West

led the team that designed the Bible studies that were an integral and transformative element of the global Anglican Communion's Lambeth Conference 2008. He is Professor in the School of Theology, University of Kwazulu-Natal and Director of the Ujamaa Center for Biblical and Theological Community Development and Research in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. His books include *Reading Other-wise: Socially Engaged Biblical Scholars Reading with Their Local Communities*; *Biblical Hermeneutics of Liberation: Modes of Reading the Bible in the South African Context*; and *The Academy of the Poor: Toward a Dialogical Reading of the Bible*. Suggested Recommended Reading: *Reading Other-wise: Socially Engaged Biblical Scholars Reading with Their Local Communities*



Steed V Davidson Preacher and panelist. Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. "I view the teaching/learning encounter as the opportunity to engage material in different and

innovative ways. I am open to the use of diverse teaching approaches and resources as conduits to assist students in engaging course material more effectively. This serves as a means to help them to interact with texts in their ancient and historical and cultural contexts and to make critical connections between the Biblical text and the present day."

Trinity College, Toronto, is pleased to be partnering with Trinity Institute in bringing this important discussion to our local community. As clergy and lay leaders we will not only explore the relationship we have with our sacred texts but also the relationship of the texts with culture.