

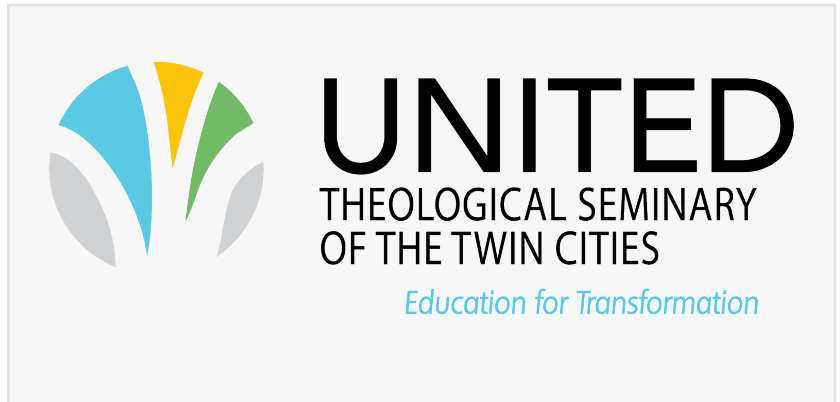
Celebrating bell hooks, “The Praxis of Love” Kicks off Leadership Center for Social Justice’s Three-Part Praxis Series

“The Praxis of Love” Takes Place at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities on December 1, 2022

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- To broaden its social justice outreach to a wider community, the [Leadership Center for Social Justice](#) at [United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities](#)

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On December 1, the first event in the series is “The [Praxis of Love](#).” In honor of the first anniversary of bell hooks’ (Gloria Watkins, 1952–2021) death, and in celebration of her life and legacy, “The Praxis of Love” will feature a community conversation on bell hooks’ All About Love: New Visions.

Moderated by Rev. Dr. Ry Siggelkow, director of the Leadership Center for Social Justice, the conversation will be initiated by three special guest speakers:

Rev. Dr. Jessica Chapman Lape, who holds a PhD in Practical Theology from Claremont School of Theology, is a

womanist pastoral theologian, a clinically trained chaplain, and assistant professor of interreligious chaplaincy (and director of the interreligious chaplaincy program) at United.

Dr. David Todd Lawrence is an associate professor and director of graduate programs in the Department of English at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He teaches African American literature and expressive culture, folklore studies, and cultural studies.

Rosy Petri is an artist and storyteller from Milwaukee, Wisconsin whose multidisciplinary works fuse fabric portraiture, multimedia storytelling, and illustration as an act of witness. In 2021, she served as the inaugural artist in residence at the bell hooks center at Berea College in Kentucky.

The evening, held online and in person (United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, 767 Eustis St., Ste 140, St. Paul, MN 55114), will feature the panel conversation followed by small group discussions, as attendees reflect together on the power of love in the practice of social justice. Registration for the event is due by November 28, 2022. To learn more about the event and register, visit <https://content.unitedseminary.edu/all-about-love-bell-hooks>.

Upcoming Praxis Events

Save the dates for the next two Praxis events held in early 2023.

“The Praxis of Hope: An Evening with Ricardo Levins Morales” is scheduled in person and online February 15, 2023. Based in Minneapolis, Morales is an artist and organizer who uses art as a form of political medicine to help people heal from the injuries and realities of oppression.

On March 15, 2023, the Leadership Center for Social Justice will present (online only) “The Praxis of Faith: A Panel on the Life and Work of James H. Cone.” Born in 1938, James Hal Cone was an American theologian best known for his advocacy of Black liberation theology.

All three events will be held at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Contact Stella Pearce at spearce@unitedseminary.edu with any questions.

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About The Leadership Center for Social Justice



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The book cover for "all about love: NEW VISIONS" by bell hooks is shown on the left. It features a black background with two white butterflies in flight. The text includes "NATIONAL BESTSELLER", "all about love", "NEW VISIONS", and "bell hooks".

**“The Praxis of Love—
A Conversation on
All about Love: New Visions,
by bell hooks”**

A circular portrait of Rev. Dr. Jessica Chapman Lape, a woman with glasses and a dark top.

**Rev. Dr.
Jessica Chapman Lape**

A circular portrait of Rosy Petri, a woman wearing a hat and a dark top.

Rosy Petri

A circular portrait of Dr. David Todd Lawrence, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a dark jacket.

**Dr. David
Todd Lawrence**

The Leadership Center for Social Justice seeks to equip, inspire, and empower leaders to faithfully and reflectively engage in concrete, contextual ministry for social justice. In the spirit of faith, hope, and love, the Center supports leaders in developing skills in contextually sensitive, creative, and effective leadership and social praxis.

About United

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