

# CAMPUS Messenger



September 23rd, 2024

## *calendar*

September 23rd - 12:00pm

**Women in Ministry**

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/2937911671>

*Women  
in  
Ministry*

**September 23-27** DMin On-Campus Week

**September 24** ..... Chapel

Rev. Dr. Michelle Hatcher

**October 7-11** ..... Reading Week

No Classes

**October 14-18** ..... **FOCUS WEEK**

**October 17** ..... Forum

TBA

**October 22** ..... Forum

Faith & Politics, President Simmons

**November 26-29** ..... **Thanksgiving Break**

No Classes | Offices Closed Nov. 27-29

September 24th - Chapel

11:00am

Rev. Dr. Michelle Hatcher

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81951160524>



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September 23rd - 27th

DMin WEEK

*Meals*



**Oklahoma:**

Monday & Tuesday  
Lunch & Dinner

**Kansas:**

Monday Lunch & Dinner  
Tuesday Lunch only



**What Does it Mean  
to be Human**

Kansas Campus  
2025

See Page 4.

# events

## October

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### October 6



Supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world. For more information [Click Here.](#)

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### October 7-11

Fall Reading Week



### October 10th

The Wimberly School of Religion presents:  
**THE 2024 WILLSON LECTURES**

WITH JIM WALLIS

Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel  
2501 N Blackwelder Ave, Oklahoma City University

**OCTOBER 10th 2024**  
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Free to the public!

For more information:  
Email Leslie Long at [llong@okcu.edu](mailto:llong@okcu.edu)

### October 14th - 18th FOCUS Week



Saint Paul's CFO, Matt Mills has been invited by the **Association of Theological Schools** to complete the remaining two-year term for an open seat on the **ATS Board of Commissioners.**



Matt has also been asked to stand for election to a full four-year term to that seat during the Commission's next regular election cycle in 2026. The Board of Commissioners devises the procedures for all accreditation policies and requirements adopted by the ATS membership. The Commissioners also vote on all actions and accreditation motions for seminaries across ATS.

Matt's invitation reflects the increasingly active role he has assumed as an ATS peer reviewer as well as his participation in a variety of working groups and task forces for ATS. His financial and accreditation expertise will make him a valuable member of the Board of Commissioners.

Please join me in congratulating and thanking Matt for his service not only to Saint Paul, but to theological education more generally as well.

## November

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Register to VOTE!  
Scan the QR code





# ONWARD

## Leadership Institute 2024

Are you a student looking to grow as a leader? Join us for our Leadership Institute featuring renowned keynote speakers Adam Hamilton, Brian McLaren, Candace Lewis, and Kara Powell. Benefit from our **exclusive discount** for students. Choose from online or in-person options and invest in your future as a leader.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Dynamic Speakers
- Practical Tool & Strategies
- Meaningful Worship

### EVENT DETAILS

## SEPT 25-27

### LOCATION

## ONLINE OR IN-PERSON

at Resurrection UMC in Leawood, KS

As low as:

 **\$64.50**

with discount code: **LISTUDENT**

### FOR INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

913-232-4120 | [sharechurchconference@cor.org](mailto:sharechurchconference@cor.org)

[www.Leadership.ShareChurch.com](http://www.Leadership.ShareChurch.com)





The **Smithsonian and the American Library Association (ALA)** have developed a new traveling exhibition on human evolution based on the iconic “David H. Koch Hall of Human Origins” at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. “Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?” is touring a limited number of seminaries, and **Saint Paul School of Theology** has been selected to host in Spring 2025.

“This exhibition is all about integrating scientific discoveries from around the globe and making them available for everyone to see,” said Rick Potts, director of the Smithsonian’s Human Origins Program and curator of the traveling exhibition. “We hope that it will spark a

respectful and positive conversation across the country about what it means to be human and inspire people to contemplate their place in the natural world.”

**This exhibit will be set up in the Kansas Campus Commons through the Spring semester of 2025.**



**Dr. Howell seeks a student assistant** to collaborate in planning and implementing the “What Does It Mean to Be Human?” exhibit coming to Saint Paul from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. The student assistant will be expected to contribute no more than five hours each week of the Fall and Spring semesters. Benefits include receiving student pay with negotiable hours, learning about the relationship between science and theology, joining a community project and conversation, practicing recruitment and motivation of volunteers, and honing skills in event planning. Interested persons are invited to contact Nancy Howell at [howellnr@spst.edu](mailto:howellnr@spst.edu).



We'd love you to be part of our team!

**Saint Paul** School of Theology

FALL 2024 CHAPEL  
TUESDAYS 11:00 AM

WE ARE CALLED. WE ARE ENOUGH!



September 24  
Rev. Dr. Michelle Hatcher



October 1  
Sacred Worth



October 8, 15, & 22  
No Chapel Worship  
(Reading Week, Focus Week, and Forum)



October 29  
Rev. Angel Garcia

KC Room C136/OKC Harris Chapel/Zoom 91407665808



Saint Paul's **Rabbi-in-Residence, Michael Zedek**, recently presented a **Ted talk** based on his book, *Taking Miracles Seriously: A Journey to Everyday Spirituality*. You may find this brief reflection uplifting and, certainly, life affirming. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yVsD5PRs6E>

**Saint Paul** School of Theology

SPIRITUAL FORMATION  
MONDAYS 11:00 AM

WE ARE CALLED. WE ARE ENOUGH!



September 23  
Praying Our Experiences



September 30  
Ignatian Contemplation



October 7  
No Spiritual Formation  
(Reading Week)



October 14  
Labyrinth Walking  
(Both Campuses)

KC Room C136/OKC Harris Chapel/Zoom 91407665808

### Thursdays in Black

Stop by the Kansas reception office or Alanna's office in OKC to pick up your free **Thursdays in Black** button to wear on Thursdays





## Restore Your Why



**Pause/Play is the sole space focused on the soul of preachers, one that is both a sanctuary and a wellspring of play.**

Grind culture has taken a tremendous toll on preachers, with many citing burnout, perfunctory preaching, identity questions, and a lack of support. Pause/Play addresses these problems of identity and burnout through the transformative approach of play-based rejuvenation—offering a kind of pastoral care for the pastor.

For more information contact:  
[casey.sigmon@spst.edu](mailto:casey.sigmon@spst.edu)

Coming!



## **Black Contemplative Prayer Summit**

February 22 - 23, 2025

[More Information](#)



## Chapel

We gather weekly—on campuses and online—to reorient the whole of our individual and collective life around the triune God. Saint Paul's liturgy is the intentional work of the people at prayer, praise, and service; a unique chance for students, staff, and faculty to worship together. When you are in chapel, you are in a sacred space because the Holy Spirit knows no limits! Zoom participants are encouraged to create a space for chapel wherever they are. Gather elements that ground you—a stone, a candle, an icon, candles, a pet, etc. We celebrate the eucharist the last Tuesday of every month. If you are in chapel through Zoom, you are encouraged to have communion elements prepared ahead of time.

Knowing we are a diverse body, we are enhanced by the heritage of song, prayer, art, posture, music, movement, and preaching each liturgist brings to the worship gathering. Everyone is welcome to participate in chapel leadership at Saint Paul. Interested in getting involved? Contact the Chapel coordinator Alanna Ireland, MDiv, Oklahoma City at [Alanna.ireland@spst.edu](mailto:Alanna.ireland@spst.edu)

### **Chapel Time/Location**

We are one seminary with two campuses and many locations. Chapel is always hybrid, using a Zoom Link throughout the year (<https://zoom.us/j/91407665808>). Oklahoma City gathers in the Harris Chapel on the campus of OCU. Leawood gathers in Building C of Church of the Resurrection in C136.

Chapel starts at 11:00 am CST on Zoom every Tuesday (except for Focus week, Reading week, Forum weeks, and weeks off school) and is followed by a community meal.

## Spiritual Formation

We explore a different practice each week such as lectio divina, breath prayers, icon prayers, contemplative walking, examen, guided imagery, or creating art. Setting aside an hour to breathe deeply and care for our minds, bodies, and spirits can have a profound impact on our wellbeing.

After a brief introduction, we spend approximately 15 minutes engaging with the practice, followed by 15 minutes of journaling and contemplation. The group is then open for sharing, prayer requests, or other reflections. Before we close, an intercessory prayer is prayed on behalf of the group. Some practices will take us outdoors or to other sacred spaces. Others may require items such as candles, art supplies, or objects from nature. These will always be posted in the Campus Messenger well ahead of time. w

Interested in getting involved? Contact the Chapel coordinator Alanna Ireland, MDiv, Oklahoma City at [Alanna.ireland@spst.edu](mailto:Alanna.ireland@spst.edu)

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Spiritual formation starts at 11:00 am CST on Zoom every Monday (except when classes are not in session) and is followed by a community meal. The week's practice is also posted in the group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spstspiritualformation> for those not able to join us synchronously. Our gathering is followed by a community meal.

# stuff you should know

## Registrar's Office

### ATTENTION

Are you planning on graduating in May 2025? Look for the graduation application: it opens on August 1st and closes on November 1st. Meet with your advisor to complete your tracing form.

The 2024 Fall schedules has been posted on the website and Moodle. Hybrid courses meet from August 12th through December 13th. ALL Hybrid courses meet both online AND in person. Populi does not list the in-person days and times for some Focus Week courses. All days and times are on the posted schedule, or you may also click on the course title to view days and times in the course description.

**IMPORTANT:** It is absolutely essential that you utilize the printed schedule (Populi does not show all of the details concerning dates/times). The schedule is also on Moodle (SPST Forms page). To see the forms, scroll to the bottom and enroll.

### Financial Aid

As you prepare financially for the 2024-2025 academic year, remember to submit official documents (attach them to the form) when submitting the Outside Scholarship Notification Form. Forms are on Moodle (SPST Forms link at the top of the page).

\* Required Official documentation may be in the form of email, letter (scanned or mail), or fax. Photocopies will not be accepted. It must include the following: (1) your name, (2) the donor name, (3) the amount of aid, (4) the term(s) to apply the aid, and (5) whether or not the aid is for tuition and fees only or can be refunded to you if overage occurs. Without official documentation, anticipated aid will not be added to your account. If you have any concerns, please email Dr. Hatcher at [financialaid@spst.edu](mailto:financialaid@spst.edu) or call 913-253-5050.

## Saint Paul Libraries

### Library Hours - Kansas Campus

Monday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Wed-Thu: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday through Sunday: CLOSED

(During breaks - M-TH 9-4)



### Library hours - Oklahoma Campus:

<https://libguides.okcu.edu/c.php?g=374763>

### Search the Catalog and Databases:

[EBSCO Discovery Service](#)

### Help Using our Resources:

[Library Information, Handouts & Helps](#)  
[Moodle](#)

### Help with Citations, Style and Grammar:

[Chicago Manual of Style Online](#)

### Oklahoma Library Access

Oklahoma students have access to Saint Paul's online library as well as OCU's physical on-campus library. Saint Paul's electronic resources can be accessed at <https://www.spst.edu/library/>. Contact [Richard Liantonio](#) or [Lee Webb](#) for assistance. Students can walk into the OCU library and access materials using their OCU student I.D. Contact Lee Webb for assistance with OCU materials and research. His office is in library room 206.



## people you should know

### Both Campuses

#### **Rev. Dr. Margaretta Narcisse**

Associate Dean of Student Affairs  
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#### **Rev. Dr. Michelle Hatcher**

Registrar and Director of Financial Aid  
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### Kansas Campus

#### **David Firman, MFA**

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### Oklahoma Campus

#### **Alanna Ireland, MDiv**

Oklahoma City Campus & Chapel Coordinator  
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### 2024-25 SPST Student Council Leaders

#### **President:**

Corey Shirey

#### **Secretary:**

Tricia Veit

#### **Treasurer:**

Joyce McCarty

#### **3rd Year Class Representatives:**

Leon Veazey & Kris Mayberry

#### **2nd Year Class Representatives:**

Jill Hayes & Chris Jackson

#### **1st Year Class Representatives:**

JulieAnn Day & Rudy Rockett

## student groups



Did you know all students can attend the **Saint Paul Student Council (STUCO)** Meetings? Come be involved in helping us foster community here at Saint Paul.

STUCO is on the first Monday of the month at 12:00 PM on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/732739252>

President, Corey Shirey

[corey.shirey@spst.edu](mailto:corey.shirey@spst.edu)



### Women in Ministry

WIM meets on the fourth Monday of the month. More information?

Contact: Rachel Fetters: [rachel.fetters@spst.edu](mailto:rachel.fetters@spst.edu)



"There are in nature neither rewards nor punishments — there are consequences."

— Robert G. Ingersoll

## Counselors/ Coaches

Kathryn Grant, M.A., LPC  
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## Spiritual Directors

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## Other Resources

Call 211 for Mental Health Assistance

Dial 988 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

National Domestic Violence Hotline  
800.799.7233

SMS:Text START to 88788

Questions?

Contact [Rev. Dr. Narcisse](#) | 913-253-5093

*Providers offer support for all students regardless of location.  
Refer to the current Student Handbook for full list of providers.*

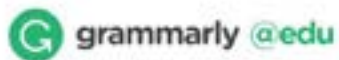
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