

Theology & Peace 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
“Lynching, Scapegoating & Actual Innocence”  
July 4-6, 2013 • UNC Chapel Hill

**JUNE 4/Tuesday**

*Morning*

**8-9** Registration

**9-9:30** Continental Breakfast for Mimetic Theory Into participants

**9:30-12:30** **INTRODUCTION to MIMETIC THEORY**

*Four different speakers will introduce Rene Girard's key concepts in mimetic theory, including: imitation, scapegoating, scripture as revelatory of human violence and mimetic theory in popular culture. This session is especially designed for people new to Girardian thought.*

**11-1:30** Registration

**12:45-1:45** LUNCH

*Afternoon*

**2-2:25** Opening remarks/Welcome/Introductions

**2:30-3:40** **Plenary session with DR. JULIA ROBINSON**

*Professor of African-American Religions, UNC Charlotte; Consultant with the Colloquium on Violence & Religion on "Lynching and Mimetic Theory".*

**3:45-4** Refreshment break

**4:10-5:30** Small group reflection process

**4:10** Silent reflection (and/or liturgical song) with your small group

**4:15-4:55** Small group discussion

**5-5:30** Plenary group Q & A and closing

comments by Dr. Robinson, closing prayer/song

**5:45-6:45** DINNER

*Evening*

**7-8:30** **Plenary session with CHRISTINE MUMMA**

**With Q&A**

*Executive Director of the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, which coordinates the work of the North Carolina law school Innocence Projects®.*

**8:45** Prayer for the End of the Day (optional)

**8:45-until?** Gathering Place for informal conversation, refreshments and socializing

Close-up magic with a Girardian touch by **JIM WARREN**

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**JUNE 5/Wednesday**

*Morning*

**7-7:30** Morning Prayer

**7:30** BREAKFAST

**8:45** Opening remarks

**9-10:20** **Plenary session with DR. KELLY BROWN DOUGLAS**

*Professor and Chair of Religion, Goucher College, MD and a leading Theologian concerning the African American experience.*

**10:25** Refreshment break

**10:45-noon** Small group reflection process

**10:45-11:50** Silent reflection (and/or liturgical song)

**10:50-11:30** Small group discussion

**11:35-12/noon** Plenary group Q & A and closing comments by Dr. Douglas, closing prayer/song

**12:15** LUNCH

**1-2** Theology & Peace Business Meeting

*All participants are voting members. Please come.*

*Afternoon*

**2-2:25** “Lo-fi” dramatization of Bread of Life Discourse, shadow puppetry by  
by **SUE WRIGHT & CLEMENT COLEMAN.**

**2:30** Plenary opening remarks

**2:35-3:50** Plenary by **The REV. PAUL NUECHTERLEIN**

*Senior Pastor, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Portage, MI and creator of  
The website “Girardian Reflections on the Lectionary.”*

**3:55-4:10** Refreshment break

**4:10-5:30** Small group reflection process

**4:10** Silent reflection (and/or liturgical song)

**4:15-4:55** Small group discussion

**5-5:30** Plenary group Q & A and closing comments by the Rev. Nuechterlein, closing prayer/song

**5:45-6:45** DINNER

*Evening*

**7-8:30** COMMUNION SERVICE

**8:45-until?** Gathering Place for informal conversation, refreshments and socializing

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**JUNE 6/Thursday**

*Morning*

**7-7:30** Morning prayer

**7:30** BREAKFAST

**8:30-9:45** Plenary by **VINCE BANTU, CCDA**  
*Representing The Christian Community Development Association, Vince Bantu will speak about the CCDA's reconciliation work in situations of violence and racial division.*

**9:45-9:55** Silent reflection (and/or liturgical song)

**10-10:15** Refreshment break

**10:15-11:15** Round Table Comments & Discussion

**11:30** **CLOSING** announcements, thanks, farewells