

# Black Liberation Theology



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**Sunday, February 19 | 8:45 am | Community Room  
with Professor Lee Butler, PhD**

Professor Lee Butler, PhD, will present an introduction to Black Liberation Theology. African Americans have, through centuries of systemic injustice, developed a unique perspective on Christianity. This perspective, emphasizing the importance of looking at faith through the eyes of oppressed people, is a powerful and important perspective for all Christians in order to more clearly understand the prophetic nature of our faith.

Professor Butler is an African-American pastoral theologian. His primary research emphasis is on African-American identity formation. He explores African indigenous religions; American slavocracy, religiosity and spirituality; Black and Womanist theologies, and Black psychology, health and healing.

“Pastoral care and counseling is one of the places within theological education where the preparation and practice of ministry are experienced as embodying processes. The clearer one is about one’s own being, the more effective one will be as a caregiver and counselor. My purpose and task, therefore, is to help seminarians develop a ministerial identity through the reconciliation of personhood and experience, and to minister to the whole being as I prepare persons for ministries of care and counseling. If theological education does not engage the seminarian’s reformational and transformational needs, I fail to fulfill my calling to prepare persons for ministry in a world in need of the reforming and transforming power of God.”



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