

2019-2020 C. Henry Smith Peace Lectureship

Announcement

The C. Henry Smith Trust Directors: Dr. Jane Wood, representing Bluffton University; John J. Smith, representing the Smith family; and Deanna Risser, representing Goshen College; announce the 45th annual C. Henry Smith Peace Lecture. A committee composed of the Directors of Peace Studies and Academic Deans of Goshen College and Bluffton University will select a scholar to prepare and present a peace lecture in the colleges and churches. C. Henry Smith, the distinguished Mennonite historian, gave priority in his will to maintaining and strengthening the peace witness in Mennonite churches.

Nature of project

The C. Henry Smith Peace Lectureship is interpreted broadly to include related media through which the peace witness can be communicated - such as drama, story and visual art as well as a more formal lecture. Each lecture will be presented publicly at Bluffton University and Goshen College. Insofar as is possible, lecturers are encouraged to present the lecture in churches and at other colleges. The lectureship should, whenever possible, highlight a distinctive Anabaptist peace perspective.

Eligibility

The Peace Lectureship provides an opportunity for faculty members of Mennonite-related colleges, and Mennonites teaching at other colleges, to strengthen their resources for teaching peace. Because of C. Henry Smith's long association with Goshen College and Bluffton University and his special consideration of these two institutions in establishment of the trust, faculty member proposals from Goshen and Bluffton will receive priority. We are looking for creativity in research and presentations that will convey peace from a distinctive Anabaptist perspective and strengthen the peace witness of the Mennonite Churches.

Stipend

The lecturer will receive a stipend of \$4,400, and up to an additional \$2,200, upon approval of the trust directors, for reimbursement of expenses related to research, travel, lecture presentation or publication. The stipend should make it possible for the lecturer to give the equivalent of one month to preparation of the lecture.

Schedule

The deadline for completed applications is Monday, February 4, 2019. The recipient of the award will be notified no later than Monday, March 4, 2019. The lecture is to be presented during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Form of proposals

Proposals are to be presented in the format described in the application materials. Proposals should be submitted as e-mail attachments to the Academic Deans at both Bluffton University and Goshen College.

For application materials, contact either college dean:

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