

Day 1: April 15, 2024 (DRAFT)

Time (EDT)	Speaker/Session and Zoom Link	Title and Description
10–10:30 a.m.	<p><b>Conference Opening</b></p> <p><b>Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg</b> Timothy Eaton Memorial Church Professor of Preaching, Emmanuel College</p> <p>Opening Remarks, Land Acknowledgement</p> <p><b>TBA</b></p> <p>Shining Waters Regional Council (UCC) Welcome</p> <p><b>Shawn Kazubowski-Houston</b> Events and Media Coordinator, Centre for Religion and Its Contexts, Emmanuel College Welcome, Conference Overview, Housekeeping</p>	<p><i>NOTE: all participant bios are available on the <a href="#">RPC2024 website</a>.</i></p>
10:30 a.m.– 11:45 p.m.	<p><b>Rev. Dr. Debra Mumford</b> <b>Dean of the Seminary; Frank H. Caldwell Professor of Homiletics, Louisville Seminary</b> <i>Keynote Lecture</i></p> <p><b>Wing Yi Wong</b> <b>PhD Candidate, ABD, Emmanuel College</b> <i>Response</i></p>	<p><b>From Stigma to Acceptance: Preaching Mental Health Well-Being in the Church and Beyond</b></p> <p>Over the past decade or so, mental illness has begun to make its way into mainstream media with the help of medical breakthroughs with drugs such as Zoloft, Xanax and Latuda which are widely advertised to treat illnesses such as depression, ADHD and bipolar disorder. Celebrities such as Simone Biles, Lady Gaga, Mariah Carey and Justin Bieber have publicly acknowledged their struggles with various types of mental illness. The social isolation widely experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic forced many to seek mental health counseling and therapy to address mental health concerns such as depression. Yet, even with these medical advances and affirming public conversations, mental illness is still stigmatized both inside and outside of the church. In this lecture, Mumford will propose biblical, theological and homiletical approaches to enable the people of God to view mental illness in the same way many view physical illness – that just as God is able to heal the physical body with a combination of faith and medical treatment, likewise God is able to heal mental illness through prayer in combination with medical treatment.</p>
11:45 a.m. –12 p.m.	<b>Break</b>	
12–1:15 p.m.	<b>Session 1 Workshops</b>	
	<p><b>Rev. Kimiko Karpoff</b></p>	<p><b>The Myth of a Normal Sermon: reaching across boundaries from other to all</b></p> <p>Post pandemic, mental health has moved from other to everyone, from the edges to the centre. Crossing boundaries allows us to consider how to address this as preachers, without necessarily talking about it.</p>
	<p><b>Rev. Dr. Namjoong Kim</b></p>	<p><b>Exploring the Fusion of Language and Culture: A Workshop on Crossing Boundaries in Worship and Preaching</b></p> <p>This workshop delves into the intricate art of seamlessly blending diverse languages and cultures to craft a profound and all-encompassing worship experience. It also addresses the strategies required to enhance the effectiveness of preaching across linguistic and cultural boundaries. Participants can expect to acquire practical techniques, gain valuable insights, and actively engage in discussions geared towards refining their capabilities in leading worship and delivering sermons within the context of complex multicultural settings.</p>
1:15–2 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

2–3:15 p.m.	<b>Session 2 Workshops</b>	
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3:15–3:30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>	
3:30–4:30 p.m.	<b>Plenary Session</b> <i>Workshop leaders, respondent, and keynote speaker</i>	

### Day 2 April 16, 2024 (DRAFT)

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10–11 a.m.	<b>Opening and Worship</b>  <b>Rev. Dr. Cheri DiNovo, C.M.</b> <b>Minister, Trinity-St. Paul's Centre for Faith, Justice, and the Arts</b> <i>Preaching</i>  <b>HyeLim Yoon</b> <b>PhD Student, Emmanuel College</b> <i>Response</i>	<b>Queer Evangelism":Our Radical Gender Non-Conforming Scripture</b>  <i>NOTE: all participant bios are available on the <a href="#">RPC2024 website</a>.</i>
11–11:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Session 3 Workshops</b>	
	<b>Rev. Dr. Jacob Meyers</b>	<b>Digitizing Identities: Rethinking Your Homiletical Self for Online and Hybrid Preaching</b> All preachers manifest a style and orientation to sermon development and delivery that tends to capture their homiletical essence as preachers. Traditional homiletical texts tend to speak of this as the preacher's "image." Some common images of the preacher are the preacher as teacher, storyteller, poet, prophet, and spiritual director. In this workshop, we'll think together about preachers' guiding image(s) and how particular kinds of online and hybrid preaching might align most faithfully to who preachers understand themselves to be in the pulpit.
	<b>Rev. Evan Swance-Smith</b>	<b>Preaching the Gospel of your Truth</b> Description forthcoming.
12:30–1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

<b>1:30–2:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Session 4 Workshops</b>	
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	<b>Rev. Evan Swance-Smith</b>	<p><b>Preaching the Gospel of your Truth</b></p> <p>Description forthcoming.</p>
<b>2:45–3 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>3–4 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Plenary, Celebration and Closing</b></p> <p><b>Participants TBA</b></p>	