

## **News Release**

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## Women's Ordination and the Politics of Interpretation Topics for 34<sup>th</sup> G. Arthur Keough Lectureship, March 28-29

The Washington Adventist University Department of Religion is hosting the 34<sup>th</sup> G. Arthur Keough Lectureship program on March 28 and 29, featuring topics that include women's ordination and the politics of interpretation. The lectures are open to the public and will be held on and near the university campus, located at 7600 Flower Ave. in Takoma Park, Md.

On March 28 at 7 p.m., "Higher Criticism and the Resistance to Women's Ordination: Unmasking the Issue" will be presented by Olive J. Hemmings, Ph.D., in the chapel at Richards Hall, located on campus. Hemmings is a professor of religion at Washington Adventist University (WAU) and a commissioned minister who preaches locally, nationally and internationally. She teaches Biblical Theology, Pauline Theology, introduction to the New Testament and other New Testament courses. Hemmings brings to her teachings a passion for using the cultural and historical contexts of Biblical text as it reflects social struggles, including the struggle to understand and engage the divine. She is author of the recently published book, "Sacred Texts and Social Conflict."

Hemmings will also deliver a March 29 lecture at 10 a.m. on "The Text: Weapon or Guide?" at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, Fellowship Hall A, located at 7700 Carroll Ave. in Takoma Park.

A lecture on "Inerrancy, Adventism, and Church Unity" will presented on March 29 at 3:30 p.m. by Richard Rice, Ph.D., on campus in the chapel at Richards Hall. A professor of religion at Loma Linda University, Calif., he has served as a church pastor and is the author of numerous books and articles. His books include "When Bad Things Happen to God's People;" "Reason and the Contours of Faith;" and "The Reign of God: An Introduction to Christian Theology from a Seventh-day Adventist Perspective."

The G. Arthur Keough Lectureship program honors the memory of a former WAU faculty member who authored such books as "Let Daniel Speak;" "Rejoicing with the Psalmist;" and "Infinitely Happy."

This year's program was organized by Zdravko Zack Plantak, Ph.D., chair of the Washington Adventist University Department of Religion and author of the book "The Silent Church: Human Rights and Adventist Social Ethics."

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