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**Dialogue Institute at Temple University,   
with the International Center for Contemporary Education**  
*FY 2018 Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders on   
Religious Pluralism in the United States  
ECA-ECAAE-16-010 / S-ECAGD-16-CA-1071**July 7-August 11, 2018*

**PROGRAM CALENDAR**NOTE: *readings and timing/content shown here are subject to change closer to the start of the Institute*

Pre-Institute Readings   
1. Leonard Swidler, “Understanding Dialogue,” in *Interfaith Dialogue at the Grass Roots*, Rebecca Kratz Mays (ed.). Philadelphia: Ecumenical Press, 2009, pages 9-19. (will be included on Institute web page as PDF file)

2. Eboo Patel, “Introduction: The Faith Line,” in *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*, Eboo Patel. Boston: Beacon Press, 2007, pages xi – xix. (PDF file)

3. Diana Eck, “From Diversity to Pluralism,” in *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2006. (pluralism.org/pages/pluralism/essays/from\_diversity\_to\_pluralism)

4. *Introduction to the Declaration of Independence* (http://usinfo.org/docs/democracy/part1.htm); full text of the Declaration of Independence (http://usinfo.org/docs/democracy/1.htm)

5. *Introduction to and full text of the U.S. Constitution* (http://usinfo.org/docs/democracy/6.htm)   
Paying special attention to Articles I, II and III, detailing the separation of powers in the federal government, and to Amendments I-X at the end of the document, commonly referred to as the Bill of Rights.

**WEEK ONE: American Democracy and Religious Pluralism—Origins in Philadelphia**

Assigned Readings  
1. Students will each receive a copy of Professor Swidler’s, *Trialogue: Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Dialogue*. New London, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 2007.

2. “An Introduction to Christian Theology.” Boisi Center Papers on Religion in the United States, pp. 1-7.

3. “Religious Pluralism in the United States.” Boisi Center Papers on Religion in the United States, pp. 9-12.

4. Alice George, *Old City Philadelphia: Cradle of American Democracy*. Charleston: Arcadia Press, 2006, pp. 9-27.

5. Review Constitution and First Amendment, and intros from pre-Institute readings.

6. Leonard Swidler, *Trialogue*, pp. 1-27, 94-103.

7. “The Qur’anic Perspectives of Interfaith Dialogue,” in Muhammad Shafiq and Muhammed Abu-Nimer, *Interfaith Dialogue: A Guide for Muslims*. Herndon, VA: International Institute of Islamic Thought, 2007, pp. 48-49, 56-63.

8. (optional) Khalid Duran, *Trialogue*, pp. 136-190.

Schedule/Itinerary  
**Saturday, July 7 Arrival in Washington, D. C.**

**Sunday, July 8***Morning*Administration of Pre-program Surveys  **Dr. Barbara Zasloff** Orientation to Program

**Rebecca Mays, Dr. Barbara Zasloff, Prof. Leonard Swidler** Lunch in small groups

*Afternoon* “Poster Gallery”  **Dr. Barbara Zasloff**

*Evening*  **Meet-and-greet reception with SUSI Scholars.** Scholars will share posters.

All posters will be posted around the room for people to get to know the persons in

each affinity group of ten in preparation for Monday’s events.

**Monday, July 9***Morning*  **Joint Day with Scholars and Students**

8:00 - 9:00 Briefing and Orientation for SUSI Students9:15All scholars and students leave for Capitol Hill Visitor’s Center.10:30Tour of **US Capitol**  Lunch at Capitol Hill cafeteria

*Afternoon*

1:30 **Supreme Court Visit**  
3:30 Back to hotel4:00 - 6:00  **Teach-In: SUSI Scholars and SUSI students: A mini conference for scholars and students organized around themes such as immigration, 1st Amendment, democracy and the constitution, majority/minority relations, and religious pluralism. Scholars will make short presentations based on their five weeks in US, then lead a discussion in an affinity group of assigned 5 students, 4 scholars, and 4 staff.**

6:30  Dinner: Group Meal

**Tuesday, July 10**

*Morning* Depart Washington Hotel at 8:30 am for Media, PA, for orientation retreat

*Afternoon*  Arrive at Pendle Hill for Group Lunch and Staff Meeting

Introduction to residential program **Dr. Barbara Zasloff**

Community Building: “Creating Guidelines for Group Living”

Intercultural Developmental Inventory  **Rebecca Mays**

Arts & Spirituality Workshop: Art studio project  **Jennifer Elam**

*Evening*  Group Dinner at Pendle Hill (all meals included during retreat)

Introductions of Staff

**Wednesday, July 11***Morning* Breakfast

Workshop: “Identity in Community”  **Mary James Edwards**

12:00 Lunch

*Afternoon*  Workshop: “Stereotypes” **Mary James Edwards**

6:00 Dinner

*Evening*  Musical sharing  **Dwight Dunston and Brian Jordan**

**Thursday, July 12***Morning*  Breakfast (clean rooms and pack to move to Temple University)   
 **Michael Cohen, Rebecca Mays**

Depart Pendle Hill to Philadelphia (**Andi and Brian** to prepare student rooms at

at Temple)

*Afternoon* Group Lunch

Presentation & Discussion: “William Penn and Religious Freedom” **Rebecca Mays**

*Evening*  Check-in and Group Dinner at Morgan Hall

Orientation to campus life **Andi Laudisio, Michael Cohen**

**Friday, July 13***Morning*

9:00 Presentation & Discussion: “Visiting Sites of Worship”

**Michael Cohen, Andi Laudisio**

10:00-11:30Presentation/Discussion: “Introduction to Christianity”

**Brian Blackmore, Andi Laudisio**

*Rest of Day*  Free

(optional site visits to Franklin Institute, Phila Museum of Art, National Liberty   
 Museum, Mutter Museum, Liberty Bell, Museum of American Revolution)

*Evening*  (complete Week One satisfaction survey)  **Program Associates**

**Saturday, July 14***Morning*  Presentation & Discussion: “Introduction to Islam in America”

*Afternoon*  Group Lunch

Site Visit: Islamic Society of Greater Valley Forge  **Mr. Mohammad Azziz**

**958 N.Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA**

*Evening*  6:30 Debrief Mosque visit

**WEEK TWO: Religious Traditions—Pluralism and Dialogue Training**

Assigned Readings  
1. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream Speech”

2. President Barack Obama’s Eulogy to Rev. Clementa Pinckney and other victims of the mass shooting in South Carolina

3. Leonard Swidler, “Religion: Whence – Why – Whoops! – Whither?”

4. Leonard Swidler, *Trialogue*, pp. 119-133.

5. Diana Eck, “From Diversity to Pluralism,” in *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2006. (pluralism.org/pages/pluralism/essays/from\_diversity\_to\_pluralism)

6. Review Constitution

7. (optional) Leonard Swidler, *Trialogue*, pp. 55-69.

Schedule/Itinerary  
**Sunday, July 15** Egyptian and Turkish students visit a local Coptic Christian Church  
 Lebanese and Iraqi students visit a local Maronite Church *Afternoon*  Free Time

*Evening*  6:30 Debrief morning church visits

**Monday, July 16**  Breakfast Staff Meeting at OWL*Morning*

9:30 Site Visit: Constitution Center

**Dr. Barbara Zasloff, Program Associates**

Presentation & Discussion: “U.S. Constitution and 1st Amendment”   
 **Grant Calder**

*Afternoon*  Lunch at Constitution Center Café

Multi-Media Show: “Freedom Rising”

Presentation & Discussion: “Religious Freedom and the U.S. Constitution”   
 **Grant Calder**

Site Visit: Independence Hall  **Program Associates**

*Evening*  Free Time

**Tuesday, July 17***Morning*

8:30 - 10:00 Leadership Workshop #1: Models for Civic Engagement, Introduction of Action Plans   
 (IDI feedback, initial preparation for host family presentations) **Rebecca Mays**

*Afternoon*

10:30 - 1:30 Volunteer Project: Broad Street Ministry 10:30-1:30 **Per Faaland**

*Evening*

6:00 Host Family Dinner **Barbara Zasloff home**

**Wednesday, July 18***Morning* Site Visit: City Hall (with Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations)  
 **Program Associates**  
  
 Presentation & Discussion: “2018 Majority and Minority Relations in Philadelphia”   
 **Patricia Coyne**

*Afternoon* Site Visit: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul **Prof. Leonard Swidler**

**Program Associates**

*Evening*  Free

**Thursday, July 19***Morning* Dialogue Training: Review of Dialogue Principles, Introduction of “AIR” and Fishbowls   
 **Professor Leonard Swidler,** **Brian Blackmore, Rebecca Mays**

*Afternoon* Leadership Workshop #2: Action Plans, Leadership and Dialogue/Mediation Skills

**Rebecca Mays**

*Evening* Free

**Friday, July 20***Morning*

9:00 - 12:00 Presentation & Discussion: “Introduction to Judaism”  
  **Ari Gordan, Dr. Barbara Zasloff**

Lunch Staff Meeting

*Afternoon*

6:00 Site Visit: Synagogue Rodeph Shalom (Tentative) **Dr. Barbara Zasloff**

**Saturday, July 21 –** Host Family Weekend **Sunday, July 22**

**WEEK THREE: Dialogue and Human Rights**

Assigned Readings  
1. *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Volume 42, Number 3, Summer 2007. Each student will receive own copy of the full volume.

2. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, “The Four Freedoms.” State of the Union Address, January 6, 1941.

3. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948.

4. U.N. Millennial Development Goals

Schedule/Itinerary  
**Monday, July 23***Morning*

10:00 - 12:00 Debrief from Host Family Weekend **Dr. Barbara Zasloff**, **Brian Blackmore**  (complete Week Two satisfaction survey)

Lunch Staff Meeting

*Afternoon*

2:00 - 4:00 Leadership Workshop #3: Religion and a Global Ethic

**Prof. Leonard Swidler, Michael Cohen**

*Evening* Free

**Tuesday, July 24***Morning*  Presentation & Discussion: “Religious Environmentalism” **Prof. Mark Wallace**

*Afternoon* Leadership Workshop #4: “Introduction to the 1948

Declaration of Human Rights” “UN Development Goals”  **Rebecca Mays**

Sustainability Workshop **Eileen Flanagan**

*Evening* Arts & Spirituality Workshop #2: “Drumming Dialogue” with Intercultural Journeys

**Alex Shaw, Carly Rapaport-Stein**

**Wednesday, July 25***Morning*  Presentation & Discussion: “Introduction to Buddhism” **Brian Blackmore**

Lunch Staff Meeting

*Afternoon*Site Visit: Tibetan Buddhist Center **Program Associates**

*Evening* 6:30 Debrief Buddhist visit

Preparation for trip to New York City  **Andi Laudisio**

(turn in action plans)

**Thursday, July 26***Morning*

9:00 Depart by bus to New York City / Arrival at hotel   
  **Brian Blackmore, Andi Laudisio, Michael Cohen**

Lunch

*Afternoon*

3:00 Site Visits: United Nations

*Evening*

Dinner Group Meal

7:30 Site Visit: Empire State Building

**Friday, July 27***Morning*

9:00 Site Visit: 9/11 Memorial Museum

Lunch Battery Park

*Afternoon*

1:00 Site Visit: Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

Debrief space on Ellis Island 1-3pm (3rd floor conference room)

*Evening* free

**Saturday, July 28***Morning*

10:00 Site Visit: American Museum of Natural History

*Afternoon*

12:30 Site Visit: Common Ground Tour at Cathedral of St. John the Divine

Lunch Sandwiches on Bus

*Evening*

4:30 Party (with cookout and swimming) at the home of Lisa Butler in New Jersey

Debrief New York City trip

Depart by bus to Philadelphia (complete Week Three satisfaction survey)

**WEEK FOUR: Religious Dialogue and Global Citizenship**

Assigned Readings  
1. Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, “The Emerging Alliance of World Religions and Ecology,” 2009. (Off the website for the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology)

2. Mark I. Wallace, Finding God in the Singing River. Fortress Press, 2005, pp. 1-6.

3. John G. Niehardt, Black Elk Speaks: Being the Life Story of a Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux. Premier Edition. Albany, NY: Excelsior Editions, 2008, pp. 17-36.

Schedule / Itinerary  
**Sunday, July 29**   
*Morning*  Site Visit: Mother Bethel AME Church Rebecca **Prof. Leonard Swidler,** (including worship, lunch and discussion)**Program Associates**

*Evening*  6:30 Debrief church visit

**Monday, July 30***Morning*

9:00 Presentation & Discussion: “Introduction to Native America Spirituality” **Prof. Mark Wallace**

Noon Lunch Staff Meeting

*Afternoon*

3:30 Site Visit: Philadelphia Baha’i Center

Presentation & Discussion: “Introduction to Baha’i Faith”

**Dr. Bijan Etemad**, **Dr. Gity Banan-Etemad**

6:00 pm Dinner

**Tuesday, July 31**  
*Morning* Gender Dialogues (fishbowls) **Rebecca Mays, Program Associates**

*Afternoon* “Introduction to Hinduism”  **Michael Cohen**

*Evening*  Site Visit: Bharatiya Hindu Temple **Program Associates**

**Wednesday, August 1***Morning* Free

*Afternoon* Leadership Workshop #5: Finish action plan presentations

*Evening* Presentation & Discussion: “Civil Rights for LGBTQ”   
 **Debra D’Allesandro, Al Vernacchio**

**Thursday, August 2***Morning* TBD

Lunch Staff Meeting

*Afternoon/Evening* Action Plan Presentations (PUBLIC EVENT)  
 **All Staff, Board members, host families, Program Associates invited**

*Evening* Closing Dinner

**Friday, August 3***Morning* Preparation for Study Tour  
 (free day for shopping, packing, room cleaning, room inspections; complete Week   
 Four satisfaction survey; optional site visits)

**WEEK FIVE: Study Tour**

Schedule/Itinerary  
**Saturday, August 4***Morning* Depart by bus to Philadelphia International Airport, flight to Atlanta, GA  
 **Dr. Barbara Zasloff, Program Associates**

*Afternoon* Arrive in Atlanta, drive to Watershed Cabins in western North Carolina

*Evening*  Group dinner at cabins

**Sunday, August 5***Morning* Site Visit: Oconaluftee Indian Village  
 (War/Dance Program)

*Afternoon* Group picnic lunch and Mountain Music program at Oconaluftee Visitors Center

Scenic drive and walk through Smoky Mountains, with park volunteer

*Evening*  Group dinner at cabins

**Monday, August 6***Morning* Depart for Nantahala Outdoor Center/Adventure Park

*Afternoon*  Group lunch at Nantahala Outdoor Center

*Afternoon*  White water rafting on the Nantahala River

*Evening* Return to Watershed Cabins; dinner at cabins

**Tuesday, August 7***Morning* Depart by bus to Atlanta

*Morning/Afternoon* Site Visit: Center for Civil and Human Rights

*Afternoon* Depart by bus to Atlanta Hartsfield Airport, flight to Washington, D.C.

*Evening* Arrive in Washington, D.C., check in at hotel (Embassy Suites)

**Wednesday, August 8***Morning/Afternoon* Site Visit: U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum   
 (including lunch)

*Afternoon* Site Visits: Museums

*Evening* Dinner at Union Station

Guided Bus Tour of D.C. Monuments

**Thursday, August 9***Morning* Site Visit: Russell Senate Office Building  
 (meeting with staff from Senator Robert Casey’s office)

*Afternoon* Site Visits: Embassies

**Friday, August 10***Morning/Afternoon* Meeting with U.S. Department of State

*Afternoon* Site Visits to: National Cathedral and Islamic Center

*Afternoon* Return to hotel and complete final surveys

Closing Ceremony (at hotel)

*Evening* Closing Dinner

**Saturday, August 11**Check out of hotel and depart for home countries