

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Doctor of Ministry Program

WP630 (H) Theological Improv

Professor Adam Hearlson

Opening Webinar

Monday, October 1 – 2:00-3:00 ET

Professor will email information for computer access to webinar on Zoom. Everyone should make plans to attend.

Course Description

How do we share Christianity's good news in intelligible and attractive ways in rapidly changing cultural contexts? This course considers a variety of rhetorical styles, strategies of communication, and conceptual frameworks to enhance one's ability to think theologically "on one's feet." Conversation between inherited Christian formulations and contemporary sensibilities and questions facilitates engagement with those who have never been churched. Attention will be paid to how our bodies combine with a theological imagination to produce a relevant word for the world.

First Three Books – All will be used in the first week

AJ Jacobs, *A Year of Living Biblically*.

Cleophus J. LaRue, *I Believe I'll Testify*

MaryAnn McKibben Dana, *God, Improv and the Art of Living*