



**EASTERN MENNONITE
SEMINARY**

*Prepared to serve and
lead in a global context*

Fall 2016 FRANCONIA/EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCES Seminary Annual Report

Veterans needs addressed at EMS

Several recent seminary graduate focused their MDiv capstone on veterans’ concerns. They include Matt Stearn, who looked at how Mennonite denominations can provide healing communities for combat veterans, and Methodist pastor and former combat veteran Darin Busé, who named spiritual trauma as another casualty of combat.

Though the topic is an unusual area of interest for a seminary in the historic peace church tradition, EMS dean Michael King says the timely and necessary discussion “plunges the seminary into one of the most critical issues of our day. There is a sense of really powerful mutual healing potential.”

2017 School for Leadership Training

“Yearning To Get Along . . . and Being True To Ourselves.”

January 16-18, 2017

Whether we can do both is a riddle of our times. Whatever our political, cultural, or theological place, we often see someone as “other” than us. During SLT 2017 we will identify ways we practice “othering” instead of “neighboring.” We will explore healthy ways to navigate our interactions with the “other” while wearing our own world-view glasses.

Christena Cleveland, author of *Disunity in the Church*, and **Drew Hart**, author of *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* will be featured keynote speakers, with many other presenters contributing to panels and workshops. Watch emu.edu/slt for updates on speakers as details are finalized.

20 Graduated from EMS This Spring

EMS awarded 16 degrees and 4 certificates on April 30 to the graduating class of 2016. The ceremony was held at 2:30 p.m. in Lehman Auditorium on the campus of Eastern Mennonite

University in Harrisonburg, Va. Dr. John D. Roth, professor of history at Goshen College was the commencement speaker.

Spring Semester Distance Learning Classes

Formation in God’s Story II (hybrid)

- Dr. Emily Peck-McClain

Wisdom Literature (hybrid)

- Dr. Andrea Saner

Old Testament: Text in Context

- Dr. Laura Brenneman

Pastoral Care

- Dr. Lonnie Yoder

For more information:

<http://emu.edu/seminary/distance-learning>

Statement of Purpose
Eastern Mennonite Seminary prepares men and women to serve and lead in a global context. In response to God’s saving grace, we educate students to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of God’s Spirit as wise interpreters, mature practitioners, discerning communicators, and transformational leaders.

Lee Snyder, interim university president

Michael King, seminary dean, graduate school dean

Phil Helmuth, director of church relations

Laura Lehman, director of seminary admissions

Les Horning, associate director of seminary development, admissions and church relations

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