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SACRED SYMPHONIES:



MARCH 2025

Join Us for the Bandy Preaching Conference this Month!

Join the Candler community on campus March 25-27 for the Bandy Preaching Conference, "Sacred Symphonies: The Word and Song." Conference organizer the **Rev. Dr. Teresa L. Fry Brown**, Candler's Bandy Professor of Preaching, has assembled a stellar ensemble of 24 ministers, musicians, scholars, artists, and worship planners (pictured in the header above!) to lead us in concert, worship, lectures, panel discussions, and breakout sessions. Selected sessions will be available online. [Learn more and register for the Bandy Preaching Conference.](#)

Support Candler on Emory's Day of Giving, March 26-27

The eighth annual Emory Day of Giving is coming up on March 26-27. This 36-hour online giving event rallies the Emory community far and wide to join together in supporting the school and empowers individuals to give to the specific parts of Emory that inspire them—like Candler and our next

generation of Christian leaders called to transform the world. [Learn more about how to take part in Emory Day of Giving.](#)

Eiesland Lecture to Explore "The 'Exceptional' Body of Christ"

Candler will welcome **Andrew Walker-Cornetta**, assistant professor of religious studies at Georgia State University, to deliver the Eiesland Lecture on March 20 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. in person and online. The event is jointly sponsored by Candler’s Catholic Studies program, the Religions in the Americas Colloquium at Emory (RACE), and the Dr. Nancy L. Eiesland Endowment for Disability Studies. [Learn more and register to attend the Eiesland Lecture.](#)

Candler Singers to Embark on Spring Tour

The Candler Singers will hit the road March 20-23 for their spring tour, presenting concerts and leading worship for faith communities in LaGrange, Georgia, and Montgomery and Auburn, Alabama. [See the Singers' full schedule here.](#)

Brite's Oredin to Give Anna Julia Cooper Lecture April 1

Candler’s Black Church Studies Program will welcome **Oluwatomisin Olayinka Oredein**, assistant professor in Black religious traditions and constructive theology and ethics at Brite Divinity School, as the distinguished guest speaker for the 2025 Anna Julia Cooper Lecture, “Can African Women be Womanists?”, on April 1. [Learn more and register for the Anna Julia Cooper Lecture.](#)

Brian Blount to Present McDonald Lectures in April

Brian K. Blount, president emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and Charlotte, North Carolina, is Candler’s 2024-2025 Alonzo L. McDonald Family Chair on The Life and Teachings of Jesus and Their Impact on Culture. In this role, Blount will present public lectures on April 16 and April 23. [Learn more and register for this year's McDonald Lectures.](#)

Summer Institute to Probe Music's Role in Global Pentecostalism

Candler will host the 2025 Summer Institute for Global Charismatic-Pentecostal Studies on campus May 22-23. Established in 2023 in partnership with the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS) and funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the institute brings together scholars, pastors, and leaders from around the world to hear from key figures in Pentecostal and charismatic communities. This year's lineup features two musicians well-recognized beyond traditional church communities yet shaped by upbringings in charismatic and Pentecostal Christianity: spoken word poet and hip hop artist **Propaganda**, and **David Bazan**, the indie singer-songwriter behind the band Pedro the Lion. [Learn more and register to attend the 2025 Summer Institute.](#)

Nam's Latest Book Explores Ezra-Nehemiah Through Unique Lens

The newest book by Professor of Hebrew Bible **Roger Nam** was published in October as part of Cambridge University Press's series in Old Testament Theology. In *The Theology of the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah*, Nam offers a new perspective on the collective impacts of the exiled Judeans' return to Jerusalem. [Read more about the book.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that events are subject to change. Click on the event title to see more details and registration information. [See a full listing of upcoming Candler events here.](#)

Ongoing: [Courses in the Community from The Candler Foundry.](#) In person and online.

March 13: [Info Session: The Sacred Arts Collective.](#) Online.

March 20: [Lecture: "The 'Exceptional' Body of Christ."](#) In person.

March 20–23: [Candler Singers Tour, LaGrange, Georgia and Montgomery and Auburn, Alabama.](#) In person.

March 25-27: [Bandy Preaching Conference, "Sacred Symphonies: The Word and Song."](#) In person, with selected sessions available online.

March 26-27: [Emory Day of Giving](#)

April 1: [Anna Julia Cooper Lecture: "Can African Women Be Womanists?"](#) In person and online.

April 1: [Youth Theological Initiative Summer Academy deadline](#)

April 16: [McDonald Lecture: "Before He Was White: Jesus, Mark, and the Politics of Inclusion."](#) In person.

April 23: [McDonald Lecture: "The Narrative Color of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark."](#) In person.

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