



FAITH, THOUGHT & LIFE // BACK TO SCHOOL 2021

OUR MISSION

Theological Horizons supports Christians and seekers by providing a welcoming community for engaging faith, thought and life.



ABOUT KATE BOWLER

Kate Bowler, PhD, is a New York Times bestselling author, podcast host, and professor at Duke University. After being unexpectedly diagnosed with Stage IV cancer at age 35, she penned the memoir Everything Happens for a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved). Her latest is No Cure For Being Human (and Other Truths I Need to Hear).

Where might Wisdom and Wellness be found during turbulent times?

This is our guiding question for the academic year. In the pages of this Theological Horizons newsletter, hear the Biblical invitation to "listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom," mindful that "it is the Lord who gives wisdom; from God's mouth come knowledge and understanding."

Whether you join a Vintage Lunch in person or on facebook,

attend a lecture or enjoy our online resources, we invite you to pursue with us the Wisdom that leads into "ways of pleasantness, for all her paths are peace."

Wishing you a life of true Wellness!

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The Event of the Year

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"We are as fragile as the day we were born, and we will need each other if we're going to tell the truth: Life is beautiful and terrible, full of hope and despair and everything in between, but there's no cure for being human." -Kate Bowler

The grand inauguration of our Scoper Lectures Series will take place in UVA's Old Cabell Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, 2022. We are thrilled to present renowned scholar and author Dr. Kate Bowler for a public lecture on the theme "The Wisdom of the Unfinished Self." On Monday morning, April 4th, we will convene a panel of local medical, faculty and pastoral leaders for a conversation with Dr. Bowler. To receive an invitation to these events, email info@theologicalhorizons.org.



Welcome, Grace Medrano // theologicalhorizons.org/blog

Jesus said, "I have come that they might have life, and have it in abundance." (John 10:10) Our Leadership Associate Initiative is a brand new program that equips promising Christian leaders to live abundantly for the glory of God and the flourishing of the world. Through an 11 month immersion journey of relational discipleship and direct apprenticeship with our TH team, a recent college grad Fellow experiences Christ-centered work and life in community and pursues God's vocational call into the future.

We joyfully introduce Grace Medrano, our 2021/22 Leadership Associate. A UVA 2021 graduate in East Asian Studies and Linguistics, Grace is the child of Honduran parents and grew up in Northern Virginia. Her idea of a perfect day begins with a leisurely rafting trip down the Rivanna River and ends with pizza at Mellow Mushroom.

Grace is already busy spreading her magic at TH as she coordinates events, leads students, welcomes newcomers, reaches out to donors and creates epic spreadsheets. Her high-level responsibilities with Theological Horizons, her mentoring relationships with mature Christian spiritual teachers and her extensive professional and theological learning will prepare Grace to take her next faithful steps into adulthood. Welcome, Grace!



ALL ARE WELCOME. ALWAYS.

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We are heartened to see Theological Horizons evolve in wonderfully unexpected ways during the pandemic. Our view of ministry expanded online, to embrace anyone anywhere, around the globe -- including *you*.

Weekly Vintage Lunches are livestreamed and archived at facebook.com/theologicalhorizons, with readings at theologicalhorizons.org/vintage.

Join a Saints of the City gathering or participate in a virtual Deeper Dialogue at UVA. Start your own *Vintage Saints and Sinners* book club with our small group guides. Watch on social media for impromptu events, too.

Sojourner's Truth

theologicalhorizons.org/events1/natashasistrunkrobinson

Dynamic author, leadership consultant, mentoring coach Natasha Sistrunk Robinson brings her story, "A Sojourner's Truth: Choosing Freedom and Courage in a Divided World," to the Dome Room of the UVA Rotuna at 6pm on Thursday, November 4.

Join us in person or virtually as Natasha recounts her journey as an African-American girl from South Carolina to the US Naval Academy, the Marine Corps, and beyond, all told through the lens of the biblical story of Moses, a young leader who was born into a marginalized people group, resisted injustices of Pharaoh, denied the power of Egypt, and trusted God even when he did not fully understand or know where he was going. Along the way, Robinson invites us to discover our own identity, purpose, and truth-revealing moments.

The lecture is free. Seating is first come, first served.



COMING UP

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- September 21 | Saints of the City Charlottesville
- September 30 | 5pm | Deeper Dialogue @UVA
- October 13 | 1:30pm | Faith and Work Forum with Dr. Danny Avula
- October 22 | UVA Parents Reception
- November 4 | 4-6pm | "A Sojourner's Truth: Choosing Freedom and Courage in a Divided World" with Natasha Sistrunk Robinson in the Dome Room of the Rotunda
- November 11 | 5pm | Deeper Dialogue @UVA
- April 3 | 4pm | Scoper Lecture with Dr. Kate Bowler in Old Cabell
- Vintage Lunches | Fridays 1pm | in person and on Facebook Live
- Saints of Atlanta | monthly | in person
- Saints of Charlottesville | monthly | in person
- Saints of Dallas | monthly | in person
- Saints of DC | monthly | in person

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Faith & Work Forum with Dr. Danny Avula

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What does it take to lead Virginia's statewide Covid Response? Just ask Danny Avula, MD, at the next Faith & Work Forum, our University series that discusses the interplay between faith, work, and life. Dr. Avula (UVA '99) is the Director of Richmond and Henrico Public Health Departments and was named Richmonder of the Year 2020.

As an undergrad at University of Virginia, Danny recalls, "an awakening happened" as his eyes were opened to issues of race and class, and the multitude of factors that contribute to someone's health. Hear more on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 1:30 at University Baptist Church Charlottesville.

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