

New Associate Dean and New Director of Curriculum and Assessment

Rev. Dr. Sarah Ann Bixler has taken on the role as associate dean of the Seminary. She will oversee the seminary's graduate degree programs, guide the development of new programs for pastors and laypersons involved in a wide range of ministries, and serve as director of the seminary's formation program. Dr. Bixler received her PhD in practical theology with a specialization in Christian education and formation from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Old Testament associate professor, Dr. Andrea Dalton Saner has taken on the role as director of seminary curriculum and assessment. Dr. Saner is an Old Testament scholar who works within the theological disciplines, and a lay theologian whose primary text is Scripture. Through her teaching she helps students to read the biblical text slowly, using historical and literary scholarship, and to recognize how their theological commitments and ecclesial communities inform and motivate continual return to reading Scripture. Dr. Saner has taught in the seminary and undergraduate Bible and religion department since 2013.

Spring Graduation

EMS awarded five Master of Arts in Christian Leadership, four Master of Divinity degrees and one Theological Certificate to the graduating class of 2022. Seminary Baccalaureate was held on Saturday, May 6 with the theme "Finding Your Voice" and the scripture focus of Ephesians 4:11-13. Speakers included Dorothy Jean Weaver, professor emeritus; Lonnie Yoder, professor emeritus; and David Evans, associate professor of history and mission.

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New Graduate Certificate

We are offering a New Graduate Certificate in Faith Based Peacebuilding. This certificate is designed for faith community leaders who want to more effectively respond to social conflicts as they arise in their community and those who seek faith-informed social engagement in the complex justice issues of their communities. Overall requirements are 9-10 SH from the Seminary and 8-9 SH from Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, for a total of 18 credits.

Seminary Options

Consider pursuing seminary studies. We offer the following degrees: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, and Master of Arts in Christian Leadership. Scholarships are available for half-time (6SH) and full-time study (12+ SH). Most classes can be joined via Zoom. You are welcome to take a course for academic credit or participation audit.

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Statement of Purpose

Eastern Mennonite Seminary prepares servants of Christ to minister together locally and globally. In response to God's gracious call, we invite students to embody and 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.

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**, president
- ▶ **Sue Cockley**, seminary dean
- ▶ **Sarah Ann Bixler**, associate dean
- ▶ **Veva Mumaw**, director of seminary student services & church relations

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