



The Inauguration and Installation of **The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III**  
as the tenth president of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

## **"Beyond the Classroom"**

Thursday, April 25, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Louisville Seminary, Winn Center

# WHOSOEVER: A DIVINE INVITATION

To celebrate the installation and inauguration of the Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III as Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary's tenth president, Louisville Seminary presents a series of events that celebrates the unconditional and everlasting love that God has for all people of every creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, and circumstance. And so the Louisville Seminary Community accepts the invitation, the challenges, and the rewards of emphasizing "Whosoever: A Divine Invitation" as the foundation for engaging the world and building bridges between God and humanity.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE

**Shannon Craigo-Snell** *event committee chair*  
Professor of Theology

**Debra Mumford**  
Frank H. Caldwell Professor of Homiletics  
Director of the Money Matters for Ministry Program

**Matthew Collins**  
Director of the Ernest Miller White Library  
Professor of Research and Bibliography

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## INTRODUCTION

Shannon Craigo-Snell  
Professor of Theology

## PRACTICAL EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY FOR NEARLY EVERY STUDENT

### *Field Education*

Marcus Hong  
Director of Field Education,  
Assistant Professor of Practical Theology,  
and Worship Coordinator at Caldwell Chapel

### *Marriage and Family Therapy Supervision*

Loren Townsend  
Henry Morris Edmonds Professor of Pastoral Ministry,  
Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling,  
and Director of the Louisville Seminary Marriage and Family Therapy Program

## CREATIVE FORMS OF ENGAGING AND COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### *Louisville Youth Group*

Debra Mumford  
Frank H. Caldwell Professor of Homiletics  
and Director of the Money Matters for Ministry Program

### *Restorative Justice Ministry*

Scott C. Williamson  
Robert H. Walkup Professor of Theological Ethics

### *Classroom in the Community*

Justin Reed  
Assistant Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible

## TRAVEL SEMINARS

### *Israel/Palestine*

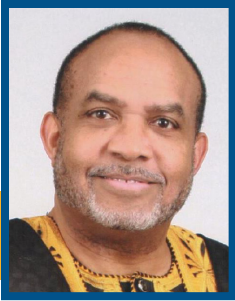
Tyler Mayfield  
A.B. Rhodes Associate Professor of Old Testament  
and Faculty Director of the Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion

### *Camino*

Amy Plantinga Pauw  
Henry P. Mobley Jr. Professor of Doctrinal Theology

### *Cuba*

Cliff Kirkpatrick  
Professor of World Christianity and Ecumenical Studies



## The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III

President and Professor of Religion and Culture  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

On June 7, 2018, the Louisville Seminary Board of Trustees appointed the Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III as Louisville Seminary's tenth president. Pollard formally began his service with Louisville Seminary on September 3, 2018.

A scholar, author, consultant, and speaker on the subject of African American and U.S. religion and culture, Pollard was previously dean of the School of Divinity and professor of Religion and Culture at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Pollard said he was drawn both by the history and the current trajectory of Louisville Seminary.

"Rare is the theological institution today that innovates well in contemporary society, modeling theological education for just inclusivity in an increasingly diverse world," Pollard said. "As much of our society is focused on division, I will ensure that Louisville Seminary will continue to build bridges between people of different religious, social, and cultural perspectives, through teaching and scholarship, and the preparation of persons for lives of faithful witness and public service."

Prior to his eleven years at Howard University, Pollard served as director of Black Church Studies and chair of American Religious Cultures at Emory University, and taught at Wake Forest University and St. Olaf College. He earned degrees from Duke University, Harvard University Divinity School, and Fisk University.

Pollard is the author of *Mysticism and Social Change: The Social Witness of Howard Thurman* (1992); editor of an edition of W.E.B. DuBois's *The Negro Church* (2011); and co-author of *Helpers for a Healing Community: A Pastoral Care Manual for HIV/AIDS* (2006). He has also edited and co-edited several volumes including *How Long This Road: Race, Religion and the Legacy of C. Eric Lincoln* (2003); *The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman Volumes I and II* (2009); and *The Black Church Studies Reader* (2016). He has also written dozens of book chapters, journal articles, and op-eds.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the In Trust Center for Theological Schools and the Advisory Committee for the Luce Fund for Theological Education. He served on the Board of Commissioners for the Association of Theological Schools from 2010-2016 and was chair from 2014-2016. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Pollard and his wife, Jessica, have two adult children and one grandson.

