

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.

Fall Update

In August we welcomed 12 new degree seeking students, with a total of 53 students enrolled in seminary classes. Our Tuesday seminary chapel gatherings continue to be live streamed at 11:00 a.m. on the Seminary Facebook page. We invite you to worship with us.

2022 School for Leadership Training: January 10-13

This year we are collaborating with the Inverse Podcast community to present "Race, Place, and Catastrophe: Becoming Grapevine and Fig Tree Planters in a Time of Crisis" which will be a hybrid in-person and virtual conference. Keynote speakers from around the world include Drew Hart from Harrisburg, PA (co-host of Inverse Podcast), Jarrod Mckenna from Perth, Australia (co-host and founder of Inverse Podcast), and Carol Ng'ang'a from Nairobi, Kenya (Founder of Msingi Trust and Msingi Talks Podcast). It will also include several other in-person and virtual workshops, worship through music, opportunities for group fun and play, and some distinct InVerse way contributions, to our time together. We are looking forward to the new opportunities that this will bring to SLT.

Visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/> for more information

Seminary Options

Consider pursuing seminary studies. We offer a Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies, Master of Divinity, MA in Religion, or MA in Christian Leadership. Scholarships are available for half-time (6SH) and full-time study (12+ SH). Most classes can be joined via Zoom.

Visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/courses/> for more information about spring classes.

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**, seminary admissions, placement & church relations

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