



# MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER

*Martin de Porres Center*

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUMMER - FALL 2013

## ART EXHIBITS

September 3—October 17

**“ELDER TREES:  
MYSTICS AND POETS OF  
THE FOREST”**

Photography by John Holliger



*Fr. Clarence  
Williams,  
C.P.P.S., Ph.D.*

## RECEPTION

Thursday, October 17

7:00-9:00 PM

## PRESENTATION AT 7:30 PM

*“Photography as a Spiritual  
Practice”*



October 28—December 20

**“IMAGES FROM THE  
HOUSE OF OBA”**

Work in various media by  
Columbus artists Aminah Lynn  
Robinson, Ed Colston, Pheoris  
West, Antoinette Savage, Roman  
Johnson, and Sabine Lampe,  
curated by Chief Shongo Obadina  
of the William H. Thomas Gallery,  
1270 Bryden Road.

## RECEPTION

Sunday, November 3

1:00-2:00 PM

CELEBRATION! — CO-SPONSORED BY BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

**TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTER AND  
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES FEAST DAY**

**Keynote by Father Clarence Williams, CPPS, PhD**

Sunday, November 3 | 2:00-4:00 PM

Free will donation will be collected by the Martin de Porres Center's  
Advisory Council. *Please register by November 1.*

On November 3, 2004, the Martin de Porres Center held its first annual celebration of the feast of our patron, St. Martin de Porres, in partnership with Black Catholic Ministries of the Diocese of Columbus. At that time Father Clarence Williams delivered a stirring address entitled, *Martin de Porres: Model of Racial Sobriety*. Ten years later we are celebrating the Center's first decade of service to God's people, happily in continuous partnership with Black Catholic Ministries and happily welcoming Father Williams back to deliver the keynote address—a multimedia presentation on the emerging significance of St. Martin De Porres for ministry in a pluricultural world. Using examples from his life, St. Martin will emerge as an icon of racial and social sobriety. The presentation is directed towards those who, like St. Martin de Porres, seek to build bridges in our church and society to make real the prayer of Jesus, "that they all may be one." (John 11:17) The celebration will be punctuated with song by the Come Sunday Choir and with prayerful movement by the Bakhita Dancers. Sister Margaret Ormond, Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, will speak to

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the Congregation's social justice mission and the Center's role in living out that mission. All this and some surprises, too! Come early to enjoy the opening reception of our art exhibit, "Images from the House of Oba," 1:00-2:00 PM.

**Father Clarence Williams, C.P.P.S., Ph.D.**, is a member of the Cincinnati Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in the United States, currently serving in the Diocese of Columbus as pastor of St. James the Less Parish. Fr. Williams is the Founder of the Institute for Recovery from Racisms in Washington, DC; and the Senior Director of Racial Equality and Diversity in the national office of Catholic Charities USA. He trains facilitators in Racial Sobriety and presents workshops on racial healing and pluricultural ministry in the U.S. and throughout the world. His book, *Racial Sobriety: Becoming the Change You Want to See*, will be available for purchase at the event.

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#### **SEASONAL TREAT**

### **LIFT OUR VOICES, LIFT OUR HEARTS Concert by the Columbus Christian Center Choir**

Sunday, December 8 | 3:00-4:30 PM

Free will donation will be taken.

*Please register by December 6.*

The Columbus Christian Center Choir, under the direction of Vanessa Carter, Motherhouse Administrator, made its Martin de Porres Center debut at the November, 2012 Feast Day celebration, presenting two uplifting hymns that left the audience asking for more. The holiday concert offers the perfect opportunity for "more"—contemporary Christian and traditional Gospel music, along with Christmas selections. Join us for this opportunity to lift our voices in praise, to lift our hearts in love to God among us.

**The Columbus Christian Center**, located at 2300 North Cassady Avenue, is an inter-denominational church founded in 1990 by Dr. David C. Forbes, Jr., with the strategic vision of "increasing lives with the Word of God," to be realized through the mission of "teaching all people to love God, love others and impact the world." We extend our warmest hospitality to our neighbors and express our gratitude for their accepting our invitation.



*Adele  
Sheffieck,  
OPA*



*Nimet Alpay, PhD*



*Gulcin Ozer, PhD*

**INTRODUCTION TO  
CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP  
Presented by Adele Sheffieck, OPA**

Saturday, August 17 | 1:00-5:00 PM  
Suggested donation is \$15.00.  
Please register by August 15.

This workshop, sponsored by Contemplative Outreach Ltd., is a four-hour introduction to a method of silent prayer called Centering Prayer. This form of prayer prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence with us. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Not meant to replace other kinds of prayer, centering prayer adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Those who attend the workshop will be invited to attend five optional follow-up sessions at the Center on these Friday afternoons: September 20, October 18 and 25, and November 15 and 22. Free will donations will be accepted for attendance at the optional sessions.

**Adele Sheffieck**, a commissioned presenter for Contemplative Outreach Ltd., holds a Master's Degree in Religious Studies from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, a member of the planning committee for the Martin de Porres Center's Institute for Maturing Spirituality, and a consultant for Mid-Life Directions, Inc. She has presented workshops in mid-life and long-life planning, nationally and internationally, since 2000.

**INTERFAITH EVENT**

**WOMEN IN ISLAM  
Presented by Nimet Alpay, PhD  
and Gulcin Ozer, PhD**

Tuesday, September 24 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM  
Suggested donation is \$10.00.  
Please register by September 23.

In keeping with the Martin de Porres Center's strategic objective to bring people of different faith traditions into dialogue with one another, we have invited Dr. Nimet Alpay and Dr. Gulcin Ozer, members of the Turkish American Society of Ohio and Niagara Foundation's Women's Club, to offer a presentation on the basic beliefs of Islam and the role of women in Muslim societies. After introducing the basic pillars of Islam and the main principles of its belief system, the presenters will address conventional as well as controversial issues regarding women in Muslim cultures across the world. A brief question and answer session will follow the formal presentation.

**Dr. Nimet Alpay** was born and raised in Ankara, the capital city of Turkey. In 1996, she came to the U.S. to pursue a graduate degree in mathematics, receiving a doctorate from Michigan State University in 2004. While continuing her academic career at Michigan State University and at the University of Detroit Mercy, she rose to leadership in the Turkish American Society of Michigan, organizing many interfaith and intercultural

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Mary  
Fishman

FILM SCREENING

## BAND OF SISTERS

A film by Mary Fishman,  
with her commentary

Thursday, October 3 | 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Suggested donation is \$10.00

Please register by October 1.



In the 2012 film *Band of Sisters*, two nuns advocate for the rights of immigrant detainees and deportees in and around a Chicago-area deportation center. It is 50 years since Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council to revitalize the church, and most Catholic nuns in the U.S. have never looked back. Fascinating scenes of convent life prior to Vatican II contrast with those of nuns in the tumultuous and exciting years after the Council, when sisters became engaged with the great social movements of our day. Adeptly illuminating the path from direct service to social justice to the transformation of consciousness, *Band of Sisters* travels with sisters who continue their mission as organic farmers, environmental attorneys, peace activists, holistic health care practitioners, podcasters, and more. With poignancy, drama and humor, the film fosters well-deserved recognition for its engaging characters and the thousands of sisters like them. In the face of obstacles and threats cast by government agencies, the military, and the hierarchy of their own church, the forward-thinking U.S. nuns are on a mission of love, and it appears that nothing can stop them. A film that shows the sisters as they are, *Band of Sisters* is a deeply moving story of inspiration and hope for people of all faiths.

*Band of Sisters* represents producer/director **Mary Fishman's** filmmaking debut. She attended Catholic elementary and high schools, where sisters were her teachers, but it was during the making of this film that they became her friends — and they're still her teachers. In her previous career Mary was an architect and urban planner. She grew up in Chicago, graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in architecture and French, and practiced architecture in Chicago, in southern California, and in France. While in California she attended UCLA and received a master's degree in urban planning. Returning home, she specialized in historic preservation and zoning for the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development. She left her job to help care for her mother, and began work on *Band of Sisters* in 2004 after taking film courses at Columbia College and at Chicago Filmmakers. Making films is a dream come true for Mary, joining her love of movies with her desire to work for social justice.



Monica  
Weis,  
PhD

**TURNING TOWARD THE PLANET:  
THOMAS MERTON'S ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION**  
Presented by Monica Weis, SSJ, PhD

Tuesday, October 8 | 7:00-9:00 PM  
Suggested donation is \$10.00  
Please register by October 7.

Just as Thomas Merton's famous moment of spiritual insight at 4th and Walnut Streets [in Louisville, KY] taught him he was related to all these people and that they were all "shining like the sun," so too, reading Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* put Merton on a trajectory to discover his obligation to preserve the integrity of nature and to realize that social justice must necessarily include justice for the planet. This ecological talk will build on Merton's love of nature and its influence on his spirituality by focusing on letters and book reviews written during the last three years of his life.

**Dr. Monica Weis**, a Sister of St. Joseph, is professor of English at Nazareth College, Rochester, NY, where she teaches American literature and rhetoric and serves as Director of the college's Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program. A frequent speaker at national/international conferences and past Vice President of the International Thomas Merton Society (ITMS), she has written two books on Merton—*Thomas Merton's Gethsemani: Landscapes of Paradise* (2005) and *The Environmental Vision of Thomas Merton* (2011).

**CONTEMPLATION IN A  
WORLD OF ACTION**  
Presented by  
David Joseph Belcastro, PhD

Third Monday in  
September, October and November  
Begins at 6:00 PM for Meditation in Chapel and  
proceeds to Study in Martin De Porres Center  
from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Open to the public.

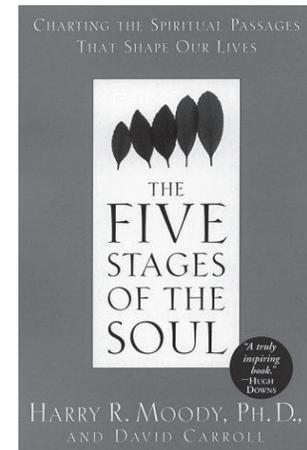
This course of study will focus on the writings of Thomas Merton and related authors. Merton and his friends were concerned about the absence of contemplation in the modern world. They understood the life of prayer as essential to the creation of a good human community and necessary for the redemption of an age defined by technology, plagued with violence, and void of wisdom.

The course is being offered in three series. During the months of May, June and July, the primary text was Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation*. During the months of September, October and November, the focus will shift to *Thoughts in Solitude*. During the months of January, February and March the series will conclude with *No Man Is an Island*. When the readings connect to references in his letters and journals, those texts will be provided as handouts, as well as excerpts from the writings of poets, novelists, and others with whom Merton corresponded regarding contemplation in a world of action.

**Dr. David Joseph Belcastro** is Professor of Religious Studies at Capital University, President of the International Thomas Merton Society, and Co-Editor of *The Merton Annual*.



Harry "Rick"  
Moody, Ph.D.



## THE FIVE STAGES OF THE SOUL Presented by Harry "Rick" Moody, PhD

Thursday, November 14 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Suggested donation is \$10.00  
Please register by November 13.

In the story of Nicodemus (John 3:1-21), we are told that the life of the spirit requires us to be "born again." We will explore this idea through "stages of the soul," where spiritual life can blossom and flourish. In the first stage, identified as the Call ("Is this all there is?"), we turn from the world to respond to something higher, while in the Search stage, there is the effort to find right guidance on the path. Unfolding of the spirit leads to the stage of Struggle, which is an effort to work against what pulls us down and away from what is Higher. The Struggle may yield to moments of Breakthrough, a stage in which we experience the fullness of our goal. The last stage of the soul, the Return, brings us back to everyday life, sharing the fruits of the Spirit in everything we do. These five stages of the soul will be illustrated by dreams, parables, works of art and ideas from contemporary psychology and practice. The webcast version of this presentation, scheduled for 2:00-3:30 PM, will be shorter and will contain fewer illustrations. The evening session will offer an in-depth look at dreams and stories that show the unfolding of the five stages of the soul. The evening session will also include perspectives from thinkers and writers such as Carl Jung, Erik Erikson, Thomas Merton, Richard Rohr, and Reb Zalman Schachter, perspectives to help develop better understanding of spiritual growth in our time.

**Harry R. Moody, Ph.D.**, recently retired as Vice President and Director of Academic Affairs for AARP in Washington, DC. He is currently Visiting Professor at Tohoku University in Japan, and Distinguished Visiting Professor at Fielding Graduate University. Dr. Moody previously served as Executive Director of the Brookdale Center on Aging at Hunter College and Chairman of the Board of Elderhostel (now Road Scholar). Dr. Moody is the author of over 100 scholarly articles, as well as a number of books. His most recent book, *The Five Stages of the Soul*, has been translated into seven languages worldwide. He is the editor of an online newsletter, *Human Values in Aging*. His many honors and awards include the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society on Aging in 2011 and in 2008 he was named by *Utne Reader Magazine* as one of "50 Visionaries Who Are Changing Your World."



## INSTITUTE FOR MATURING SPIRITUALITY Fall Webcasts

The Martin de Porres Center's Institute for Maturing Spirituality introduces its fourth series of webcast programs in the Fall of 2013. The first three series' of four programs each are available for purchase on DVD to faith communities, senior residences and health care centers. Visit the Center's web page for purchasing information: [www.martindeporrescenter.net](http://www.martindeporrescenter.net) or call 614.416.1920.

The four new programs, described on pages 7-10, will be webcast live during the months of September, October and November and will be available by subscription. The public is welcome to attend these programs at the Center for a free will donation.

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*Teresa  
Tuite, OP*



### CONTEMPLATION: A LONG LOVING LOOK ... Presented by Teresa Tuite, OP

Wednesday, September 25 | 2:00-3:30 PM  
Free will donation will be taken.  
Please register by September 24.

In the Book of Genesis we read about the Call of Abraham: "The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.'" In faith, Abram and his wife, Sarai, accepted the call and set out. It was a great leap of faith because they had to "let go" in order to "let come." Leaving what we know in order to journey into the unknown always requires a willingness to take risks. In many ways this is what is happening as we age. We are making (sometimes willingly, sometimes unwillingly) significant shifts in the way of life we have known as we journey into the unknown. As we explore what this journey might mean for us, we will peer through the lens of contemplation—often defined as "a long loving look at what is." During our time together, we will talk about that definition and we will have an opportunity to practice contemplation.

**Sister Teresa Tuite**, a Dominican Sister of Peace, has ministerial experience that includes elementary and junior high school teaching, adult education, hospital chaplaincy and pastoral work. She has used her gift of preaching across the United States as a leader of retreats, days of prayer and reflection, as well as parish missions. Sister Teresa earned a Master's degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University in Chicago and a Doctor of Ministry from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, IL. After serving in many roles in Congregational Leadership, she is now returning to the ministry of a Dominican Itinerant Preacher.



*Nancy  
Gordon,  
MDiv*



**TEN PRACTICES FOR THE  
SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF AGING**  
Presented by Nancy Gordon, MDiv

Thursday, October 17 | 2:00-3:30 PM

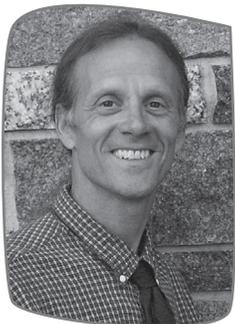
Free will donation will be taken.

Please register by October 16.

In our culture aging is seen as either a glorious opportunity for freedom and expression or as a period of mournfully experiencing losses and debilities. In reality aging is both and the challenge is to live in a way that we experience all parts of aging with humor and grace. This workshop will introduce suggested spiritual practices that can nourish and support us in our aging journey, and that will encourage us to age finding meaning and purpose in our lives while maintaining connections to ourselves, to others, and the wider world.

**Nancy Gordon, M. Div.**, has been director of California Lutheran Homes Center for Spirituality and Aging since 2008. Previously she worked in libraries and historical agencies until attending seminary in mid-life, becoming an ordained pastor, and ultimately working with older adults as director of Growth Opportunities at Friendship Village in Schaumburg, IL. At the Center for Spirituality and Aging she provides educational events and resources on the spiritual journey of aging for those who work with older adults in congregations and residential and health care settings.





Kevin  
Ryan



**THE SPIRITUALITY OF MOVEMENT:  
NEW POSTURES FOR OLD BODIES**  
Presented by Kevin Ryan

Tuesday, October 29 | 2:00-3:30 PM  
Free will donation will be taken.  
Please register by October 28.

One of the greatest challenges of the aging process is accepting, let alone embracing, our bodies' diminishing flexibility and capacities. Oftentimes, these limiting changes can so occupy and frustrate our daily living that they begin to affect even our spiritual well-being. Author and teacher Kevin Ryan invites us to discover a new way of seeing these challenging changes, a perspective that seeks to enhance our spiritual development while honestly facing the truth of our aging. In this offering of "The Spirituality of Movement," designed especially for those faced with physical limitations, Kevin will offer encouraging approaches to seeing our limitations as God's invitation into deepening and strengthening our spiritual as well as our physical development.

**Kevin Ryan** holds a B.A. in English from St. John's University and a Master's degree in Theological Studies from the University of Dayton. After a twenty-eight year career as a teacher of English and Theology and an award-winning coach at Bishop Hartley High School, he now teaches "Spirituality: Holistic Perspectives" at The Ohio State University while he works as a baker in a local family bakery and pizzeria. The author of *Seeing God Everywhere: Living Your Life as a Prayer*, he also engages in retreat work and seminars that focus on spirituality and living life more fully.

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**WOMEN IN ISLAM**

events. In 2009, she was selected a finalist in "The Woman of the Year" event in the Greater Lansing Area for her devotion to improving dialogue and understanding in the community. In August of 2010, she and her family moved to Columbus where she works as the lead faculty of mathematics and statistics at Franklin University. She also serves as Director of the Women's Club at the Turkish American Society of Ohio.

**Dr. Gulcin Ozer** was born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey. She received her B.S. in Computer Engineering from Bogazici University, M.S. in Biophysics from Gaziantep University, and Ph.D. in Bioinformatics from The Ohio State University, where she currently works as a research scientist. Since the summer of 2003, she and her family have lived in Columbus. As a member of the Turkish American Society of Ohio and the Niagara Foundation, she plays an active role in organizing Ladies' Coffee Nights and planning the Niagara Foundation's annual Women's Conference.

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## ONGOING PROGRAMS...

### TURNING LEAVES & TEA LEAVES

Second Wednesday of every month  
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Sessions are free and open to the public.  
This monthly book club is facilitated by Marialein Anzenberger, OP, and Colleen Gallagher, OP.

Join us for lively conversation with others who share your love of reading!

### THOMAS MERTON STUDY GROUP

Third Monday of every month  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Vespers in Motherhouse chapel are followed by discussion of Merton readings, led by Merton scholar David Belcastro, PhD.

### BLUE HERON SANGHA

Every Tuesday  
7:15 PM – 8:45 PM

A mindfulness community in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition. For information, contact Sandy at [scoen@columbus.rr.com](mailto:scoen@columbus.rr.com).



### ADULT LITERACY TUTORING

One-on-one adult literacy tutoring is available at no cost at the Martin de Porres Center, in partnership with the Dominican Learning Center. For information, please call 614.444.7330.

### Also at the Martin de Porres Center...

### WELLSTREAMS WORKSHOPS

Sponsored by the Spirituality Network.

Other enrichment opportunities for spiritual directors and those in the helping professions are listed at [www.wellstreamscolumbus.org](http://www.wellstreamscolumbus.org).

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