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Faculty Panel on "Marriage, Family, and Sexuality"
moderated by Kristen Johnston-Largen, Gettysburg Seminary



Alton Pollard, Howard

Alton B. Pollard, III, is Dean and Professor of Religion and Culture at Howard University School of Divinity. He holds degrees from Fisk University (BA), Harvard University Divinity School (MDiv), and Duke University (PhD). His research and teaching cover a range of issues in religion and culture. He is the author of *Mysticism and Social Change: The Social Witness of Howard Thurman*; co-editor of *How Long This Road: Race, Religion, and the Legacy of Eric Lincoln*; editor of a new edition of *W.E.B. DuBois, The Negro Church*; and is co-editor of *The Black Church Studies Reader* (forthcoming). He is Principal Investigator for the Lilly-funded research project, "Equipping the Saints: Promising Practices in Black Congregational Life."



John Grabowski, CUA

Dr. John Grabowski was educated at University of Steubenville and Marquette University has taught in the areas of marriage, family, and sexual ethics for 24 years at the Catholic University of America. He has published widely in the areas of moral theology, marriage, sexuality, and bioethics, including *Sex and Virtue: An Introduction to Sexual Ethics* (CUA press) and the Foreword to the 1997 English edition of Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. Presently, he serves as a theological consultant for the USCCB's committee on Laity, Marriage, Family, and Youth; on the Pontifical Council for the Family (with his wife Claire Grabowski), and he has been appointed as an expert to the upcoming Synod on Family in Rome.



Sondra Wheeler, Wesley

Dr. Wheeler was educated at Wesleyan University and Yale University. She has been teaching since 1993 at Wesley Theological Seminary, where she is the Martha Ashby Carr Professor of Christian Ethics. In addition, she has taught in Russian and Korea, and she has prepared numerous study materials for adult education. Her written works include, *Wealth as Peril and Obligation: The New Testament on Possessions* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1995), *Stewards of Life: Bioethics and Pastoral Care* (Abingdon, 1996), *The Love We Were Made For* (Jossey Bass 2007), and numerous articles and book chapters in in medical ethics, theological and historical ethics, including a forthcoming work on the ethics of pastoral ministry.



Timothy Sedgwick, VTS

Timothy F. Sedgwick is the Clinton S. Quin Professor of Christian Ethics at Virginia Theological Seminary where he has taught since 1997 and where he served as academic dean from 2008 to 2013. He previously taught at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and has served the Episcopal Church on its committees, councils, and boards, most recently on the Board of the College for Bishops and on the Anglican-Roman Catholic Theological Consultation for the Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. Among his publications are *Sacramental Ethics* (1987), *The Christian Moral Life* (1999), *Preaching What We Practice*, with David Schlafer (2007), and *Sex, Moral Teaching, and the Unity of the Church* (2014).



**Jeffrey Willetts, Leland
(with Kimberly
Eskridge)**

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey G. Willetts, PhD is Professor of Divinity and founding Dean (1998-2014) of The John Leland Center for Theological Studies. He is a graduate of Campbell University, BA; Yale University Divinity School, MAR; and University of Wales, Swansea, PhD. His research interests are in the areas of philosophy of religion and philosophy of language. He is currently the Book Review Editor for the *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*. He serves as Pastor with his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Willetts, of Calvary Hill Baptist Church in Fairfax, VA.

Rev. Kimberly Eskridge is a recent graduate of the John Leland Center and serves as the Pastor to Children and Women at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria. For her Master of Christian Leadership degree, she wrote a project paper on same-sex relationships and the Church, and she will discuss practices of ministry regarding same-sex relationships.

