



Student Board Members and Dr. Golemon 2018-19

## Healthy Boundaries in Ministry: Professional Ethics and Sexuality An Ecumenical and Peer-oriented Approach Saturday, March 2, 2019 with lunch Howard University School of Divinity 2900 Van Ness Avenue NW, in DC (free parking)

Consortium School Presidents and the WTC Student Board invite students of *all Consortium schools* to this day-long workshop with **nationally known** trainers:



## Dr. Kate Ott, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, Drew University and School of Theology

Professor, scholar and trainer with students, youth, and church workers, Dr. Ott is an expert in sexuality, professional ethics, technology, youth and young adults. Her training has reached many schools and communities, including the AME, black Baptist, and mainline congregations. Throughout, she explores issues of gender, race, and power in relation to sexual ethics and misconduct.



## Rev. Dr. Stephen Rossetti, Associate Professor of Practice, Catholic University of America

A Roman Catholic priest author, educator, licensed psychologist, and activist, Msgr. Rossetti is expert on issues of psychological and spiritual wellness for Catholic priests, including a landmark study on these issues. A former Air Force officer, he is now a writer and activist on child safety and sexual abuse in the Church. His training and writings engage dioceses all over the U.S.

From evangelical megachurches to mainline Protestants to the Catholic Church, sexual misconduct by clergy and staff has reached a crisis point. All churches and theological seminaries must ensure that future clergy and religious workers are prepared to head off such abuse and build faith communities of safety and sexual wellbeing.

**In this interactive workshop,** students will explore the serious ecumenical nature of the challenge, develop best practices in healthy boundaries and relationships, and share ecumenical strategies to create safe churches and ministries. This is *not a rehash* of denominational trainings, as the Ecumenical focus and Peer-group learning are unique. Student Board members will serve as group facilitators during the day-long workshop.

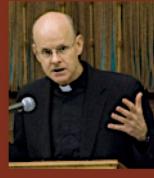
**8:00** am registration to **4:00** pm at Howard University School of Divinity (with lunch, certificate of completion, and a copy of the landmark book, *Professional Sexual Ethics: A Holistic Ministry Approach*). Please RSVP (for meal planning) to <a href="wtc@washtheocon.org">wtc@washtheocon.org</a>

## A Powerful Duo of Expert Trainers Brings this Unique Ecumenical Workshop to Strengthen your Ministry and the Faith Communities you Serve

"Consent is a 'yes' or 'no' related to a sexual behavior [but] it relies on the power to make that decision enforceable, which means you need access to that power.
Otherwise, 'yes' and 'no' is a gamble of luck—one that can have deathdealing consequences."
Kate Ott

A Christian and feminist, **Dr. Kate Ott** is an expert on the formation of moral communities with specializations in technology, youth and young adults, sexuality, pedagogy and professional ethics. Her newest book, Christian Ethics for a Digital Society, was published in December. Kate's other books include Sex + Faith: Talking with Your Child from Birth to Adolescence, two co-edited volumes and dozens of book chapters and articles, including one in Professional Sexual Ethics: a Holistic Ministry Approach. She lectures and leads workshops across North America on technology and sexuality issues that are related to faith formation for teens, young adults and parents and religious educators and professionals. She is an associate professor of Christian social ethics. Visit her web page at: http://kateott.org/

"Jesus said... it's better for a millstone to be thrown around [one's] neck and thrown to the sea rather than harm a child. We have an obligation, straight from Jesus, to protect children. And why is it that we have not been leaders on this front?"



Rev. Stephen Rossetti is a Roman Catholic priest author, educator, licensed, psychologist and expert on psychological and spiritual wellness issues for Catholic priests. He has appeared on such television shows as Meet the Press and Larry King Live. Formerly an Air Force officer, Rossetti went on to serve parishes and to become President and CEO of the Saint Luke Institute for the health of priests and religious for many years. He is now on the faculty at CUA, serves as advisor on child safety and sexual abuse to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is recognized as a national and global leader in this field. His books include Letters to My Brothers: Words of Hope and Challenge for Priests (2013), Why Priests are Happy: A Study of the Psychological and Spiritual Health of Priests, (2011) and Born of the Eucharist: A Spirituality for Priests (2009).

Event details at <a href="https://washtheocon.org/events/">https://washtheocon.org/events/</a> Space is limited

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