

2022 Castañeda-Jennings Lecturer

DR. ASHON CRAWLEY

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Lecture & Award

SPEAKER: ASHON CRAWLEY

Ashon Crawley is a writer, artist and teacher, exploring the intersection of performance, blackness, queerness and spirituality. Associate professor of Religious Studies and African-American and African Studies at the University of Virginia, he is author of *Blackpentecostal Breath: The Aesthetics of Possibility* (Fordham University Press) and *The Lonely Letters* (Duke University Press). He is currently working on a book about black social life; a book about the Hammond B3 organ, the black church, and sexuality; and a short story collection. A MacDowell interdisciplinary arts fellow, and a New City Arts Initiative Fellow, his work has been featured at Second Street Gallery, Welcome Gallery, Bridge Projects and the California African American Museum. All his work is about otherwise possibility.



ABOUT THE LECTURE

The Castañeda-Jennings Lecture & Award was established in 1994 in loving memory of Gilberto Castañeda, the “adopted” son of Dr. Theodore Jennings and Rev. Dr. Ronna Case. Gilberto first met Rev. Case in California, where she worked to develop mission congregations among undocumented workers from Mexico. Gilberto “found the love of God so compelling that he not only became a member but also a leader in the new congregations of young people” that were being established by Rev. Case. In 1994, at the age of 29, before he could fulfill his dream to enter seminary, he died of complications from AIDS.

A gifted theologian and educator, the late Professor Emeritus Theodore Jennings taught for more than 30 years at Chicago Theological Seminary. He was an inspiring and passionate teacher who gave witness to God’s justice and mercy for generations of students. Professor Jennings’s theology was one of radical hospitality and welcoming of others, especially those at society’s margins.

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Introduction.....Dr. W. Scott Haldeman
Associate Professor of Worship

Welcome.....Dr. Marsha Foster Boyd
Interim President

Securing the Castañeda Legacy.....Chad R. Schwickerath
Vice President for Advancemen & Philanthropic Giving

Centering Moment.....Mac Buff
Master of Divinity Student, 2021 Castañeda-Jennings Scholar

Castañeda-Jennings Award Presentation.....Dr. Bo Myung Seo
Professor of Theology & Cultural Criticism

Introduction of Lecturer.....Dr. Ken Stone
Distinguished Service Professor & Professor of Bible, Culture, & Hermeneutics

KEYNOTE LECTURE

DR. ASHON CRAWLEY

“GHOSTS, MUSIC: BLACK GOSPEL, THE FEAR OF
QUEERNESS, AND HIV/AIDS 1980-2005”

Conversation and Q&A.....moderated by Scott Haldeman

Closing Remarks.....Scott Haldeman



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