



Clergy Leadership Program

of Central Pennsylvania

SEMINAR THREE: Health Care in Central Pennsylvania

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Seminar Coordinator

Jennifer Thomson is associate professor of biopsychology at Messiah College. Her teaching and research interests include the biological basis of behavior, drug and alcohol addiction, sensation and perception, and the relationship between stress and health. Jen has a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Brief Bios of Presenters

Matt Gallardo is director of community engagement and coaching at Messiah Lifeways. With two decades of experience at hospitals, rehab centers, and senior housing projects as a counselor, advocate, and guide for older adults. Matt has a broad vision of issues related to aging and the well-being of seniors.

Jon Gamble is the program director of Gaudenzia Common Ground, an addiction treatment and recovery center. Jon has been working in the substance abuse and mental health field for the past 18 years, serving in various capacities with diverse populations.

Pam Gay was sworn into office as York County Coroner in January 2014. A registered nurse and forensic specialist, Pam is committed to helping survivors of loss and to educating the community regarding health trends, preventative health care, and suicide and substance abuse prevention.

Marcelle Giovannetti is a counselor at the Engle Center for Counseling and Health Services at Messiah College with previous work experience in clinical mental health and substance use disorders. Marcelle is a board certified Drug & Alcohol Counselor (CADC) and a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC).

Glenn Heisey serves as Senior Vice President of Strategy & Business Operations at Capital Blue Cross, where he oversees the Strategy and Planning Team. Before joining Capital Blue Cross in 1994 he was a lawyer with McNees, Wallace & Nurick in Harrisburg. He currently chairs the Messiah Lifeways board.

Frances Lavender is the former program coordinator for The RASE (Recovery, Advocacy, Service, Empowerment) Project and is also a certified recovery specialist. She provides Life Skills and Recovery 101 classes for various community groups. She is an ordained elder with Reclaim the Streets Church International.

Emerson Leshner is the past president of Messiah Village (now Messiah Lifeways). A graduate of Messiah College, he earned degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary and Saybrook Graduate School (on the psychology of aging). After serving 18 years as CEO, he now consults with health systems worldwide.

Kristy Trout is a social worker at Messiah Lifeways for the Wagner Neighborhood, the sub-acute rehabilitation unit of the organization. At Messiah Lifeways since 2014, Kristy emphasizes the importance of self-determination through all the stages of life and especially for seniors.