



# Clergy Leadership Program

of Central Pennsylvania

## Seminar 5: The Arts

Monday, 22 October 2018

### Seminar Coordinator

**Brent Good, M.F.A.** is associate professor of art and chair of the department of art and design at Messiah College. Brent has been working for years in the mediums of printmaking and painting and his work has been exhibited both nationally and internationally. In early 2018 Brent completed a commissioned eight-foot painting for the Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship church, and in June traveled to China to participate in the Nagel Institute seminar "Matter & Spirit," a two week collaboration with North American and Chinese artists.

### Presenters

**Daniel Finch** is professor of art at Messiah College. The son of a sculptor, Finch earned his MFA in painting and drawing from the University of Georgia in Athens. He has exhibited extensively across the country as well as internationally. His mural, "Lady Commonwealth," is featured on the Calder Street-side of the Susquehanna Art Museum. He also painted "Lemoyne Passage," a 5,150-square foot mural commemorating the Borough of Lemoyne's bicentennial.

**Beth Hager** is Director of the State Museum of Pennsylvania. Hager has more than 30 years of museum-related experience and has held various leadership positions with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, including development, exhibitions, education, and outreach. As the Museum's former Chief of Education and Outreach, Hager established the Museum's Learn at Lunchtime series, the National Geographic Giant Map exhibit, the student docent program, and StoryTime at Curiosity Connection. Prior to coming to the commission, Hager was an executive producer for WITF-TV.

**Amy Hammond**, curator at the State Museum of Pennsylvania, holds an MA in art history from American University. While interning at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden of the Smithsonian Institution Amy worked extensively with the Isamu Noguchi: Master Sculptor Exhibition and Catalogue. She's been in her current role since 2014.

**Stephen Vernak** is the priest at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Harrisburg. After several years of work related to senior housing, he attended St. Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary for training in ministry. Fr. Vernak helped start the Agia Sophia Coffeehouse and Bookstore in Harrisburg, which subsequently became a source of support for other non-profits in the neighborhood. Fr. Vernak was a member of the inaugural cohort of the Clergy Leadership Program. His church is home to beautiful iconography.