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- **To promote peace and conflict studies** (PACS) and to oversee the PACS program at Messiah University, especially the peace and conflict studies major and minor in the Messiah University curriculum

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PROGRAM IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Morning Chapel

Tuesday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Parmer Hall, High Center, Messiah University

This chapel is for Messiah University students, but the general public is welcome to attend.

Peacefully Resolving Conflict in Our Polarized Society

Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Frey 110 (Alexander Auditorium), Messiah University

It's no secret that our society is experiencing heightened polarization. In this challenging context, peacefully navigating difficult conversations and seeking nonviolent solutions to conflict is vitally important—especially in our churches. In this lecture, Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz and Jim S. Amstutz will draw on their experiences in conflict resolution, pastoral ministry, social work and more to offer assistance to pastors and laypeople seeking resources for this necessary work. The lecture will mix the theoretical with the practical, with the goal of equipping attendees to be agents of reconciliation in our polarized congregations, homes, schools and workplaces.

This lecture is open to the Messiah University community and the general public. No tickets are required.

NOTE: Due to budget changes, there will be no Sider Institute annual banquet this year.

ABOUT THE 2024 SCHRAG/PEACE LECTURERS



Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz is the denominational minister for peace and justice for Mennonite Church USA and was previously the coordinator of Mennonite Central Committee's restorative justice program for over 25 years.

She has provided training and technical assistance to restorative justice programs across the globe. She co-taught the restorative justice course at Eastern Mennonite University's Summer Peacebuilding Institute for almost 20 years. She has co-authored "The Little Book of Restorative Discipline for Schools" (Good Books, 2005) and "What Will Happen to Me?" (Good Books, 2011) and has authored "The Little Book of Victim Offender Conferencing" (Good Books, 2009).

Jim S. Amstutz teaches Bible and is an assistant soccer coach at Lancaster Mennonite High School, following 25 years of pastoral ministry and seven years with Mennonite Central Committee. He is the author of "Threatened with Resurrection: Self-Preservation and Christ's Way of Peace" (Herald Press, 2002) and numerous articles/chapters on peacebuilding, Appreciative Inquiry and missional church.

Together, they co-teach the PACS 201: Basic Conflict Mediation course at Messiah University. They have three adult children, four grandchildren and are members of Blossom Hill Mennonite Church in Lancaster.

PREVIOUS SCHRAG LECTURERS

2023 Richard T. Hughes	2011 Ronald J. Sider
2022 Marie Mutsuki Mockett	2010 Nathan Emerson Yoder
2021 Virtual Anabaptist Book Festival	2009 June Alliman Yoder
2020 Meghan Larissa Good	2008 Martin Mittelstadt
2019 Donald B. Kraybill	2007 Barry L. Callen
2018 Duane C. S. Stoltzfus	2006 Keith A. Graber Miller
2017 Greg Boyd	2005 Ben C. Ollenburger
2016 Molly Worthen	2004 Susan L. Biesecker-Mast
2015 J. Nelson Kraybill	2003 Nancy R. Heisey
2014 David R. Swartz	2002 Tom Yoder Neufeld
2013 David W. Shenk	2001 Alan and Eleanor Kreider
2012 James Forbes	2000 Myron S. Augsburg
	1999 John D. Roth

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The Schrag Lectures are named to honor Martin Schrag (1919–2002), professor emeritus of church history at Messiah University, and his wife Dorothy Schrag (1918–2017), assistant professor emerita of music. Both were also active in the Brethren in Christ Church.

Martin was an outstanding scholar of Anabaptist history and theology. His best-known publication was "The European History (1525-1874) of the Swiss Mennonites from Volhynia" (1974), in which he traced his ancestors' journey from Switzerland to Russia and then to the United States. With co-author John K. Stoner, he also wrote "The Ministry of Reconciliation" (1973). His last book, "Christian Leshar: Nineteenth-Century Brethren in Christ Bishop" (2003), was in press at the time of his passing. Martin's biography is one of three that is featured in "Embracing Scholarship, Piety and Obedience" (2009), published by the Brethren in Christ Historical Society.