Schedule

FRIDAY
6:00 pm  Lecture I:
**Epistemology Over Ontology:**
How Whiteheadian Metaphysics Revolutionizes Constructive Black Theology
7:30 pm  Reception & Book Signing

SATURDAY
8:30 am  Breakfast
10:00 am Lecture II:
**Monday Through Friday Faith:**
How Process Theology Restored My Faith

ONLINE REGISTRATION:  esr.earlham.edu/WL2018

Please RSVP

The lectures are free and open to the public, and your RSVP is greatly appreciated.

**RSVP is required** if you are joining us for the complimentary breakfast on Saturday.

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Willson Lectures & Trueblood Symposium
Process Theology

April 6-7, 2018
Richmond, Indiana

Featuring: Monica Coleman
Lecture I —
*Epistemology Over Ontology: How Whiteheadian Metaphysics Revolutionizes Constructive Black Theology*

Classical black theologies focus on a notion of ontological blackness that describes God and Jesus as black. The divine is “black” in its alignment with and resistance to black suffering. This lecture will look at how Whiteheadian notions of subjective immortality offer a non-Kantian epistemology. Such an epistemological emphasis both revolutionizes classical theological loci and lifts up new core categories for constructive black theologies.

Lecture II —
*Monday Through Friday Faith: How Process Theology Restored My Faith*

Many Christians maintain a Newtonian understanding of God and the world on Sundays, while living in a quantum universe during the week. I’ll discuss how process theological insights on divine incarnation, suffering and evil offer a faith that resonates with contemporary experiences in the world.

**Monica Coleman** is Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religions at Claremont School of Theology in southern California. There she also serves as a Co-Director the Center for Process Studies and Director of Process and Faith. Coleman has earned degrees from Harvard University, Vanderbilt University and Claremont Graduate University. She has received funding from leading foundations in the United States, including the Ford Foundation, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation, among others.

Answering her call to ministry at 19 years of age, Coleman is an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She brings her experiences in evangelical Christianity, black church traditions, global ecumenical work, and indigenous spirituality to her discussions of theology and religion.