

Leadership as Justice
Academy of Religious Leadership Annual Conference
April 24-26, 2025
Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, USA and Online
(All times Mountain. Schedule subject to change.)

All conference events will be held in the Great Hall, directly to the right of the entrance and down the hall.

Thursday, 24 April

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Conference Registration and Reception

(Online Welcome Reception to occur concurrently)

Friday, 25 April

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Light breakfast and conversation

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome, Introductions, and President’s Address

Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi

10:00a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break (snacks provided)

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Presentation 1

“Let Us Govern Around the Kitchen Table: An Indigenous Feminist Model for Religious Leadership” – Dr. Lisa Ann Dellinger and Dr. Anne Carter Walker

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (on your own near Iliff)
JRL Editorial Board luncheon (at Iliff)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Presentation 2

“Impact of Leaders’ Racial-Ethnic-Cultural Identity Development on Capacity for Just Action: Impediment or Bridge?” – Dr. Susan L. Maros

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presentation 3

“¡Sí Se Puede! Utilizing Organizational Religious Leadership to Create Social Change in Migrant Communities” – Jocelyn Brown and Rev. Dr. Zachary Wooten

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break (snacks provided)

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Panel Presentations (30 min each)

“Un-Suturing Reflexive Whiteness: How Whiteness Operates and How to Dismantle It in Racial Justice Movements” – Dr. Rebecca M. David Hensley

“Reclaiming Leadership as Justice: Female Pastors Navigating Gender Normativity in the Korean Church” – Eunjin Jeon and Byung Ho Choi
“Mainline Whiteness and Survival Questions: Strategies for Tricky Intersections” – Rev. Kerri Parker

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Table Responses to Presentations (20 min at each table then rotate)**

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Reflecting in Community**

6:00 p.m. Dinner (included in conference registration)

Saturday, 26 April

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Light breakfast and conversation

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **A Year of Invitational Listening and Contemplating the Future of ARL: Presentation and Conversations**

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Conference Wrap-Up**

10:45 a.m. – 11 a.m. Break

11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **ARL Business Meeting**