

REV. PROFESSOR ELIZABETH HINSON-HASTY is Chair and Professor, Department of Theology, Director, Peace Studies Minor, Co-Advisor, Women and Gender Studies Minor, Bellarmine University, Louisville. She is also President-elect of the Faculty Council and a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Professor Hinson-Hasty is the author of several books, including *The Problem of Wealth: A Christian Response to a Culture of Affluence* (Orbis, New York, 2017), *Dorothy Day for Armchair Theologians* (Presbyterian Publishing House, Louisville, 2014) and *Beyond the Social Maze: Exploring the Theological Ethics of Vida Dutton Scudder* (T & T Clark, New York, 2006). She has co-edited two books, *Prayers for the New Social Awakening*, with Christian Iosso (Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, 2008), and *To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians* with Rebecca Todd Peters (Westminster John Knox Press, 2008). Her most recent book project was supported by a Louisville Institute grant and is entitled *Dutiful Love and Mental Health: Weaving a Social Fabric of Empowerment for Individuals and Families Affected by Serious Mental Illness* (forthcoming from Fortress Press, Minneapolis, in Fall 2021).

Much of Professor Hinson-Hasty's work in the local community and on national and international levels is driven by ecumenical and interfaith commitments. She is frequently called upon to lecture, preach, and speak on a variety of issues related to faith and public life and contributes to social justice work through denominational, ecumenical, and interfaith organizations. From 2010-2014 she was as a research consultant for the World Council of Churches' North American Regional Forum and Hearings on Poverty, Wealth, and Ecology. Her recent work focuses on the root causes of poverty, systemic solutions to solve the problems of poverty, policy solutions for wealth inequalities, and the intersections between theology, social inequalities, and mental health.

She has been recognized with several awards: Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers (2019-2020 academic year), Catholic Press Association 2018 first place award for a book related to Catholic Social Teaching, Award of Excellence for a Bible Resource from the Associated Church Press for *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians* - the 2014-2015 Horizons Bible Study (2015), Fulbright Scholarship (Hungary, 2010), the Wilson Wyatt Faculty Fellowship for excellence in teaching and scholarship (2010), and a Kentuckiana Metroversity Award for Instructional Development for her course on *Theology from the Margins* (2008).

Professor Hinson-Hasty has been a core member of *The Salaam Network* set up in 2016 as an interfaith education group committed to countering Islamophobia and other manifestations of bigotry, hatred and mistrust in Louisville, and also disseminating accurate information about the three Abrahamic traditions as well as significant contemporary issues. She made a presentation on "The Moral Imperative of Interfaith Literacy for the Sake of the Commons" in a panel-presentation on "*Teaching Religion in Public Schools: Addressing Recent Changes in Kentucky*," held at the University of Louisville (March 2017). She was also a presenter in a workshop on "*Challenges for Women: Enduring Wisdom from the Native American, Jewish, Christian and Islamic Traditions*," held at St. Agnes Church, Louisville (October 2017). At this event she spoke on "'Unable to Fall Silent' - Remembering Women's Voices from the 16th century Protestant Reformation."

Aside from participating in the programs of *The Salaam Network* herself, Professor Hinson-Hasty also invited its scholars to address two of her classes at Bellarmine University. The first class called “Ultimate Questions” featured Professor Brad Bowman, Dr. Saleem Seyal, and Professor John McLeod (February 2017). In the second class called “Introduction to Women and Gender Studies,” she invited Professor Marcia Segal, Johanna Wijk-Bos, and Professor Riffat Hassan, to speak on women from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim perspectives respectively, and also to participate in a public panel-presentation on “*Crucial Contemporary Issues for Women in the three Abrahamic Traditions,*” held at Bellarmine University (September 2017).

Professor Hinson-Hasty who is a brilliant academic as well as a dedicated social justice advocate is a valued member of *The Salaam Network*.