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NEWSLETTER



Message from Dean Harden – Advancing the Vision of Shaw Divinity

This Month, our focus at Shaw University Divinity has been on advancing our vision through growth, innovation, and the development of our students. By strengthening programs, fostering collaboration, and embracing new opportunities, we continue to expand our institutional impact while equipping our students to lead with faith, integrity, and purpose.

As we move forward, I encourage our community to remain committed to leadership, faith, and a forward-thinking approach that positions Shaw Divinity for continued excellence and meaningful influence.

— Dean Mark Harden



Shaw Divinity at the GBSCNC State Congress of Christian Education

ONE DAY SESSION

Shaw University Divinity proudly joined the GBSCNC State Congress of Christian Education One-Day Session, showcasing our unwavering commitment to faith, transformative leadership, and academic excellence. Our participation highlighted the vital role of theological education in shaping the next generation of Christian leaders.

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Our faculty led impactful sessions that engaged attendees in thoughtful dialogue and spiritual growth:

- Dr. Madeline McClenney Roseboro (left)– Presented “Power and the Abusing of It,” exploring the responsible use of authority within ministry and the ethical implications of leadership.
- Dr. Seth Klayman (middle) – Led a session on “The Teaching of Proverbs (Proverbs 27:2),” emphasizing the wisdom found in scripture and its application to personal and community life.
- Dr. Annie Tinsley (right)– Guided participants through “Jesus and The Gospel (Luke 1:1-4),” providing insights into the foundational messages of the Gospel and their relevance for modern ministry.



Following his session, Dr. Seth Klayman and Rev. Smalls delve deeper into the teaching of Proverbs, exploring its relevance and practical application in ministry and leadership today.

Faith Continued -

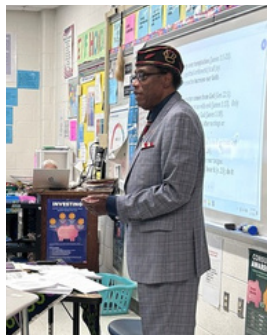


We are deeply grateful to the GBSCNC State Congress of Christian Education for the opportunity to partner and serve alongside such a dedicated community of faith leaders. This event provided a meaningful platform for Shaw Divinity to engage, inspire, and connect with attendees, creating a lasting impact on both our faculty and those we served. Through these sessions, we strengthened our outreach, expanded our influence, and demonstrated the transformative power of divinity education in equipping leaders for effective ministry and meaningful community service.



Dr. Annie Tinsley,
Assistant Dean
(pictured above),
sharing powerful
insights during her
mini-session on Jesus
and the Gospel.

Dr. Lafayette Maxwell,
Adjunct Professor
(pictured below),
delivering insightful
instruction on The
Survey of James.



Dr. Madeline
McClenney Roseboro
Associate Professor of
Religion, (pictured
above) gave her
group difference case
studies for open
discussion.

Dr. Seth Klayman,
Assistant Professor of
Biblical Studies and
Student Services
Coordinator (pictured
below), actively engaging
with attendees while
leading a dynamic
teaching session on the
Book of Proverbs.



Save the Date

2026 Shaw University Divinity School Ministers Conference

Dates: April 15–17, 2026

Get ready to be inspired, renewed, and connected! The 2026 Shaw University Divinity School Ministers Conference offers a dynamic opportunity to experience the full Shaw Divinity journey—bringing together fellowship, spiritual renewal, and leadership development in one transformative gathering.

Join ministers, pastors, educators, and community leaders from across the nation for engaging dialogue, uplifting worship, and impactful experiences designed to equip and empower you for greater effectiveness in both ministry and community leadership.

Why Attend:

- Deepen your spiritual journey through meaningful worship, reflection, and renewal
- Build lasting connections with fellow pastors, ministers, and faith leaders
- Engage in dynamic leadership development workshops and interactive sessions
- Celebrate and advance the shared mission and vision of Shaw University Divinity School

Plan ahead and mark your calendars! This is more than a conference—it is a sacred gathering designed to inspire, equip, and energize ministry leaders for impactful service. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a transformative experience that will strengthen your calling and expand your reach.

Stay tuned for exciting announcements regarding featured speakers, session schedules, registration details, and sponsorship opportunities.

We look forward to welcoming you!

2026 Ministers Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

Partner with Shaw University Divinity School to make the 2026 Ministers Conference a transformative experience for ministers, pastors, educators, and community leaders. Sponsorship provides a unique opportunity to increase visibility, demonstrate your support for theological education, and connect with a network of faith leaders dedicated to advancing spiritual growth and community impact.

Booth-Only Exhibitor — \$250

Table placement in Networking Room
Recognition listing in conference program

Bronze Partner — \$500

Exhibitor booth
Logo placement on signage and in conference program

Silver Partner — \$1,250

All Bronze benefits
Five-minute speaking opportunity
Social media recognition

Gold Partner — \$2,500

All Silver benefits
Ten-minute speaking opportunity
Recognition in conference press release

Presenting Sponsor (Exclusive) — \$5,000+

All Gold benefits
Top-tier recognition across all conference platforms
Verbal acknowledgment during conference programming
One exclusive sponsorship opportunity available

Interested in becoming a Sponsor?

**For more information or to secure your sponsorship, please contact:
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Join us in making the 2026 Ministers Conference a powerful experience of connection, visibility, and impact. Together, we can advance ministry, inspire leaders, and strengthen our faith community.

Upcoming SUDS Events & Announcements

1. JOHN MENDEZ SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP [APPLY NOW](#)

The **John Mendez Divinity School Scholarship** is established by Emmanuel Baptist Church to provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in the Divinity School Master's Program and to honor Dr. John Mendez, former pastor and Shaw University alumni. Dr. Elva J. Jones, Scholarship Ministry Chairperson
336-655-1053 / jones.elvajohnson@gmail.com

2. William G. and Margaret B. Frasier Scholarship [APPLY NOW](#)

Applications will be accepted starting on **December 11, 2025** and ending on **February 16, 2026**. If you have questions, please call Deanna Nilsson at 864-268-3363 (Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Eastern Time) or send an email to admin@csascholars.org.

3. Shaw University Divinity school Annual Ministers Conference 2026

The **Shaw University Divinity school Annual Ministers Conference 2026** is more than an event—it's a time of reunion, renewal, and recommitment to the mission of ministry. We invite you to join us as we gather for learning, worship, and collaboration, all in the spirit of advancing the work of Christ. **Stay tuned:** registration details, speaker announcements, and full conference information will be released in the coming weeks. We cannot wait to welcome you. **April 15-17, 2026.**



Faith in Action – February at Shaw University Divinity School

This February, we celebrate Faith in Action at Shaw University Divinity School! Our students are living out their calling by mentoring youth, distributing critical resources, advocating for justice, and partnering with churches to meet real community needs. Their faith isn't just taught—it's lived. Through hands-on ministry and service, they are moving communities forward and creating lasting impact.

Be Part of the Story!

Your support helps shape the next generation of faith-driven leaders—pastors, chaplains, and community advocates—who transform belief into meaningful action. When you give, you invest in students who serve, lead, and inspire change.



Who's ready to support the next wave of change-makers?

Your gift today changes lives tomorrow.

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