



Join us for Spring Convocation 2021 and the Inauguration Service of Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause!

This year's Spring Convocation will be held virtually, April 5-9, 2021. The event is themed, "*This is What Theology Looks Like-Public Ministries of Resilience and Solidarity*," and includes an entire week of online forums, worship and gatherings. Dr. Krause will be inaugurated as the 14th President of Eden at a special online, live service to be held April 6th at 5:30 pm CDT. We hope you will join us for any or all of the Zoom webinar events as we celebrate Eden Theological Seminary in the Progressive Christian Movement!

Your invitation to the Inauguration of Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause as the 14th President of Eden Seminary awaits your acceptance. We hope you will join us for this online, live worship service with guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Valerie Bridgeman, on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. [Click here for details and registration.](#)

Eden Alumni Virtual Social Gatherings are scheduled throughout the week of Spring Convocation. Opportunities to gather with your classmates and colleagues occur every evening from 7:00-8:30 pm CDT, beginning April 5th.

Whether you graduated from Eden prior to 1971 or just last year, you will find a gathering created especially for you. [Click here for the complete schedule of events and to register.](#)

Join us for other special sessions and events during Convocation week.

[Register now for a Zoom webinar link](#) to the events of your choice.

Preaching events, worship, and sessions on topics of interfaith collegiality, solidarity among followers of Jesus, and congregational purpose are just some of highlighted themes and opportunities for engaging with the Eden community April 5th -April 9th.

The "*I AM Eden*" video series continues this week, and highlights the work and stories of faculty, staff and alumni. [Listen as Dr. Krause talks with](#)

[Eden's Rev. Dr. Damayanthi Niles.](#) Dr. Niles is Eden Seminary's interim Academic Dean and Professor of Constructive Theology. Dr. Niles is the author of "*Doing Theology with Humility, Generosity and Wonder: A Christian Theology of Pluralism.*" You will be inspired by this interview, which is a wonderful collection of Dr. Niles' theology and pedagogy as a theological educator at Eden.

"*This Week in Eden History*," presented by the [Archives at Eden](#), spotlights Eden students who joined a civil rights demonstration in Alabama. On March 7, 1965, a day known as "Bloody Sunday," 600 unarmed individuals were attacked as they began marching from Selma to Montgomery. On March 8, 1965, the Eden community met to discuss how it might respond. [Ready the full story here.](#)

In a related *I Am Eden* video, Liaison for Webster Eden Libraries, Bob Scheef, discusses his own family's experience with the Selma event. [Listen to the interview here](#) as Bob's "Eden statements," "*I am rooted, I am Growing, I am Eden*," come to life while he reflects on coming full circle to Eden.

And, don't miss Eden graduate, Rev. Dr. Lloyd Hunter's "*I Am Eden*" video.

Rev. Hunter talks with Vice President, Mary Schaller Blaufuss, about his

experience at Eden in the mid-60's, and how that experience helped form his congregational leadership for his first church in Little Rock, Arkansas. [Click here to listen now.](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you at Spring Convocation!

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