

## WORKSHOPS 1

### **Intimacy Disrupted: The Relational Impact of Pornography on Men and Women**

with Steve & Celestia Tracy, room #113

Pornography has become so available and socially acceptable that it is dramatically shaping our understandings of gender and sexuality. In this workshop we will argue that pornography is the most destructive weapon Satan is using in our generation to destroy relational intimacy and damage healthy sexuality. We will look at some of the gender specific effects of pornography on men and women and will utilize small group and large group interaction to better understand and respond to the challenges created by pornography.

### **What Does it Mean to be a Man or a Woman?**

with Brad Harper & Domani Pothen, room #115

This workshop will explore questions such as: Does the Bible really define masculinity and femininity? Are evangelical definitions biblical, or more a product of social constructs? And why does it matter?

### **Gender Identity and the Trinity**

with Katie Langner, room #114

According to the nature of gender identity in light of the Trinity, to view and treat women as commodities is a grievous wrong and expressly goes against the desire that God as a relational Trinity has for His created beings. This workshop will seek to develop a brief Trinitarian understanding of gender identity and then delineate the implications for gender identity within the framework of consumerism.

## WORKSHOPS 2

### **Healthy Male/Female Relationships: A Trinitarian Corrective**

with Steve & Celestia Tracy, room #113

The creation account makes it clear that God made men and women as spiritual equals to jointly rule creation and serve God. While Christians give verbal affirmation to the truth of gender equality, this is not consistently experienced by many women in the evangelical church. Based on Paul's statement in 1 Cor. 11:3, we will argue that one of the most helpful correctives to unhealthy gender practices is the Father/Son relationship. We will look specifically at how the Father relates to the Son and apply that to how men should relate to women. This workshop will not seek to argue for a specific gender role model but will seek to articulate and discuss theological principles on which evangelicals should be able to agree.

### **Seminary Climate: Still Chilly for Female M.Div. Students?**

with Val Clemen, room #114

Issues surrounding female participation in graduate theological education are complex and multifaceted. This workshop will reflect on the lived experience of a small group of female M.Div. students in a conservative evangelical seminary. The results of this study provide valuable insights into the unique challenges for these female M.Div. students; thus providing an opportunity to expand understanding on how to foster a more equitable learning environment for all students.

### **Outside the Box: when "boy" or "girl" doesn't fit**

panel: Wink Chin, Brad Harper, Elizabeth List, Tom Schiave, Beyth Hogue Greenetz, room #115

This panel will explore the stories of individuals who do not feel represented by American gender norms and social constructions. Panelists will speak to the reality of these experiences, raising awareness about the complexities these individuals face. They will also address how the church can engage these people meaningfully and how to lead a congregation in creating a safe community for these individuals to express their identity in Christ.