



News from the Hill

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Dear alumni/ae and friends of Andover Newton,

I am pleased to share with you a report on news and events in this March 2025 edition of News from the Hill. We have three stories to share with you, beginning with Lillian Steinmayer's Senior Sermon that blended science and faith to teach us about how "God's demands of humility, equity, justice, and care are also requirements of the scientific method."

As we honor the conclusion of one student's journey, Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School celebrated the beginning of a new class on March 24th by welcoming newly admitted students to campus. In response to a record number of applicants this year, Founding Dean Sarah Drummond shared that "Andover Newton's presence at YDS is both a special selling point, and a difficult one to describe in sound bites. Therefore, these visits are essential so students can come to understand what is special about being part of a seminary for ministry formation within a divinity school that provides theological foundations. We have the best of both worlds to offer them."

One of those selling points was the feature of our faculty and program spotlight on Rev. Joanne Jennings and Andover Newton's Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) preparation course. The innovative course has been opening new doors for pastoral care education at Yale Divinity School just as CPE itself did when first introduced in the 1930s. Our history is important to us, which is a great reminder that you can still join us on April 10th to celebrate the Newton Theological Institution Bicentennial.

Planned festivities include the annual Bauer-Broholm Lecture featuring [Gina Jacobs-Strain](#), General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA; the opening of the Newton Bicentennial Archive Exhibit; and a celebratory dinner and hymn-sing. As reminder, the event is free of charge, but this is the final call on registrations. Please register [here](#) today!

For more information on these stories and events, please visit the included links below. Did you miss February's newsletter? If so, please see our [news feed](#) where each month's newsletter will be archived going forward. In closing, if you have a story to share, concern to voice, or update to give, then please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you so much for your support and consideration of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School.

With gratitude,
David

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News



[Rev. Joanne Browne Jennings and the Importance of Clinical Pastoral Education](#)

“When you open a door not just for yourself, but other people get a chance to walk through the door, I think that’s a good thing.” – Rev. Joanne Browne Jennings on the..



[Andover Newton Seminary at YDS Welcomes Admitted Students](#)

On March 24th, Andover Newton Seminary at YDS welcomed admitted students to campus. Founding Dean, Sarah Drummond, facilitated one panel on the different professional...



[Lillian Steinmayer Senior Sermon](#)

Andover Newton Seminary at YDS celebrated the Senior Sermon of Lillian Steinmayer, a third-year M.Div. student affiliated with Andover Newton Seminary and the United Church...

Events

[Newton Theological Institution Bicentennial](#)

April 10 - Please join Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School for a special day celebrating the bicentennial of Newton Theological Institution.

[Renew, Restore, and Explore Day 2025](#)

May 1 - Scheduled purposefully after Easter, this retreat offers a space for renewal—an opportunity to refill your “spiritual bucket” while connecting with

fellow alums. We invite you to join us for a day of fresh perspectives, deep reflection, and vibrant community.

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