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## **PITTSBURGH PASTORAL INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES SPEAKER'S BUREAU**

**Pittsburgh, PA November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – Under the direction of new Executive Director, Patricia B. Campbell, MA, CRC, LPC, the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute began a journey back to the roots of the organization and assembled a team of professionals to collaborate on providing professional training. The “Events and Training” team, led by Therapist and Training Program Manager Rachel Kornfield Becker, MSW, LSW, designed a strategy to implement a new series of seminar offerings by creating a Speaker’s Bureau. Since the mission statement of the organization is to bring together the resources of faith and the behavioral sciences, the Bureau’s seminar content focuses on spiritually integrated psychotherapy. It is no surprise that Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute, soon to celebrate 55 years as a counseling and education center, would be able to provide a well-seasoned and reputable collection of speakers across many religious backgrounds.

*I have been privileged to work at the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute, often in a leadership role, for the past 25 years. During that time, our mission has included offering spiritually-integrated professional training and education to the mental-health community. I am proud of the team of educators and speakers that we currently have available in that regard. My own expertise in the Psychology of Religion includes two continuing-education seminars of ten hours each: “Existential and Psychodynamic Dimension of the Psychology of Religion” and “Therapeutic Dimensions of the Psychology of Religion”*  
– Randall Hoedeman Ph.D., LPC, LMFT

There are seven professional clinicians in this year’s Speaker’s Bureau, all of which share excitement and interest in teaching other professionals. Areas of focus will be on Introduction to Spiritually Integrated Therapy, Domestic Abuse, Trauma, Art Therapy, Addiction, and Psychology of Religion. Each seminar will be presented in five sessions of 2 hours each at different times and locations to be announced around the Pittsburgh Area.

*I am so excited about the unique contribution that the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute Speaker’s Bureau will bring to behavioral health education in Allegheny County. Currently, there is limited education available to clinicians in how to effectively and sensitively incorporate spirituality into their work. I believe that these seminars will significantly enrich clinicians’ ability to provide holistic care to their clients.*  
– Rachel Kornfield Becker, Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute Training Program Manager

About the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute:

Serving greater Pittsburgh since 1964, the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute exists to enhance the health of individuals, families, and communities through an interfaith ministry of counseling and education that integrates the resources of faith and the behavioral sciences. Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute builds on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families, and communities to improve the health, wellness, and quality of life of all those whom it serves.

To learn more about the new seminar offerings, please visit [www.pittsburghpastoralinstitute.org](http://www.pittsburghpastoralinstitute.org)

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