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eNewsletter of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual

WATER's Feminist Conversations in Religion Series Presents

In Search of Healing: Confronting Rape Culture and Spiritual Violence

An hour-long teleconference with
Gina Messina-Dysert

April 24, 2013
1 pm - 2 pm EDT

[Gina Messina-Dysert, Ph.D.](#), will begin her new appointment as Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at Ursuline College this July and is currently serving as Visiting Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics at [Loyola Marymount University](#) and Director of [The Center for Women's Interdisciplinary Research and Education](#) at [Claremont Graduate University](#).

She is also Co-founder and Co-Director of [Feminism and Religion](#), an international project that explores the "F-word" in religion and the intersections between scholarship, activism, and community.

Gina earned her doctorate at [Claremont Graduate University](#) with a dual focus in [women studies in religion](#) and theology, ethics, and culture. She completed a Master of Arts in religious studies at [John Carroll University](#). Gina also earned a Master of Business Administration with a dual focus in organizational leadership and marketing at the [University of Findlay](#) and completed her undergraduate degree at [Cleveland State University](#).

She is the author of multiple articles and the forthcoming book [Rape Culture and Spiritual Violence](#). She co-edited with Rosemary Radford Ruether the forthcoming, *Feminism and Religion in the 21st Century*. Gina has given serious attention to issues faced by women in relation to religion and social justice.

Her research interests are theologically and ethically driven, involve a feminist and interdisciplinary approach, and are influenced by her activist roots and experience working with survivors of rape and domestic violence.

Gina continues to work in movements to end violence against women and explores opportunities for spiritual healing for those who have encountered gender-based violence.



HOW TO REGISTER

Email "Register Me Teleconference" to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org by Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in order to receive dial-in information.

Please consider making a [secure online donation](#) for your participation in this event. Thank you!

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Contemplative Prayer at WATER **Monday, May 13, 2013** **7:30 PM (EDT)**

WATER offers a regular contemplative prayer opportunity each month. This is a communal meditation, a time of silence and reflection followed by a short discussion. GERALYN McDowell will lead the meditation.

RSVP by sending an email with the words "Register Me Contemplative" by Friday, May 10, 2013 to waterstaff@waterwomensalliance.org or call 301.589.2509 so that we can expect you. If you wish to join by phone, please indicate that so we can send you the phone-in number.

The office will be open at 7 PM for a cup of tea

Her website can be accessed at <http://ginamessinadysert.com> and she can be followed on [Twitter @FemTheologian](#).

Readings recommended by Gina Messina-Dysert for this teleconference include:

["What We've Learned from Steubenville"](#)

["Rape Culture and the Church."](#)

["Women being 'Raped Too Much?': Fox News, Liz Trotta, and Rape Culture."](#)

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and conversation. Silence will commence promptly at 7:30 PM, so please be here by then. We will finish and be on our way by 8:30 PM. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Programs:

May 13: Contemplative Prayer with Geralyn McDowell, 7:30 PM EDT

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June 3: Contemplative Prayer with Cheryl Nichols, 7:30 PM EDT

July 8: Contemplative Prayer, 7:30 PM EDT

September 9: Contemplative Prayer, 7:30 PM EDT

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