



LECTURES EXPLORE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND MINISTRY



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at the Seminary. Keynote speaker Dr. Daniel Aleshire, executive director of The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, will present “Finding Our Way in the Wilderness: Theological Education and Ministry in a Changing Church and Society”. The lectures are free and open to the public.

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Contact the Seminary’s Continuing Education Office at [Click to view e-mail](#) or 412-924-1345 for more information about the Schaff Lectures or to make your dinner reservation.

Aleshire has worked with ATS since 1990, first as an associate director and later as associate executive director. An ordained minister, Aleshire is a graduate of Belmont College, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and George Peabody College for Teachers. He served on the faculty of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1978 to 1990 and, before that, as a research scientist at Search Institute in Minneapolis, where he worked on projects related to theological education, church-related higher education, and youth service agencies. Prior to that appointment, he was pastor of Bergen Baptist Church in Waldwick, N.J. He has written extensively on issues of ministry and theological education, Christian spirituality, and Christian education. He is co-author of *Being There: Culture and Formation in Two Theological Seminaries* (Oxford, 1997), which received the 1998 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. His articles have appeared in, among others, *Commonweal*, *Christian Century*, *Theological Education*, and the *Journal of Supervision in Ministry*.

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