



Fostering dialogue between scientific and religious communities since 1995

DIRECTOR'S NOTE



When the weather gets cold, DoSER gets moving! Representatives from the Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER) Program have been traveling across the United States to visit seminaries, universities, synagogues, and scientific societies for presentations and workshops. Our most recent trips included science communication workshops in San Diego, CA, and San Marcos, TX; a panel on gene editing and humanity with our partner for the Scientists in Synagogues project, Sinai and Synapses, in Houston, TX; and a seminar on the neuroscience of youth brain development at a seminary in Kansas City, MO. Many more trips are planned for the next few months. Please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to see when we're coming to a city near you.

We also have several upcoming events in Washington, DC, and encourage you to join us. We will host our free annual DoSER [Holiday Lecture](#) and reception December 18th at AAAS Headquarters. This year we will bring together experts in genetics, history, and theology to discuss human diversity with a focus on human health and well-being. We are also organizing two symposia and two workshops at the [2019 AAAS Annual Meeting](#), which will occur February 14-17, 2019. More information about both events are below. We hope you will join us for these stimulating discussions, and we look forward to seeing you there!

– Jennifer Wiseman, Director, AAAS DoSER

ANNOUNCING THE AAAS DoSER HOLIDAY LECTURE ---

[The Tapestry of Health: Genetic Diversity, History, and Cultural Identity](#)

December 18, 2018, 5:30 – 7:15pm (reception to follow)

AAAS Headquarters, Washington, DC



Join DoSER on December 18th for a cross-disciplinary discussion of human diversity through scientific, cultural and theological lenses, with a focus on health and well-being. Speakers

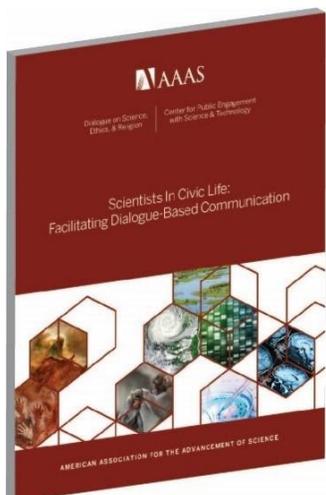
will include Dr. Charles Rotimi, Director of the Center for Research on Genomics and Global Health, within the National Institutes of Health (NIH); Dr. Lesley Jo Weaver, a medical anthropologist at the University of Oregon; and the Rev. Dr. Gay L. Byron, a Presbyterian minister and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Howard University School of Divinity.

The holiday lecture is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. More information is available on the [DoSER website](#).

[Register for the DoSER Holiday Lecture »](#)

ENGAGING SCIENTISTS

New Resource Available on Science Communication



AAAS DoSER and the AAAS Center for Public Engagement with Science and Technology are happy to announce the release of a new booklet, *Scientists in Civic Life: Facilitating Dialogue-Based Communication*. This free booklet provides an overview of science communication research, public perceptions of science, and strategies for engagement with a wide range of publics who hold diverse worldviews, values and beliefs.

[Download the free booklet »](#)

Workshops at Scientific Societies



The 'Engaging Scientists in the Science and Religion Dialogue' Project continues to host workshops that better equip scientists for positive science engagement with religious students and publics. In October, DoSER hosted a very productive workshop at the American Society for Human Genetics (ASHG) Annual Meeting. Dr. Ting Wu, Director of the Personal Genetics Education ([PgEd](#)) Project of Harvard Medical School, provided introductory remarks. The next Engaging Scientists Workshop will be at the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) Fall Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

The workshop is free and open to all registered meeting attendees. DoSER team members will also present a poster on impacts of the Engaging Scientists Project earlier that morning.

[Register for the AGU Workshop, "Science Communication and Engagement with Religious Publics" »](#)

[Visit the DoSER poster at AGU »](#)

SCIENCE FOR SEMINARIES

Science in the Curriculum Faculty Enrichment Workshop



In August, DoSER hosted a Science in the Curriculum Workshop at Chesapeake Bay, MD. The workshop was attended by faculty leaders from 17 seminaries across the country, along with scientific and theological experts. The workshop provided an opportunity for seminary professors and scientists to discuss and reflect on a variety of topics, including astronomy and cosmology, neuroscience, evolution and biology, and health and ministry. Participants also acquired pedagogical skills and strategies for science integration into their curricula; shared insights on how the science topics connect with their theology, community, and classrooms; and built networks and relationships with the theological and scientific communities.

[Click here for more information about the 2018 Science in the Curriculum Faculty Enrichment Workshop »](#)

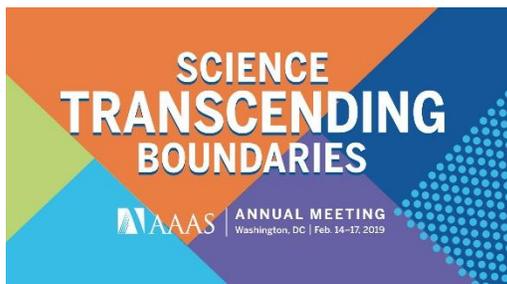
Applications for the 2019 Workshop will open in January. Please visit the [Science for Seminaries website](#) for more information.

New Science for Seminaries Quarterly Newsletter

We are pleased to offer a Science for Seminaries quarterly newsletter to share special announcements, upcoming deadlines, and pertinent news relating to the Science for Seminaries Project. Each issue will feature news from our current cohort and updates on the project.

[Sign up for the Science for Seminaries quarterly newsletter »](#)

DoSER AT THE AAAS ANNUAL MEETING



The [AAAS Annual Meeting](#) will be held February 14-17, 2019, in Washington, DC. This year's theme, Science Transcending Boundaries, highlights ways in which science is bringing together people, ideas, and solutions from across real and artificial borders, disciplines, sectors, ideologies, and traditions. Please continue to check the [AAAS Meetings program](#) and the [DoSER webpage](#) for additional events where you can find us.

[The Biology of Resilience: How Science and Faith Communities Can Work Together](#)

February 15, 2019, 10:00 – 11:30am

This symposium will explore the biological and environmental conditions that support resilience in humans and offer dialogue on how the scientific and religious communities can work toward the common good of building resilience.

[AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion Reception](#)

February 15, 2019, 6:30 – 8:00pm

All AAAS annual meeting attendees are welcome at the DoSER Reception, where you can learn about how DoSER facilitates communication between scientific and religious communities and meet others from the many disciplines who are engaged in the dialogue.

[Science Engagement with Faith Communities](#)

February 16, 2019, 10:00 – 11:30am

In this symposium, presenters from diverse fields will demonstrate how engagement that is cognizant of community interests, culture, and faith can have a positive and sustaining impact at the intersections of science and society.

[AAAS-DoSER Workshop: Science Communication and Engagement with Religious Publics](#)

February 17, 2019, (two sessions) 9:00am – 12:00pm, 1:30 – 4:30pm

DoSER staff will present an overview of why considering the perspectives of religious and spiritual publics is important for science engagement. Scientists engaging with these

communities will have an opportunity to discuss prior experiences and anticipated challenges, share strategies for constructive dialogue with sensitivity to a range of worldviews, and practice effective science communication at the intersection of science, faith, and culture.

[Register for the AAAS Annual Meeting »](#)

OTHER NEWS AT AAAS



Our Website and Member Community has a New Look!

Recently, AAAS made major enhancements to our website, AAAS.org, and our online Member Community (formerly hosted on Trellis). The goal of these changes is to help you stay more easily informed on what AAAS is doing for the scientific community and to give you a more engaging way to communicate with other members online.

You can still access DoSER's website directly at aaas.org/DoSER.

To participate in the improved Member Community, you must create a AAAS ID. If you already have a Member ID or a free Science ID, you're good to go! If not, [click here to create one](#).

[Explore the AAAS Member Community »](#)

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