

## HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership Newsletter

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A banner for the 'A SELECTION OF SPRING 2026 COURSES'. The banner features five circular icons with the letters 'HJI' in the center, arranged horizontally. Below the icons, the text 'A SELECTION OF SPRING 2026 COURSES' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. At the bottom of the banner, a red box contains the text 'CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 26' and 'WINTER INTENSIVE BEGINS JANUARY 5'. Below the banner, there are seven small portrait photos of faculty members, each with their name and title below it. The faculty members are: Dr. Franco Famulari (Unification Studies), Dr. Michael Mückler (History of Christianity II), Dr. Andrew Wilson (Hebrew Bible), Dr. Theodore Shimmyo (Systematic Theology), Dr. Keisuke Noda (Ethics and Social Justice), Dr. Thomas Walsh (World Religions and the Encounter with Religious Pluralism), and Dr. Claude Parrotet (Unification Approach to Peace).

HJ International Graduate School for Peace and Public Leadership is proud to present the courses for the Winter Intensive and Spring 2026. To view the course descriptions you may visit the HJI website for more information. For a brief video overview of each course [click here.](#)

[View HJI Spring 2026 and Winter Intensive Courses here!](#)

**FACULTY ROUNDTABLE SERIES**

**TRUE  
PARENTS  
IN AMERICA**  
A CHRONOLOGY  
1965-2025

**Editors' Reflections**  
*Preserving Our Story*

**Speaker**  
Dr. Michael Mickler  
Distinguished Professor of  
Historical Studies, HJI

**Commentator**  
Dr. Franco Famularo  
Chair, HJI Board of  
Trustees

**Commentator**  
Mr. Michael McDevitt  
Director, HJ East  
Garden Museum

**Commentator**  
Ms. Tal Zorer  
Executive Assistant to the  
President, FFWPU-USA

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HJI held its Faculty Roundtable Series on Thursday, December 4, and featured Distinguished Professor of Historical Studies at HJI, Dr. Michael Mickler as he shared with us his work and his team upon completing a chronology of True Parents in America 1965-2025. Dr. Franco Famularo, Chair of the HJI Board of Trustees and HJI Alumni, Mr. Michael McDevitt, Director of HJ East Garden Museum and Ms. Tal Zorer, Executive Assistant to the President of FFWPU-USA added their comments and perspectives about the project of preserving the history of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han in America, as the program unfolded. The presentation was then followed by a Q&A session with the participants.

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**HJI AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WORLD THOUGHT PRESENT**

**SDG 4: Global and Regional Perspectives and Pathways toward 2030**

**Host**  
Dr. Thomas Walsh  
President, HJI

**Presenter**  
Amb. Mario L. de Leon Jr.  
(Ret) of the Philippines

**Respondent**  
Dr. Thomas Ward  
Professor of Peace and  
Development Studies, HJI

**Moderator**  
Dr. Claude Perrotet  
President, RIIWT

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**RIIWT**

Together with the Research Institute for the Integration of World Thought (RIIWT), HJI co-hosted a special program, focusing on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 4 – Quality Education, entitled “SDG 4 : Global and Regional Perspectives and Pathways toward 2030.” Ambassador Mario L. de Leon Jr (Ret) of the Philippines highlighted the importance and various issues on education and Dr. Thomas Ward, Professor of Peace and Development Studies, HJI, followed with his

response. Dr. Claude Perrottet, president of RIIWT, moderated the event. This insightful program concluded with a Q&A and left all participants stimulated on the importance of education as an instigator for lasting peace.

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## Mika Deshotel | Doctor of Ministry, 2025 | Bridgeport, Connecticut

**What inspired you to apply to HJI and your program? What do you most appreciate about being a student at HJI?**

I began taking classes as a non-degree student in 2020 during the height of the pandemic. I was a pastor and saw this as my chance to receive formal religious education to better serve my community. Later, in 2022 when I completed my time in full-time ministry, I felt called to apply for the DMin program, as a next step for me to increase my capacity to serve God in a bigger way.

I think I appreciate HJI as a place for like-minded individuals who want to make a real difference in their respective spheres of influence. I've also really appreciated the faculty, in their extensive knowledge of their fields of expertise, but also in their ability to help create spaces for relevant dialogue and discussion.

**Is there any other highlight or aspect of your study at HJI that you would like to share?**

I have found HJI to unexpectedly be a healing place for me, especially once I stepped away from my role as a church pastor. I felt I was in an environment that helped me to reflect and digest my experience in a healthy way so that ultimately I could give back in a greater capacity once I complete my degree.

**What do you enjoy in your free time?**

I enjoy being out in nature, taking long walks along the beach. I like discovering new places with my family and eating good food. I also love coffee shops and spending time there, chatting with friends.

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# Course Schedule

[Spring 2026 Schedule](#) | [Download](#)

## ► Winter Break Intensive Courses (6 weeks, January 5 to February 13, 2026)

### ▼ Asynchronous Online Courses

#### EDU 5311 Spiritual Formation

William Selig

[Syllabus](#) | [Intro Video](#)



#### LTR 5141 World Religions and Encounter with Religious

Pluralism

Thomas Walsh

[Syllabus](#) | [Intro Video](#)



#### PAS 5101 Pastoral Care and Counseling

Lynn Walsh

[Syllabus](#) | [Intro Video](#)



#### PST 5101 Conflict Analysis & Transformation

Katarina Connery

[Syllabus](#) | [Intro Video](#)



#### PST 5143 Unification Approaches to Peace

Claude Perrottet



#### PST 5152 Formation and Self-Care for Peace Professionals

Drissa Kone



#### PST 5189 Peace Studies Internship Preparation Colloquium

Thomas Ward

[Syllabus](#)



#### SCR 5151 World Scriptures and World Peace

Andrew Wilson





## THE 5131 Systematic Theology

Theodore Shimmyo

[Syllabus](#) | [Intro Video](#)

## THE 5141 Ethics &amp; Social Justice

Keisuke Noda

[Syllabus](#) | [Intro Video](#)

## ▼ Doctoral Asynchronous Online Course (via Canvas)

## MIN 8801 Bibliographical Research

Keisuke Noda

5 week course, starting February 9 until March 13, 2026



## ▼ Master Synchronous Courses

Please make note of the day and time for synchronous courses to ensure your attendance.

## LTR 5132\* History of Christianity II

Michael Mickler

Thursday 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM | Zoom w/ Populi

[Intro Video](#)

## MIN 5804 A Masters Colloquium

Andrew Wilson

Day and time to be decided



## MIN 5804 B Masters Colloquium

Keisuke Noda

Day and time to be decided



## SCR 5131\* Hebrew Bible

Andrew Wilson

Tuesday 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM | Zoom

[Syllabus](#) | [Intro Video](#)

## MIN 5803 Integration Colloquy

Drissa Kone

Day and time to be decided



*\*Flipped Class: Students watch pre-recorded lectures before the class. Class meetings (zoom) are for discussions.*

## ▼ Doctoral Synchronous Courses

Please make note of the day and time for synchronous courses to ensure your attendance.

**MIN 8501 Ministry in Midst of Diverse Lifestyles**

Jacob David

Monday 1:00 – 3:50 PM | On Campus and Zoom



**MIN 8502\* Rel. Ed. & Ministry Needs of Family**

Drissa Kone

Monday 4:30 – 5:50 PM | On Campus, Zoom, and Canva



**MIN 8704 Change Management for Faith Leaders**

Demetrius Carolina

Wednesday 5:30 – 8:20 PM | Zoom

[Syllabus](#)



**MIN 8804 Designing the Project Proposal**

Michael Mickler

Thursday 6:30-7:50 PM | Zoom

10-week course: starting February 10 26 until April 21, 2026



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