

## LAZARETH LECTURE



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# What is Christian Nationalism?

White Christian Nationalism is the dangerous belief that America is – and must remain – a Christian nation founded for its white Christian inhabitants, and that our laws and policies must reflect this premise. Such ideologies can lead to the erosion of democracy and the rise of authoritarianism and fascism. Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White, author of *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism* offers keen insights into the nature of this movement and how critical-thinking Christians can provide a much-needed counter-narrative to this fear-based rhetoric.

## Speaker

**The Rev. Pamela Cooper-White, Ph.D.**, is the Christiane Brooks Johnson Professor of Psychology and Religion and for the past 3 years served as Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, at Union Theological Seminary, New York. She also serves as Assisting Priest at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. She earned her MDiv and a PhD in historical musicology from Harvard University, and a PhD in clinical social work at the Chicago Institute for Clinical Social Work.

Prior to serving at Union Seminary, she was the Paul G. and Nancye Clapp Gautier Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care and Counseling at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and Co-Director of the Atlanta Theological Association's ThD program in pastoral counseling; and from 1999-2008 she was associate and then full Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now ULS).

An award-winning author, she has published 10 books, many of which have become standard texts in the fields of Pastoral Theology, and Psychology and Religion, including *The Cry of Tamar: Violence against Women and the Church's Response* (Fortress Press, in 2 ed.); *Shared Wisdom: Use of the Self in Pastoral Care & Counseling*; and *Many Voices: Pastoral Psychotherapy in Relational and Theological Perspective* (Fortress Press, 2006); *Old and Dirty Gods: Religion, Antisemitism, and the Origins of Psychoanalysis* (Routledge, 2018), and *Exploring Practices of Ministry* co-authored with the Rev. Michael Cooper-White (Fortress Press, 2014). *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How People Are Drawn in and How to Talk Across the Divide* (Fortress Press, 2022) is her most recent book.

Dr. Cooper-White was the 2013-14 Fulbright-Freud Scholar of Psychoanalysis at the Freud Museum in Vienna and lecturer at the University of Vienna, and an Avenir residential scholar at the Arnold Schoenberg Center in Vienna in 2019. She is an Academic Member of the American Psychoanalytic Association and was just awarded Honorary Membership in the National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis (NPAP New York). She serves as President of the International Association for Spiritual Care in Switzerland; on the Board of the Freud Foundation U.S. (Freud Museum Vienna); the editorial Board of the *Journal of Pastoral Theology*; and former Co-Chair and currently on the Steering Committee of the Psychology, Culture and Religion program unit of the American Academy of Religion. She lectures frequently in the U.S. and internationally on topics including pastoral psychotherapy; the history of early psychoanalysis, religion, antisemitism and the Holocaust; and Christian nationalism.