



# PRUIT SYMPOSIUM

October 5-6, 2017 | Baylor University  
Schedule of Events

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

*Events will be held at George W. Truett  
Theological Seminary unless otherwise noted*

9:30 a.m. – Registration and Tours

10:30 a.m. – Meet and Greet

11:15 a.m. – Lunch and Keynote Presentation

**Melvin Butler**

**“From Spirituals to Blood Songs: Remembering  
Tradition and Deliverance through  
Gospel Performance”**

1:00 p.m. **Deborah Smith Pollard**  
**“18th Century Hymn. 20th Century Classic:  
The Impact and Longevity of ‘O Happy Day’”**

2:15 p.m. **Jerry Zolten**  
**“Straining at a Gnat and Swallowing a Camel: Black  
Folk Preachers, Life Teachers, and Equality Seekers”**

3:15 p.m. – Coffee Break and Conversation

3:45 p.m. **Coretta Pittman**  
**“Bearing New Witness: Rap Music’s Alter Ego”**

5:00 p.m. – Dinner Break

7:00 p.m. – Gospel Sing  
*Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church*

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

*Events will be held at Armstrong Browning  
Library unless otherwise noted*

7:45 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **Ambre Dromgoole**  
**“‘Somebody Oughta Testify’: Black Women,  
Sacred Music, and the Significance  
of Social Mediated Testimony”**

9:20 a.m. **Terri Brinegar**  
**“Rev. A. W. Nix and the  
Recorded Sermon: 1927-1931”**

10:20 a.m. **Laura Nash and Andrew Virdin**  
**“Gospel and Culture of Community:  
The Roots of Hip Hop”**

11:20 a.m. – Presenter’s Panel  
Moderated by Robert Darden

12:30 pm – Lunch and Keynote Presentation

**Dr. Stephen Newby**  
**“A Theology of African American  
Sacred Song and Liberation”**

2:15 p.m. – Tours and Journal Session  
Seminar Room



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