



The Inauguration and Installation of **The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III**  
as the tenth president of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

## Inauguration Gala

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Louisville Seminary, Gardencourt, Hundley Hall

Reflections from Students and Alums

Presentation by the Women's Center at LPTS  
Doris Evans (MDiv '18)

Selfies with Alton

Presentation by the Student Body  
Viisha P. Souza (MDiv Candidate)  
Student Body President

Closing Remarks  
The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III  
President and Professor of Religion and Culture

Music provided by: Stachelle Bussey (MDiv Candidate) and Shawn Stinson (MAMFT '10)

### SPECIAL THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE

**Polly Williams (MDiv '97)** event committee co-chair  
Louisville Seminary Alum Board of Directors

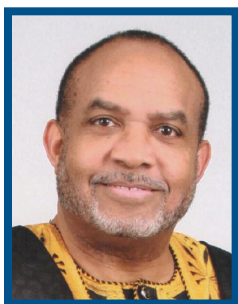
**Amariah McIntosh (MDiv '01, DMin '14)** event committee co-chair

**Viisha P. Souza (MDiv Candidate)** event committee co-chair  
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**Andrea Trautwein (MAMFT Candidate)**

# WHOSOEVER: A DIVINE INVITATION

To celebrate the installation and inauguration of the Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III as Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary's tenth president, Louisville Seminary presents a series of events that celebrates the unconditional and everlasting love that God has for all people of every creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, and circumstance. And so the Louisville Seminary Community accepts the invitation, the challenges, and the rewards of emphasizing "Whosoever: A Divine Invitation" as the foundation for engaging the world and building bridges between God and humanity.



**The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III**  
President and Professor of Religion and Culture  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

On June 7, 2018, the Louisville Seminary Board of Trustees appointed the Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III as Louisville Seminary's tenth president. Pollard formally began his service with Louisville Seminary on September 3, 2018.

A scholar, author, consultant, and speaker on the subject of African American and U.S. religion and culture, Pollard was previously dean of the School of Divinity and professor of Religion and Culture at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Pollard said he was drawn both by the history and the current trajectory of Louisville Seminary.

"Rare is the theological institution today that innovates well in contemporary society, modeling theological education for just inclusivity in an increasingly diverse world," Pollard said. "As much of our society is focused on division, I will ensure that Louisville Seminary will continue to build bridges between people of different religious, social, and cultural perspectives, through teaching and scholarship, and the preparation of persons for lives of faithful witness and public service."

Prior to his eleven years at Howard University, Pollard served as director of Black Church Studies and chair of American Religious Cultures at Emory University, and taught at Wake Forest University and St. Olaf College. He earned degrees from Duke University, Harvard University Divinity School and Fisk University.

Pollard is the author of *Mysticism and Social Change: The Social Witness of Howard Thurman* (1992); editor of an edition of W.E.B. DuBois's *The Negro Church* (2011); and co-author of *Helpers for a Healing Community: A Pastoral Care Manual for HIV/AIDS* (2006). He has also edited and co-edited several volumes including *How Long This Road: Race, Religion and the Legacy of C. Eric Lincoln* (2003); *The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman Volumes I and II* (2009); and *The Black Church Studies Reader* (2016). He has also written dozens of book chapters, journal articles, and op-eds.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the In Trust Center for Theological Schools and the Advisory Committee for the Luce Fund for Theological Education. He served on the Board of Commissioners for the Association of Theological Schools from 2010-2016 and was chair from 2014-2016. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Pollard and his wife, Jessica, have two adult children and one grandson.