

ELLEN WHITE  
ISSUES  
SYMPOSIUM

April 1, 2024

VIRTUAL EVENT

Break new ground in understanding Ellen White and issues relating to her life, ministry, and prophetic gift.



# PRESENTERS



**Ingram R. London**, PhD cand., is an Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and Ethics at Oakwood University, School of Theology in Huntsville, AL. Before his doctoral studies, he served as a lay pastor in Indiana and Texas. His research interest lies at the intersection of Race, Theodicy, and Adventist Studies. His dissertation topic addresses the plausibility of developing a Black Theodicy within a Cosmic-Conflict worldview.



**Tim Poirier**, MTS, is the Vice-Director and Archivist of the Ellen G. White Estate at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, where he has served since 1981. In addition to articles and contributions in the *Ellen G. White Encyclopedia* and other church publications, he is the General Editor of the *Ellen G. White Letters and Manuscripts with Annotations* series.



**James Mutua**, PhD, is the director of the Ellen G. White Research Centre and a lecturer in the department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya. After completing a BA in theology at that institution, he earned an MDiv and a PhD in Old Testament from Andrews University. He is currently completing the Ellen G. White and Adventist Studies Graduate Certificate.

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**Gerson C. Rodrigues**, PhD, is a professor and director of the Ellen G. White Research Center in Northeast Brazil College. His dissertation is entitled, "The Best Man That Ever Trod Shoe Leather' and His 'Crown of Rejoicing': The Personal Relationship of James and Ellen White, 1845-1881." He is the author of a book published in Portuguese, *O "Melhor Homem" e Sua "Coroa de Alegria": O Casamento de Tiago e Ellen White (2023)* [The "Best Man" and His "Crown of Rejoicing": The Marriage of James and Ellen White].



**Esther Louw**, MA student, originally comes from Australia. She graduated from Avondale University in 2010 with a BA in music before working as a bible worker and literature evangelist in several countries including Australia, Lebanon, and the United States. She is passionate about both history and theology and especially enjoys discovering how everyday people have played crucial roles in shaping the church into what it is today.



**Mark Pearce**, PhD candidate, is the director of the Ellen G. White/Seventh-day Adventist Research Centre at Avondale University in Cooranbong, Australia. He previously was the director of the Pacific Adventist Research Centre and a lecturer in the School of Humanities, Education and Theology at Pacific Adventist University in Papua New Guinea. Prior to that he served in local church ministry in the Northern Australian and South Queensland conferences for 34 years.

## ZOOM LINK

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# PROGRAM

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- 9:00 A.M. **Welcome and Introduction**  
**Denis Kaiser**  
PhD, *Andrews University*
- 9:05 A.M. **"He Lets Him Be as Though He Had Not Been": Reframing a Black Adventist "Text of Terror"**  
**Ingram R. London**  
PhD cand., *Oakwood University*
- Response: Kevin M. Burton  
Facilitator: Daniela Pusic
- 10:00 A.M. **In Context: A Brief Overview of the Ellen G. White Estate Letters and Manuscripts Annotation Project**  
**Tim Poirier**  
MTS, *Ellen G. White Estate*
- Response: Jón Hjörleifur Stefánsson  
Facilitator: Daniela Pusic
- 11:00 A.M. **Ellen G. White and the Love of God Through Jesus Christ**  
**James Mutua**  
PhD, *Ellen G. White Research Centre / University of Eastern Africa, Baraton*
- Response: Greg Howell  
Facilitator: Daniela Pusic
- 12:00 P.M. **Lunch**
- 1:00 P.M. **"An Example of Industry and Economy for Others": The White Couple's Spirit of Sacrifice in the Early Sabbatarian Adventist Movement**  
**Gerson C. Rodrigues**  
PhD, *Ellen G. White Research Center / Northeast Brazil College*
- Response: Doug Matacio  
Facilitator: Jungkyu Park
- 2:00 P.M. **Sealed and Saved: The Development of Ellen G. White's Soteriology between 1844 and 1863**  
**Esther Louw**  
MAR student, *Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary*
- Response: Edwin Sully Payet  
Facilitator: Jungkyu Park

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3:00 P.M.

**Divine Inspiration and the Staff of the Ellen G. White Estate, 1930–1970**

**Mark Pearce**

PhD cand., *Ellen G. White/SDA Research Centre / Avondale University*

Response:

Denis Kaiser

Facilitator:

Jungkyu Park

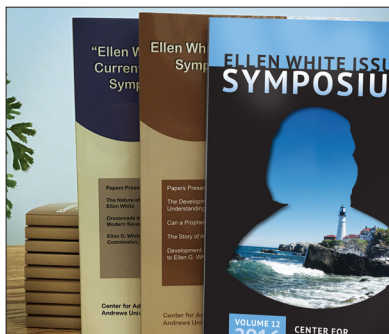
4:00 P.M.

**Panel Discussion**

Facilitator:

Denis Kaiser

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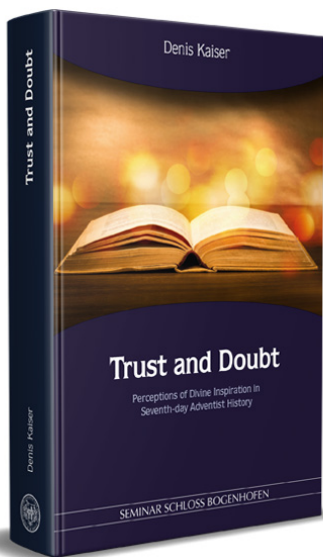
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