St. Stephen's College together with Ambrose University and Seminary and the Alberta Consortium for Supervised Pastoral Education is pleased to present

Strangers in (Un)Familiar Territory: Negotiating Spiritual Care and Fine Arts Based Concerns in Secular Caregiving Environments

An open public presentation delivered by

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Philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein argued that to understand something, a person must also understand the logic that makes that thing possible. For example, health care practitioners must understand cellular biology, anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology to provide care for their patients. Yet spiritual care and fine arts based practitioners do not greatly understand the logic of their practices in settings like health care. This is partially because both professions are

still building their self-understandings. In this presentation, Simon Lasair will argue this is also because both professions need better understandings of the secular.

Simon's presentation will therefore outline some of the defining characteristics of the secular. This will then lead to identifying several interconnected challenges and opportunities for spiritual care and fine arts based practitioners in secular settings. The presentation will conclude with several suggestions regarding how such practitioners can engage the concerns of their workplaces while also transforming them in the process.





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