



Prepare for the next step.  
Form habits for a lifetime.

## WHAT IS IT?

Brazos Fellows is a nine-month, residential program for emerging adults who desire to be formed through theological training, spiritual disciplines, vocational discernment, and life together. In partnership with Christ Church Waco (Anglican Church in North America) and faculty and graduate students of Baylor University, Brazos Fellows roots thoughtful theological study in the life and mission of the local church.

## WHY DO IT?

How do we prepare to faithfully live out whatever vocation God has for us? Brazos Fellows aims to form life-long habits centered around love of God and love of neighbor. Over the course of an academic year, a cohort of 5-10 fellows lives in a rhythm of study, prayer, work, and communal life, all with the aim of better understanding who they are and to what God is calling them.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

Brazos Fellows is designed for emerging adults who want to explore their Christian vocation in community. Many of our applicants are unsure what to do after college, or they want to develop better spiritual and intellectual habits before jumping into whatever comes next. Brazos Fellows offers the opportunity to pursue questions of calling with the help of trustworthy teachers, mentors, and friends.

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-Emily Engelhardt (2019-2020)



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW



## **THEOLOGICAL STUDY:**

Enter into the story of the Church.



## **SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:**

Commit to ancient Christian practices.



## **VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT:**

Grow in awareness of design and calling.



## **LIFE TOGETHER:**

Embrace transformative friendships.

## COURSE OF STUDY

Our graduate-level course of study introduces fellows to the history of the church and the richness of the Christian theological tradition, considering how Christians have thought about important questions: How do we read scripture? What does it mean to be human? How do we relate to society? Fellows read selections from a long list of great texts, including the poetry of Dante and George Herbert, the spiritual writings of Julian of Norwich and Teresa of Avila, theological classics by Athanasius, Calvin, Sayers, and Bonhoeffer, and much more. Ultimately, our study helps fellows learn to think *with* the church.

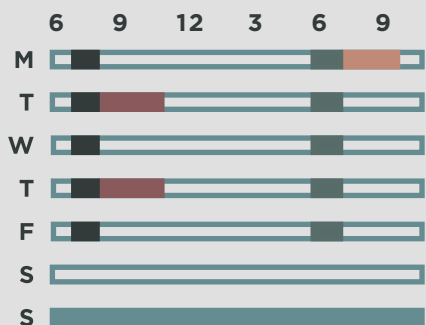


## DISTINCTIVES

Brazos Fellows holds together the life of the mind and the life of the soul. In addition to learning from leading Christian scholars through the course of study, fellows are given an opportunity to explore their own questions in a tailored, one-on-one, Oxford-style tutorial. Further, fellows meet with a life coach and a spiritual director to better understand God's calling and presence in their lives.



# WEEKLY RHYTHMS



- MORNING PRAYER
- WEEKLY COHORT DINNER
- FREE TIME
- COURSE OF STUDY
- EVENING PRAYER
- WORSHIP & REST

In their free time, fellows work part time, study, meet with mentors, and enjoy life in Waco. Each semester also features several special-topic seminars and a fall/spring retreat.





## DIRECTORS

### PAUL & PAIGE GUTACKER

Paul and Paige serve as Executive and Assistant Directors of Brazos Fellows, which they founded in 2018. The Gutackers perceived a need for emerging adults to explore their vocation in the context of a church community centered around study, prayer, and shared life.

Paul is a trained historian (M.A. and Th.M., Regent College; Ph.D in History, Baylor University) whose scholarship and teaching are driven by a desire to see the church recover her historical memory. His first book, *The Old Faith in a New Nation: American Protestants and the Christian Past* was published by Oxford University Press in 2023.

A life coach and spiritual director, Paige (M.A., Regent College) pursues her passion for people development through Crossroads Coaching. Paul and Paige enjoy life in East Waco with their three children: James, Marianne, and Matthew.



# INSTRUCTORS & TUTORS

Brazos Fellows partners with local clergy and Baylor University faculty and graduate students, giving fellows the opportunity to study with a team of leading Christian scholars who combine academic expertise with passionate Christian commitment. Our regular guest instructors include:

**DR. MATTHEW LEE ANDERSON**

**FR. MATTHEW AUGHTRY**

**DR. TODD BURAS**

**DR. KATIE CALLOWAY**

**DR. DAVID COREY**

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**DR. ANDREA L. TURPIN**

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**DR. D.H. WILLIAMS**

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**-DR. HANS BOERSMA**



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Spiritual Director, Christ Church Waco

## **DAVID COREY**

Professor, Baylor University

# DETAILS

## **COST**

The tuition per fellow is \$6,000 for the program. This includes the course of study, seminars, retreats, cohort meals, and one-on-ones with a tutor, credentialed life coach, and spiritual director. It does not include books, accommodations, or food.

Brazos Fellows typically work a part-time job in town for 15-20 hours a week. We endeavor to assist fellows in finding work and affordable housing in the area.

## **LOCATION** Waco, TX

## **APPLICATION**

The Brazos Fellows application process is competitive. It involves a written application submitted via email, references, and an interview of selected applicants either in-person or over Zoom.

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