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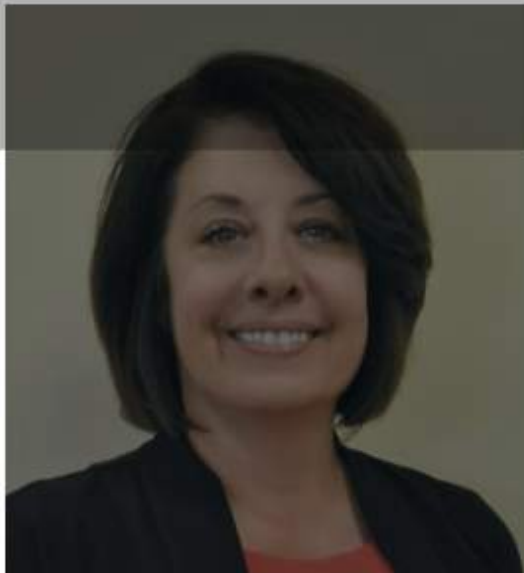
SUBMISSION DEADLINE FRIDAY AUGUST 31, 2018

# Edith Stein

*a saint and existential  
phenomenologist, examined  
philosophical and spiritual  
understandings of empathy in  
human relations.*

2018 celebrates the 20th anniversary of Edith Stein's canonization and the Centennial of Seton Hill University. Both Edith Stein and Elizabeth Ann Seton had perspectives informed by multiple identities. Stein was born and raised Jewish, became atheist, converted to Catholicism, and then entered Carmelite monastic life.

Seton was raised and married Protestant, had five children, experienced great wealth and great poverty, converted to Catholicism, and founded the Sisters of Charity. The salon theme values their commitment to being-in-the-world-with-others in advocacy and empathy. Furthermore, it honors their plurality of experience and the deep respect they had for the sacred subjectivity of the Other.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Melissa Miller Chastain is Associate Dean of the College of Social Sciences & Humanities and the Director of the Edith Stein Center at Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky. Her education includes a PhD in Communication, Duquesne University; MA in English Literature & Theory, Duquesne University; and BA in English Literature from Westminster College. Dr. Chastain has been at Spalding since 2004, teaching undergraduate courses and graduate courses including Communication Theory; Decision-Making; and Change Acceleration in Organizations. Accomplishments include past president of National Association for Communication Administration; Lumina Foundation's National Communication Association Learning Outcomes Project and Teaching Interfaith Understanding Project funded by the Henry Luce Foundation. She holds a gubernatorial appointment to the state's PBS affiliated, Kentucky Education Television (KET) Authority Board. Dr. Chastain's research interests include the philosophy of communication, communication ethics, interreligious dialogue and the work of 20th century German, existential phenomenologist, Edith Stein. Publications include "The Religious Philosophy of Edith Stein: Knowledge and Faith" in Memphis Theological Seminary Journal. Rhetoric and Religion; "Learning Outcomes and the Importance of Stakeholder Feedback," Communication Education; and "Communication Ethics: Edith Stein," An Encyclopedia of Communication Ethics.

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*who will discuss Stein's ideas, as well as others who may speak about other important figures connected with empathy and advocacy. In the spirit of the Salons of pre-revolutionary France, this salon seeks to foster conversation that responds to the demands of this historical moment while honoring the style and form of historical Salons that invited professional civility, egalitarianism, and diverse world-views in the public sphere.*

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