



Atlantic School of Theology  
**WEEK ONE 2019**

**Wednesday, September 4**

**9:00 am – 10:15 am**

- **Welcome and Introductions:** AST's President, Dean, faculty, staff and fellow students invite you to a time of 'meeting and greeting' in the St. Columba Chapel.

**10:15 am – 10:30 am**

- **Morning break and refreshments.** Basement, St. Columba Chapel.

**10:30 am – 11:45 am**

- **'ThEd' Talks:** AST's faculty have received national and international recognition for excellence in theological education. They will offer three 10-15 minute presentations on current topics of interest through a theological lens. A short Q&A period will follow each talk. St. Columba Chapel.

**11:45 am – 1:00 pm**

- **Community Chapel and Lunch:** Participate in a short Wednesday morning chapel service and share a meal with AST faculty, staff and returning students. Classroom adjacent St. Columba Chapel.

**1:00 pm – 2:15 pm**

- **AST Campus Tour.** Meet in St. Columba Chapel.

**2:15 pm – 2:30 pm**

- **Afternoon break and refreshments.** Basement, St. Columba Chapel.

**2:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

- **Out of the box:** As folks with busy schedules it can often be difficult to find the time to think and be outside of the box. Please join us for a relaxed afternoon of board games, art and conversation. This will prove to be valuable "get-to-know-you" time and give us a chance to connect with one another a bit outside the box. Basement, St. Columba Chapel.

**4:00 – 6:00 pm**

- **AST's Annual Boules Game and Community BBQ:** It's a friendly rivalry of students versus faculty in this traditional orientation week event. Gluten-free and vegetarian options available. Front lawn of AST.

## **Thursday, September 5**

**6:00 am – 8:00 am**

- ***Brunswick Street Mission Tour and Orientation:*** Attention early risers! Pine Hill Director, Brenda Munro will offer students an orientation to the work of Brunswick Street Mission which will include an opportunity to visit with clients and/or serve breakfast. Contact [bmunro@astheology.ns.ca](mailto:bmunro@astheology.ns.ca) for details. *Sign-up sheet on welcome table outside chapel.*

**9:00 am – 10:15 am**

- ***Worship Committee Welcome & Chapel Tour:*** Our shared worship life draws us together in Christian community. Be sure not to miss this introduction to the way we worship at AST. Meet the Worship Committee and get first pick of the opportunities to lead services throughout the academic year. *St. Columba Chapel.*

**9:30 - 11:30**

\*Read Registrar's Fall Registration Information on the Students page for full details

- ***Registration and tuition payment for returning campus-based students who have not yet registered***
- ***Registration and tuition payment for new campus-based MA students***
- ***Pre-registered campus-based students – course changes to existing registration***
- ***Pre-registered campus-based students – tuition payment***

**10:15 am – 10:30 am**

- ***Morning break and refreshments.*** *Basement, St. Columba Chapel.*

**10:30 am – 11:45 am**

- ***Community Hymn Sing:*** Join UCC minister of music and ordination candidate Rick Gunn for a relaxed, fun, "request your favourites" hymn sing using United Church hymnals. *St. Columba Chapel.*

**11:45 am – 1:00 pm**

- ***Community Day Worship Service and Lunch:*** Thursdays at AST are Community Days. Our slightly longer Thursday services include sermons by local clergy, faculty or students. Today's speaker will be AST President, Neale Bennet. *St. Columba Chapel.*

**1:00 - 1:30**

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- ***Registration info session for new campus-based students in the Flahiff Room (Main Floor, Library)***

**1:30 - 4:00**

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- ***Registration for new campus-based students***

**2:00 – 2:30**

- ***Bursary Information Session 1:*** AST's bursary funds provide \$55,000 annually to students with financial need. Attend either this or the 3:30 session to find out how to apply. *St. Columba Chapel.*

**2:15 pm – 2:30 pm**

- ***Afternoon break and refreshments.*** *Basement, St. Columba Chapel.*

### 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- **Praying with Labyrinths Workshop:** Learn more about this ancient spiritual and meditative practice with ACC postulant Debbie Fice and, using 'puffy paint,' create your own hand labyrinth to take home. Pre-registration is requested: contact [widgetsbeads@gmail.com](mailto:widgetsbeads@gmail.com). Location TBD.

### 3:30 – 4:00

- **Bursary Information Session 2.** St. Columba Chapel.

### 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- **Wine & Cheese Social:** Get to know the AST community and enjoy a little east coast hospitality courtesy of AST's Student Union. Flahiff Room.

### 5:30 - 6:30

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- **Registration and tuition payment for part-time campus-based students**

## Friday, September 6

### 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

- **"A Taste of Camino Nova Scotia":** \* this event open to friends, family and the wider community Experience a small taste of AST's popular summer pilgrimage, *Camino Nova Scotia* ('a journey for body and soul'). Learn the CNS pilgrim virtues of community, sharing, serving others, perseverance, prayer, reverence and care for creation, patience, simplicity and gratitude, AND discover the beauty of Halifax's waterfront. We'll begin with a short orientation and morning devotion outside the AST chapel with Camino NS founder, Rob Fennell, followed by a contemplative hike around Point Pleasant Park to the Halifax Seaport. Enjoy lunch with fellow seekers at the Seaport Market or continue your walk to the downtown waterfront and the many restaurants and food carts to be found there. If you've always wondered what Camino NS is like, or you just want to join us for a spirit walk along the water, this is a morning you won't want to miss. Meet in St. Columba Chapel.

### 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- **Books and Buses:** This is an optional activity for those students who would appreciate some extra assistance with library card registration and will include a visit to St. Mary's University for student ID cards and bus/transit passes. Meet in front of Residence Building.

### 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- **"Theology Distilled" [or Boules & BBQ Rain Date]:** The ultimate Week One event—join new friends at the Halifax Distilling Company on Lower Water Street for a time of casual conversation and refreshment. Unless it rains on Wednesday, in which case—Boules and Barbecue is on!!