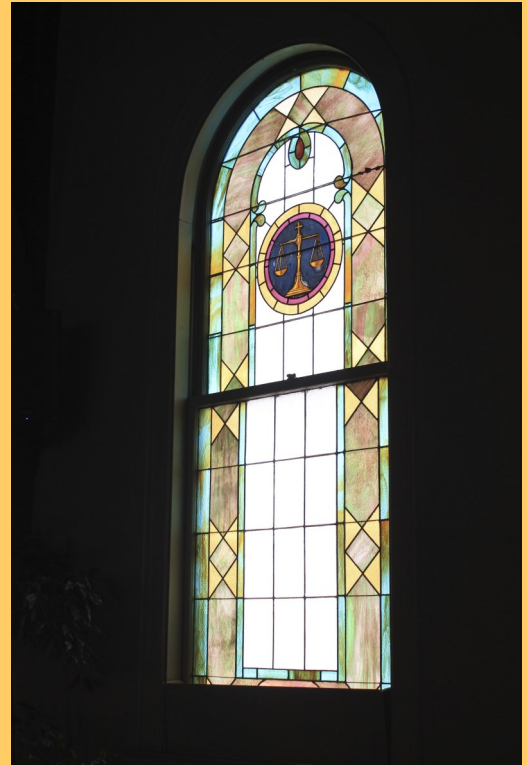


## Humanities Center Summer Research Grant presentation

"Pragmatic Christianity: Howard Thurman, The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, and the Twentieth Century American Intellectual Tradition."

Friday, February 27  
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The Scales of Justice in a stained glass window at the Fellowship Church  
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This presentation explores an early effort to integrate institutional Christianity in the United States through an examination of the African American intellectual and theologian, Howard Thurman (1899-1981) and the physical embodiment of his thought: The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples. Founded in San Francisco in 1943 the Fellowship Church was the first interracial, interfaith, and intercultural church in the country. Derived from a larger dissertation project that focuses on key elements of Thurman's intellectual foundations, this talk examines his pragmatism -- specifically his embrace of pluralism and mysticism -- and analyzes where it manifests in the Fellowship Church.