



Call for Papers

The 2023 Pruitt Symposium on Black Sacred Music
“My Tribute: The Life and Legacy of Andraé Crouch”
Baylor University • March 16-18, 2023

The Pruitt Memorial Symposium at Baylor University brings together scholars and practitioners from across academic disciplines to explore the varying cultural, social, and spiritual roles Black Sacred Music plays in the life of communities within and beyond North America. For our 2023 conference, we welcome scholars and scholar-practitioners to contribute new perspectives on Andraé Crouch (1942-2015), the celebrated songwriter, singer, arranger, pastor, producer, and music-theologian considered “the father of modern gospel music.”

We seek proposals for scholarly papers, short lecture-recitals, and roundtable discussions that assess Crouch’s life and legacy through musical, historical, sociocultural, and theological lenses. We especially welcome papers that explore one or more of the following:

- Musical, cultural, and theological influences on Crouch and his music
- Close listenings to, and analyses of, Crouch’s songs and recordings
- The influence of Crouch’s music on various “sacred” and “secular” styles, including gospel music, praise & worship music, pop, rock, R&B, and others
- Friends of Andraé: the individuals, communities, and networks who supported and promoted Crouch
- The impact of Crouch’s life and work on media and entertainment industries (including publishing, recording industries, and internet marketplace), and how these in turn shaped his life and music
- The influence of Crouch’s songs on congregational music-making in churches across region, denomination, and racial group/ethnicity
- The influence and legacy of Crouch beyond North America: mass-mediated and African diasporic connections

We are now accepting proposals (maximum 250 words) for 20-minute scholarly papers, 40-minute lecture-recitals, and 60-minute roundtable discussions. The online proposal form can be found on the Pruitt Symposium website at <https://pruit.web.baylor.edu>. **Proposals must be received by October 15, 2022.** **Notifications of acceptance will be sent by November 15, 2022.** Those selected for presentation will receive complimentary registration for the conference.