

PSYCHOLOGY OF THE OPPRESSED AND LIBERATION THEOLOGIES

# INTERPRETING THE GOSPELS

EATING AND DRINKING WITH JESUS: THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST

IDEAS HOMOSEXUALITY AND BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

JUDGES, GENDER AND BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

PREACHING DANGEROUS RELIGIOUS IDEAS

## COURSE CATALOG

2017 – 2020

JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM: INTRODUCTION TO INTERFAITH ENGAGEMENT

POST-COLONIALISM AND NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION

RELIGIOUS IDEAS THEOLOGICAL AND ETHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON AIDS AND VIOLENCE

POETICS OF GRIEF BIBLICAL AFRICAN

INTERPRETING THE HEBREW BIBLE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN STUDY

THE STUDY OF BLACK FAITH AND LIFE HISTORY OF JEWISH THOUGHT

AUGUSTINE, NIEBUHR AND MALCOLM X THEO

LIBERATION THEOLOGY

REVELATION AND RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

TOUR TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE

BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION IN CONTEMPORARY CONTEXTS

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY



# Course Listing

with projected offerings for

2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20

Revised August 2017

**All courses listed here are subject to change.**

Additional courses not listed will be offered by Adjunct Faculty  
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- 300 - 399 Introductory
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- e - evening offering
- o – online offering
- TBA - To be announced. Course is not planned to be offered in the next three years.

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# Religious Heritage

## Hebrew Bible

RH 301

Interpreting the Hebrew Bible  
Ken Stone or Staff

An introduction for beginning students to the problems of the historical and theological interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures. Special attention given to Pentateuch and narrative history (Joshua-2 Kings). MDiv, MA required course.

To be offered: F17, F17o, S18o, F18, F18o, S19o, F19e, F19o, S20o

RH 302

Interpreting the Hebrew Bible II  
Rachel Mikva

An introduction to the historical, literary and theological interpretation of the prophetic, poetic, and wisdom texts of the Hebrew Scriptures. Assignments emphasize interpretation and practical application. Fulfills MDiv requirement; MARL Word and Worship Concentration elective. Pre-req: RH 301.

To be offered: S18, S18o, S19, S19o, S20, S20o

RH 405

Very Different Visions: Jewish and Christian Interpretations of Genesis  
Rachel Mikva

How do Jewish and Christian exegetes read such different notions of God and humanity out of the same texts? We explore ideas about creation, sin, sex, covenant, Abraham, etc., with attention to multiple ways in which it has been interpreted within Judaism and Christianity (optional Hebrew component). Interreligious Engagement and MARL Interfaith Engagement and Word and Worship concentration elective.

To be offered: F18

RH 411

Judges, Gender and Violence  
Ken Stone

This course uses a close reading of Judges to examine both the role of gender in biblical interpretation and the implications of difficult texts for the task of "biblical theology."

To be offered: TBA

RH 416/TEC 419

Dangerous Religious Ideas  
Rachel Mikva

Using primary and secondary sources, the class explores religious ideas that are or have been considered "dangerous" in Judaism, Christianity and Islam (e.g., martyrdom, Sabbath, chosenness, free will and divine providence, reward and punishment, salvation, etc.) Our goal is to understand the potentially constructive and destructive aspects of each concept, and to consider how we might try to shape their meaning. Interreligious Engagement Concentration elective. MARL Interfaith Engagement and Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: F18, F18o

RH 417

Loss and Healing in the Bible and in Rabbinic Literature  
Rachel Mikva

An exploration of communal and individual loss, along with the rhetorical and theological strategies for coping, for understanding, for healing. Passages for study include Lamentations, Job, Psalms and Ruth, plus selections from Torah - with midrashic, medieval and modern interpretation. There will be opportunities to address the subject personally, academically and professionally, with some flexibility based on your objectives. Interreligious Engagement and MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration Elective.

To be offered: TBA

RH 450  
Words in Her Mouth: Giving Voice to Biblical Women  
Fran Snyder  
Course description listed in Religious History section.  
To be offered: TBA

RH 475  
Queer Feminist Biblical Interpretation  
Stephanie Powell  
Description TBA.  
To be offered: Summer2017o

RH 487  
Teaching Biblical Basics to Congregations: Taking the Step from Learning to Teaching  
Jennifer Bird  
Seminary students learn and process transformative introductory biblical basics over the course of three years. This course gives you the opportunity to think through and create a set of Christian Education classes on these important topics, to teach in your future congregations.

To be offered: TBA

RH 492  
Reading Between the Testaments  
Seung Ai Yang  
This course examines Jewish literature from c.200 BCE to c.50 CE, such as the Old Testament Apocrypha and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Literary and theological issues emerging from the primary texts will be highlighted.

To be offered: TBA

RH 494  
Story and Religious Imagination in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam  
Rachel Mikva  
Why do religious stories have such a powerful impact? What can they teach us and why are they an essential component of every faith tradition? What do they share, and how are they distinguished by historical

context? Looking at diverse genres of post-scriptural narrative across multiple faiths and cultures, the course explores how story shapes religious thought and action. Cross-listed as TEC 441. Interreligious Engagement, MARL Interfaith Engagement and MARL Word & Worship Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

RH 498  
Homosexuality and Biblical Interpretation  
Ken Stone or Jared Beverly  
This course explores contemporary research on homosexuality and biblical interpretation and considers implications of that research for religious communities and the wider society. Attention is also given to 'queer readings' of the Bible. (cross-listed as TEC 498). LGBTQ and MARL Social Transformation Concentration Elective.

To be offered: S18o

RH 499  
Animals, Ecology, and Biblical Interpretation  
Ken Stone  
Can be taken as either an online or a hybrid course. Those who wish to take the course in hybrid format will participate in periodic face-to-face discussions at CTS, at times agreed upon by participants, in place of some of the online forums. Course (1) examines the Hebrew Bible's attitudes toward animals and food, (2) introduces contemporary animal studies and food studies literature, and (3) considers the implications of that literature for biblical interpretation and contemporary ethics. MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: S18o

RH 532  
Postcolonial Theory and Biblical Interpretation  
Seung Ai Yang  
Course description listed in New Testament section.  
To be offered: S18

RH 533  
Feminist Theory and Biblical Interpretation  
Seung Ai Yang  
Course description listed in New Testament section.  
To be offered: S20

RH 590/591  
Directed Study  
Staff  
Individual study with professors in the area of Hebrew Bible on topics of student interest not covered by listed courses. Permission of instructor required.  
To be offered: TBA

RH 601  
Contemporary Hermeneutical Strategies  
Seung Ai Yang  
Advanced seminar exploring a range of emerging hermeneutical strategies (literary, social-scientific, liberationist, feminist, Afrocentrist, womanist, deconstructive, psychoanalytic) with attention to impact of global and post-Holocaust consciousness. PhD required course.  
To be offered: S19

## New Testament

RH 320  
Beginning Koine Greek  
Seung Ai Yang  
This course introduces students to the “essentials” of Koine Greek grammar, syntax, morphology, and vocabulary so they can begin to read and translate selected biblical passages.  
To be offered: TBA

RH 321  
Interpreting the Gospels  
Seung Ai Yang  
An introduction to contemporary research and perspectives on the four canonical Gospels. Greco-Roman milieu of the Gospels, the methodological development of Gospel scholarship, and the question of the Gospels' genre[s] will be addressed. MDiv, MA required course.  
To be offered: F17e, F17o, F18, F18o, F19, F19o

RH 325  
Interpreting the Epistles  
Seung Ai Yang  
Offers an introduction to both the Pauline and non-Pauline corpus. In addition to reading selected letters in light of ancient epistolography and rhetorical practices, we will also pay attention to the historical situations of these letters. Fulfills MDiv requirement.  
To be offered: S18, S18o, S19e, S19o, S20, S20o

RH 331  
Intermediate Koine Greek  
Seung Ai Yang  
This course is for those who have finished a beginner's Greek grammar and read at least substantial parts of the Gospel of John in Greek. Students will develop reading proficiency in biblical Greek by reading texts from the Greek New Testament, thoroughly examining forms and syntax.  
To be offered: TBA

RH 423  
Sermon on the Mount in Context  
Seung Ai Yang

This course closely reads the Sermon on the Mount in context. We will examine various contextual issues related to ethnicity, gender, sexuality, nationality, religiosity/spirituality, class, geopolitics, etc., both within the text and the readers.

To be offered: TBA

RH 424  
Mary Magdalene Debates  
Seung Ai Yang

Mary Magdalene is arguably the most controversial figure in Christian history. The course engages the debates on her identity from the first century to today, by examining various genres of literary and artistic resources.

To be offered: TBA

RH 425  
Gospel of Mark in Context  
Seung Ai Yang

This course closely reads the Gospel of Mark in context. We will examine various contextual issues related to ethnicity, gender, sexuality, nationality, religiosity/spirituality, class, geopolitics, etc., both within the text and the readers.

To be offered: TBA

RH 426  
Abject Bodies in the New Testament  
Manuel Villalobos Mendoza

Julia Kristeva argues that abjection is “what disturbs identity, system, order. What does not respect borders, positions, and rules. Thus in this course, we are going to gaze upon some “abject characters” who appear in the New Testament transgressing all kinds of boundaries. In fact, Jesus (and some of Jesus’ followers) seems to be the promoters of a kingdom of abject bodies.

To be offered: TBA

RH 430  
Gospel of Matthew in Context  
Seung Ai Yang

This course closely reads the Gospel of Matthew in context. We will examine various contextual issues related to ethnicity, gender, sexuality, nationality, religiosity/spirituality, class, geopolitics, etc., both within the text and the readers.

To be offered: TBA

RH 435  
Luke-Acts in Context  
Seung Ai Yang

This course closely reads the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles in context. We will examine various contextual issues related to ethnicity, gender, sexuality, nationality, religiosity/spirituality, class, geopolitics, etc., both within the text and the readers.

To be offered: TBA

RH 440  
Gospel of John in Context  
Seung Ai Yang

This course closely reads the Gospel of John in context. We will examine various contextual issues related to ethnicity, gender, sexuality, nationality, religiosity/spirituality, class, geopolitics, etc., both within the text and the readers.

To be offered: TBA

RH 445  
Paul in Context  
Seung Ai Yang

This course closely reads selected Pauline texts in context. We will examine various contextual issues related to ethnicity, gender, sexuality, nationality, religiosity/spirituality, class, geopolitics, etc., both within the text and the readers.

To be offered: TBA

RH 475  
Queer Feminist Biblical Interpretation  
Stephanie Powell  
Description TBA.

To be offered: Summer2017o

RH 487  
Teaching Biblical Basics to Congregations:  
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Jennifer Bird

Course description listed in Hebrew Bible  
section.

To be offered: TBA

RH 498  
Homosexuality and Biblical Interpretation  
Ken Stone or Jared Beverly

Course description listed in Hebrew Bible  
section (cross-listed as TEC 498).

LGBTQ and MARL Social Transformation  
Concentration elective.

To be offered: S18o

RH 522  
Historical Jesus Debates  
Seung Ai Yang

The last four decades have witnessed a  
vigorous scholarly debate on how and what  
we can reconstruct of the historical Jesus.  
We will survey the current debate and  
evaluate several scholarly reconstructions.

To be offered: TBA

RH 523  
1 Corinthians in Context  
Seung Ai Yang

This course closely reads 1 Corinthians in  
context. We will examine various contextual  
issues related to ethnicity, gender, sexuality,  
nationality, religiosity/spirituality, class, etc.,  
both within the text and the readers.

To be offered: TBA

RH 532  
Postcolonial Theory and Biblical  
Interpretation  
Seung Ai Yang

This course introduces postcolonial theory  
and its applications to the interpretation of  
the New Testament. We will study key  
concepts and major theoretical works in  
postcolonial discourses, examine the  
complex interplay of colonial and resisting  
voices in the New Testament, interrogate the  
colonizing practices of New Testament  
interpretations, and explore postcolonial  
interpretations that decolonize both the text  
and the readers. Cross-listed as TEC 532.

To be offered: S18

RH 533  
Feminist Theory & Biblical Interpretation  
Seung Ai Yang

Seminar on feminist theory and its  
applications to biblical interpretation.  
Attention to complex relationships between  
sexism and other binary modes of "isms"  
such as racism, heterosexism, and  
(neo)colonialism; various feminist strategies  
for ethical biblical interpretation. Cross-listed  
as TEC 544.

To be offered: S20

RH 590/591  
Directed Study  
Staff

Individual study with professors in the area of  
New Testament on topics of student interest  
not covered by listed courses. Permission of  
instructor required.

To be offered: TBA

RH 601  
Contemporary Hermeneutical Strategies  
Seung Ai Yang

Course description listed in Hebrew Bible  
section.

PhD required course.

To be offered: S19

# Religious History

RH 344

History of Christian Thought  
Julia Speller or Cynthia Stewart

This course will survey the significant theologians and movements from the early Christian Church through the Reformation, focusing primarily on the Western Church.

MDiv, MA required course.

To be offered: F17, F17o, S18o, F18e, F18, S19o, F19, F19o, S20o

RH 367

History and Polity of the United Church of Christ

John Thomas

A study of the history, structure, theology and practices of the United Church of Christ, including its antecedents: the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Satisfies current UCC requirements for ordination.

To be offered: J18, S18o, J19, S19o, J20, S20o

RH 390 A/B/C

United Methodist History/Doctrine/Polity  
Staff

A series of three courses to partially fulfill the requirement for ordination in the United Methodist Church.

Currently offered through Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. See ACTS listings.

RH 402

Jewish Thought: Traditionally Rooted,  
Radically Engaged

Rachel Mikva

An overview of Jewish thought and practice utilizing works of Jewish literature from the rabbinic period to modernity. Texts include Talmud, Midrash, medieval philosophy, commentary, codes, kabbalah, Heschel, Buber. We explore the ideas as they illuminate the worlds of Judaism and beyond, in their historical context and our own day. Interreligious Engagement elective. Fulfills MDiv non-Christian course requirement.

To be offered: F17o

RH 409

Study Tour to Israel and Palestine  
Rachel Mikva and Susan Thistlethwaite

History pours out of every rock, and hopes for the future pour out of every face. This 12-day journey explores the biblical heritage, vitality of the modern State of Israel, and challenges in pursuing justice and peace for Palestinians and Israelis. We meet partners in Jewish and Palestinian communities working on gender and sexuality, coexistence, sustainability, interreligious engagement. Substantial subsidies for CTS students will be available. Requires preparatory work in preceding semester. MARL Interfaith Engagement and Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: J18

RH 421

Living, Breathing Judaism  
Rachel Mikva

What we need to know about Jews and Judaism, and what we learn about ourselves in the process. The course explores ethics, Sabbath and festival observance, life cycles, family, prayer, community, conflict and change in diverse Jewish contexts.

Interreligious Engagement, MARL Word & Worship, and MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective. Fulfills MDiv non-Christian course requirement.

To be offered: TBA

RH 455

Writings About Muhammed: The Sociology of *Seerah*

Rami Nashashibi

Modern scholars, journalists and activists of all backgrounds have engaged traditional *Seerah* literature, writings about the Prophet Muhammed, from diverse perspectives. This course surveys competing and contemporary interpretations of the Prophet Muhammed's life story while exploring the significant sociological implications of these varying inquires. Fulfills MDiv non-Christian course requirement.

To be offered: TBA

RH 481

African American Religion

Julia Speller

This course explores the diversity and dynamism of African American religion, acknowledging its historical multiplicity and examining the various ways that meaning and belonging have been sustained in a racialized society.

SBFL and MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective.

To be offered: S18

RH 485

Religion in North America

Julia Speller

This course will explore the historical development of religion in America from the 17th to 21st centuries, highlighting the ways that its diversity has shaped American culture and identity.

MDiv required course. Pre-req: RH 344.

To be offered: S18, S18o, S19, S19o, S20e, S20o

RH 493

Daughters of Abraham

Julia Speller

This course will survey the histories of women in Judaism, Christianity and Islam focusing on the diverse ways they have responded to misogyny and patriarchal hegemony as well as how they have greatly influenced their traditions. Interreligious Engagement and MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective.

To be offered: F18o

RH 497

Women and Christian Mysticism: History and Experience

Cynthia Stewart

In this course we will look at the development and interpretation of ecstatic and/or unitive experiences and contemplative connections to the divine beyond all word and thought. We will primarily focus on the experiences of Christian women from the early church

through the modern era. As we seek the deeper meaning of mysticism we will work with interpretive models for understanding this phenomenon, including perennialist, feminist and pluralist formations. Students will be encouraged to take a contemplative approach to these explorations, seeking both academic and personal understandings of the connections between mysticism and the lived experience of faith.

To be offered: Summer17o

RH 586

The Myths Told to Make America Great

Lee Butler

Myth, derived from the Greek word mythos, is a story with deep significance and meaning for a culture, religion, or society. There are myths that inspired those who first crossed the Atlantic. There are myths that gave shape and purpose to the formation of the nation-state of the USA. There are myths the nation-state appeals to in order to determine the national identity. This course will examine the stories, and the symbols within the stories, that give meaning to and guide what it means to be American. Special attention will be given to the myth narrated during specific historical periods—Colonial, Antebellum, Reconstruction-Deconstruction, Jim and Jane Crow, Civil Rights-Human Rights, Post-Civil Rights, and Neo-Reconstruction. As a doctoral seminar, students will be encouraged to bring their specific research concerns into dialogue with the myths and the specified historical periods. Permission of instructor required for non-PhD students.

To be offered: FA17o

RH 590/591

Directed Study

Staff

Individual study with professors in the area of Christian Heritage on topics of student interest not covered by listed courses. Permission of instructor required.

To be offered: TBA

# Theology, Ethics & Contemporary Culture

## Theology

TEC 306

African American Religion, Theology, and Spirituality  
Lee Butler

Course will explore the religious beliefs of African Americans, with attention on the spirit of accommodation that has inspired works of freedom and justice. Topics: retention of African religions and symbols, the Black Church, nationalism, and Africentrism. SBFL and MARL Word & Worship Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 307

Systematic Theology  
JoAnne Terrell or Staff

The nature of theological thinking and theological method.  
MDiv and MA required course.  
Pre-req: RH 344.

To be offered: S18, S18o, S19, S19o, S20e, S20o

TEC 400

Constructive Theology  
Christophe Ringer

This course serves as the M.Div. program capstone course and is designed facilitate the comprehensive construction and communication of each student's own positions on key Christian doctrinal loci. The course will focus on the following themes: theological method, God, Jesus, sin and evil, ministry and church. The final version of the paper constitutes the basis of an oral examination by two members of the CTS faculty in Spring semester.

MDiv required course.

Pre-req: RH 301, RH 321, TEC 307, LM 331 or LM 332, LM 400, FE 471, TEC 321.

To be offered: F17, F17o, F18, F18o, F19e, F19o

TEC 403

Theologies of the Atonement  
JoAnne Terrell

This course is a survey of four major theories of the Atonement, an examination of their impact on contemporary worship traditions and discussion of the implications of currently held doctrine for the postmodern context.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 404

Good and Evil  
Susan Thistlethwaite

An examination of Christian interpretations of good and evil from both historic and contemporary theological perspectives. Each student will be asked to develop a constructive position on good and evil and use that perspective to interpret one historic and one contemporary situation.

To be offered: F18o

TEC 407

The New Social Gospel  
Susan Thistlethwaite

From early 20th c. to current theology and economics, this class will compare and analyze 'classical' Social Gospel, American Liberation Theologies, and contemporary approaches. Each student will 'construct' their own economically engaged theology. MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: S19o

TEC 410  
Queer Theologies  
Patrick Cheng

This course will explore the multiplicity of queer Christian theologies that have emerged in recent decades. Topics to be covered are the sources and histories of queer theologies, queering theological doctrines, and intersectional and queer of color theologies. LGBTQ Concentration elective.

To be offered: F18o

TEC 411  
Howard Thurman and the Search for  
Common Ground  
Christophe Ringer

Howard Thurman is known as a mystic, poet, prophet, preacher, pastor, philosopher and theologian. This course will critically examine Howard Thurman's account of religious experience and its ethical significance for transformation of persons and society. In particular, close attention will be paid to Thurman's interpretation of Jim Crow segregation, the religion of Jesus, spiritual disciplines, and the nature of the self. Special attention will be paid to Thurman's relationship with the Black Church, inter-religious engagement, philosophical traditions and the role of religion in America public life.

SBFL and MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 413  
Theologies of the Body  
JoAnne Terrell

How has Christianity come to be associated with the denigration of the body? What are resources in tradition for a theological re-appropriation and celebration of the body?

To be offered: S18

TEC 414  
The Theology of Art  
Bo Myung Seo

This course examines the ideas of the aesthetic and art in the history of Christian thought. After a historical survey, some contemporary reflections on art will also be examined.

To be offered: F17, F19

TEC 421  
Liberation Theology for Reactionary Times  
Susan Thistlethwaite

History of Liberation Theology, examination of characteristics of contemporary reactionary religious and political systems, analysis of new global liberation theologies (Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist and Humanist), creation of constructive proposals. Each student will write a constructive liberation theology proposal for her or his own context. MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: Summer17, Summer18

TEC 429  
Mass Incarceration, Politics and Public  
Theology  
Christophe Ringer

The course will examine relationship between mass incarceration, American democracy and the resources of public theology. This course will pay close attention to the economic and political structures that sustains mass incarceration. This course will pay close attention to the role of culture in the constructions of criminality at the intersection of race, class gender. In addition, the course will integrate these aspects in examine the challenge and possibilities for Christian social witness.

SBFL and MARL Social Transformation concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 431

Bonhoeffer's Theology  
Staff

Bonhoeffer's theology and political struggle. Particular attention to how his vision of "communion" and "discipleship" came into conflict with the contemporary political order, national security and power. Can his theological vigilance and voice against the social ethics conforming to national interests and ethnic division still resonate in the present?

To be offered: TBA

TEC 437

Psychology of the Oppressed and Liberation Theologies  
Lee Butler

Course will consider the experiences of race, class, and gender oppression. Phenomenological positions will be critiqued psychologically to understand liberative theological motivations. Works from Latin American, womanist, feminist, and black theology. SBFL Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 445

Contemporary Theology of Culture  
Bo Myung Seo

This course will examine the developments in theology of culture since the days of Tillich and Niebuhr. The impacts of the rise of popular culture, postmodern and cultural theories will be considered.

To be offered: Summer18o

TEC 447

Mike Check: The Public Witness of Michael Eric Dyson  
Christophe Ringer

The work of Michael Eric Dyson continues to navigate the busy intersection of religion, philosophy, cultural criticism, ethics and politics in American life. In addition, Dyson's public witness keeps alive the perennial debates about the relevance of the academy for addressing society's most pressing

problems. The course will attend to a diverse selection of Dyson's published work as well as his mode of public engagement. Special attention will be paid to Dyson's corpus as a window into contemporary debates about the complexities of African American life as well as the scholarly project of interpreting iconic African American men as a lens through which to view the possibilities and contradictions of American culture society. SBFL and MARL Social Transformation concentration elective.

To be offered: F17

TEC 462

Issues in Pastoral Theology  
Lee Butler

This course will explore the issues of theological anthropology as they relate to the search for human wholeness, justice, and love. Our basic task will be to encourage a firm foundation for pastoral theological reflection and praxis through the consideration of human nature, personality, salvation, and healing. Biblical texts will be woven with psychological theories to encourage the usage of Scripture when reflecting theologically.

To be offered: S19

TEC 465

Trauma and Theology  
Zachary Moon

This course will explore multiple conceptual frameworks of trauma with an emphasis on theological reflection and constructing contextual theologies. This course is designed as a seminar in which students will be active readers and contributors to the learning community. Students will theologically engage and integrate learning from cognate clinical fields of trauma theory, therapeutic practice, and literature.

To be offered: S19o

TEC 484

Theological and Ethical Perspectives on  
AIDS and Violence  
JoAnne Terrell

In this course we examine theological and ethical perspectives on the pandemics of AIDS and violence as they affect policy and theology and ask, "How may historical doctrines be freshly interpreted in order to mediate a humane response?"

LGBTQ, MARL Word & Worship, and MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: F18, F19

TEC 487

Theologies of the Third World  
Bo Myung Seo

The course will examine some of the recent theological developments in the third world countries, with particular attentions being paid to the historical and economic conditions.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 491

Interreligious Dialogue  
Bo Myung Seo

Reading of Christian theologians who have proposed dialogues with religions of the world. It involves examining some of the Christian doctrines within the context of such dialogues. SBFL, Interreligious Engagement, and MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 497a

Theology in Asia  
Bo Myung Seo

Examination of different contemporary theologies in Asia. An attempt will be made to see how they reflect the historical contexts of Asia and how they use the cultural and religious traditions of Asia.

MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 497b

Theology in East Asia  
Bo Myung Seo

This course will examine the theological traditions in East Asia and their distinct contributions to Christian theology. As we examine the themes and issues raised by the readings, an attempt will be also made to see how they appropriate the intellectual and spiritual heritages of Asia.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 499

Introduction to Philosophy of Religion  
Bo Myung Seo

The course will examine the basic issues and problems in religion from the philosophical perspective. They include such issues as Religious Knowledge and Experience, God, Evil, Suffering, and Immortality.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 504

Augustine, Niebuhr, & Malcolm X  
JoAnne Terrell

We will review the ideas of these three highly influential thinkers about the nature of sin in human existence and those qualities of human beings requiring redemption, giving special attention to the theme of sin as pride and sensuality.

SBFL, Interreligious Engagement, MARL Interfaith Engagement, and MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: F18, F19

TEC 505

God and Philosophy  
Bo Myung Seo

This course will introduce the ways in which the question of God was dealt with in the 20<sup>th</sup> century Western philosophy. In doing so, the course will also examine the relationship between philosophy and theology during that period.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 506  
Existentialism: Theology, Literature, and  
Cinema  
Bo Myung Seo

This course examines the basic ideas of existentialism and how they have been incorporated into Western theology, literature and cinema. The writers and filmmakers to be discussed include Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus, Tillich, Bergman, and Tarkovsky.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 507  
Theology in America: Ralph Waldo Emerson  
and Beyond  
Bo Myung Seo

This course will read Emerson's major essays and examine them theologically and philosophically. His intellectual legacy will be discussed through the writings of Friedrich Nietzsche, Stanley Cavell, Cornel West, etc.

To be offered: F18

TEC 508  
Contemporary Atheism and Theism  
Bo Myung Seo

This course discusses the philosophical and theological arguments for atheism and theism. We will begin with some historical review of the literature, but emphasis will be upon more recent attempts to restate the arguments. Readings will be drawn largely from the Anglo-American discussions. The course will be conducted as a seminar.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 509  
Proto-womanist Thought  
JoAnne Terrell

The course will focus on the lives, thought, and spiritual practices of proto-womanists Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Jarena Lee, and trace the intellectual and spiritual paths of some of their spiritual descendants in contemporary womanist circles. SBFL Concentration elective.

To be offered: S19, S20

TEC 510  
Womanist and Feminist Christologies  
JoAnne Terrell

A seminar examining servanthood vs. surrogacy, the Black Christ and the historical Jesus Christ and Christa and atonement and abuse. SBFL Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 517  
African American Political Theology  
Christophe Ringer

This is an advanced course that examines the religious and theological dimensions of American political life from the experiences of African Americans. Political theology has re-emerged as an inter-disciplinary field that investigates the powerful religious, historical and cultural forces shaping the ultimate meanings found in political communities. This course will investigate the religious and theological aspects shaping American democracy through African American religious, cultural, and philosophical sources. SBFL and MARL Social Transformation elective.

To be offered: S18

TEC 520

Theology and Anthropology

Bo Myung Seo and Emily Vogt

This course deals with the question of how theology and anthropology have related to each other since the middle of the 19th century and how a dialogue between the two can promote deeper reflections on such theological themes as salvation, ritual, incarnation, and symbolism. We will consider anthropological theories of culture, interpretations of religion, and ethnographic methodology, and how these are relevant and instructive to students of theology, as well as theological approaches to the study of culture.

To be offered: S17

TEC 533

Women's Voices: Ruether, Lorde, Plaskow,

Waddud

Rachel Mikva

An in-depth study of four prominent feminist voices: Christian, Jewish and Muslim. With diverse and evolving relationships to their own religious traditions, these women lay foundations for feminist perspectives on culture, power, ethics and theology. Learn the commonalities and distinctiveness of feminist thought and activism within Judaism, Christianity and Islam through the work of these women and those who follow. Interreligious and MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective. Meets MDiv Non-Christian course requirement.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 540

Theology and Cultural Analysis

Bo Myung Seo

The course will first examine different theologies of culture in terms of how they see the relation between theology and culture and then examine different ways of reading the contemporary Western culture theologically. SBFL and MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 550

Ideas of Freedom

Bo Myung Seo

The course will deal with the idea of freedom from theological, philosophical, and political perspectives.

MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 555

Works of Love

Bo Myung Seo

This course will examine various conceptions of love in philosophy and theology. The focus will be on more recent thoughts on love.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 581

Perspectives on Suffering

Bo Myung Seo

Theological and philosophical considerations of suffering as to its nature and meaning.

MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 590/591

Directed Study

Staff

Individual study with professors in the area of theology on topics of student interest not covered by listed courses. Permission of instructor required.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 595  
MA/STM Thesis Seminar  
Bo Myung Seo or Staff

This full-year 3-credit course assists MA and STM students in a) writing an academically superior and critically informed Masters-level thesis on a topic that contributes to the study of theology and religion and, when appropriate, the interface with contemporary culture and other disciplines and b) successfully defending the thesis in an oral exam. MA and STM required course.

To be offered: All years, face to face and online

TEC 603  
Philosophical Thought  
Bo Myung Seo

The course builds philosophical foundations for beginning doctoral students.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 604  
Pedagogies  
Zachary Moon

This course will examine critical pedagogy, educational theories and classroom practices. Students will articulate their teaching philosophy, learn practical skills for course development, implementation, and assessment, and apply their expertise to engaging learning communities in various contexts including multiple higher education settings, online courses, and religious communities. PhD Students only.

To be offered: S18, S20

TEC 605  
20th Century Theology  
Bo Myung Seo or Staff

Seminar for advanced degree students covering significant developments in theology in the 20th century. Focus on the emergence of new voices and the theological precedents for them.

To be offered: S18, S19

TEC 629  
Mass Incarceration, Politics and Public  
Theology  
Christophe Ringer

The course will examine relationship between mass incarceration, American democracy and the resources of public theology. This course will pay close attention to the economic and political structures that sustains mass incarceration. This course will pay close attention to the role of culture in the constructions of criminality at the intersection of race, class gender. In addition, the course will integrate these aspects in examine the challenge and possibilities for Christian social witness. (Doctoral students only.)

To be offered: TBA

TEC 647  
Mike Check: The Public Witness of Michael  
Eric Dyson  
Christophe Ringer

The work of Michael Eric Dyson continues to navigate the busy intersection of religion, philosophy, cultural criticism, ethics and politics in American life. In addition, Dyson's public witness keeps alive the perennial debates about the relevance of the academy for addressing society's most pressing problems. The course will attend to a diverse selection of Dyson's published work as well as his mode of public engagement. Special attention will be paid to Dyson's corpus as a window into contemporary debates about the complexities of African American life as well as the scholarly project of interpreting iconic African American men as a lens through which to view the possibilities and contradictions of American culture society. (Doctoral students only.)

To be offered: F17

## Ethics & Contemporary Culture

TEC 321

### Christian Ethics

Christophe Ringer or JoAnne Terrell

Course examines moral codes, divine commandments and legal proscriptions that influence the development of Christianity, and how the historical expressions of these systems in various communions have led to competing moral theories in Christian thought. MDiv required course, fulfills MA requirement, MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

Pre-req: RH 344. Co-req: TEC 307.

To be offered: S18, S18o, S19e, S19o, S20, S20o

TEC 355

### Living into our Commitments and Effecting Social Change

Rachel Mikva or Staff

Using the CTS "Statement of Commitments" as the basis for study, we critically examine the ways in which injustice diminishes our world, and explore strategies for personal and social transformation. The CTS community is also a living laboratory, enabling us to discuss what it means to try to live into these commitments together, how to make space for different visions of justice, and what to do when we fall short.

MDiv required course.

To be offered: S18, S18o, S19, S19o, S20e, S20o

TEC 390

### Introduction to the Study of Black Faith and Life

Lee Butler

This course will explore the critical themes, disciplines and thinkers important to the study of Black faith and Black life. The discussion will be afrocentric in focus, interreligious and socially comprehensive in scope. SBFL Concentration required course; MARL Social Transformation and Word and Worship Concentration elective.

To be offered: F18, F19

TEC 393

### Introduction to LGBTQIA Religious Studies

Scott Haldeman

Participants explore historical trajectories of studies by and about queer adherents to various religious traditions, while focusing on questions of method—past, present and future. LGBTQ Concentration required course. MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: F19

TEC 395

### Interreligious Engagement

Rachel Mikva

Emphasizing personal and social transformation, the course covers leadership strategies in building interreligious partnerships, modes and methods of engagement, and how to think theologically about our multifaith context. This is a "flex-class." Students may complete it entirely online, or they may come to CTS for any of several experiential elements which are concentrated into 3 times during the semester. (Participation in face-to-face elements releases students from parallel written work.) MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration required course. Interreligious Engagement and MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: F17o

TEC 411

### Howard Thurman and the Search for Common Ground

Christophe Ringer

Description in Theology section.

SBFL Concentration elective, MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 419

Dangerous Religious Ideas

Rachel Mikva

Using primary and secondary sources, the class explores religious ideas that are or have been considered “dangerous” in Judaism, Christianity and Islam (e.g., martyrdom, Sabbath, chosenness, free will and divine providence, reward and punishment, salvation, etc.). Our goal is to understand the potentially constructive and destructive aspects of each concept, and to consider how we might try to shape their meaning. Interreligious Engagement and MARL Interfaith Engagement and Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: F18, F18o

TEC 429

Mass Incarceration, Politics and Public Theology

Christophe Ringer

Description in Theology section. SBFL and MARL Social Transformation concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 437

Psychology of the Oppressed and Liberation Theologies

Lee Butler

We will focus upon those who experience race, class and gender oppression. Phenomenological positions will be critiqued psychologically to understand liberative theological motivations. Selected works from Latin American, Womanist, Feminist and Black Theology will be reviewed. SBFL Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 441

Story and Religious Imagination in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Rachel Mikva

Why do religious stories have such a powerful impact? What can they teach us and why are they an essential component of every faith tradition? What do they share, and how are they distinguished by historical context? Looking at diverse genres of post-scriptural narrative across multiple faiths and cultures, the course explores how story shapes religious thought and action.

Interreligious Engagement, MARL Interfaith Engagement and MARL Word & Worship Concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 443

Haiti Study Tour

JoAnne Terrell and Emily Vogt

In this study trip, students, staff, and faculty will explore beautiful Haiti and learn from its people about their history, customs, art, spirituality, and other sources of resilience in the face of geopolitical and economic isolation, demonization, racism (both systemic and internalized) and entrenched poverty. SBFL and MARL Social Transformation concentration elective.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 455B

DMin Research Methods Seminar

Michael Montgomery or Staff

D. Min. required course.

To be offered: August 2017

TEC 456  
Liberation Theology in Reactionary Times  
Susan Thistlethwaite

History of Liberation Theology, examination of the characteristics of contemporary reactionary religious and political systems, analysis of new global liberation theologies (Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist and Humanist), and creation of constructive proposals. Each student will write a constructive liberation theology proposal for her or his own context. MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: Summer 2017, Summer 2018

TEC 458  
Religious Liberty and LGBTQ Equality  
Jay Michaelson

As LGBTQ equality has advanced in America, conservative religious voices have demanded the right to opt out, from Kim Davis in Kentucky to "Turn the Gays Away" laws across the country. How do we balance civil rights and pluralism, equality and religious freedom? This seminar will take a multi-disciplinary approach to these questions, incorporating legal, moral, and personal modalities.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 468  
All Praise Due: Islam, Muslims & Hip-Hop  
Rami Nashashibi

This course will explore the complicated encounter of Islam and hip-hop while probing how this art form emerged to become one of the more culturally relevant vehicles for the spiritual and political expression of Muslims and Islam in modern times.

Interreligious Engagement, SBFL and MARL Social Transformation and Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective. Fulfills MDiv non-Christian elective requirement.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 472  
Religion, Terror, and America  
Lee Butler

The construction of the Atlantic World gave rise to Empire in the Americas. We will examine religious ideas and the power of terrorism within America history to consider the formation of the nation-state.

SBFL and MARL Social Transformation Concentration elective.

To be offered: S20

TEC 475  
Exploring the American Muslim Experience  
Rami Nashashibi  
Engage Islam in America through exploration of racial, ethnic, and socio-economic manifestations over last century, highlighting a range of contemporary debates, themes and issues dealing with American Muslim communities. Interreligious Engagement, SBFL, and MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective. Fulfills MDiv non-Christian elective requirement.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 478  
Living Islam: An Introduction to Islam as a Lived Tradition  
Su'ad Khabeer

The primary objective of this intensive seminar is to meaningfully introduce students to the Islamic tradition through the lived experiences of contemporary Muslims. Key themes addressed include: belief and practice, gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, and globalization and state power. Students will learn about Islam as practiced by a diverse selection of Muslims including African Americans in the United States, North African immigrants in France, and gay Muslims in Indonesia.

Interreligious Engagement and MARL Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective. Fulfills MDiv non-Christian elective requirement.

To be offered: TBA

TEC 484  
Theological and Ethical Perspectives on  
AIDS and Violence  
JoAnne Terrell  
Course description listed in Theology section.  
LGBTQ and MARL Social Transformation  
Concentration elective.  
To be offered: F18, F19

TEC 486  
The Black Church and the Nation of Islam  
JoAnne Terrell  
In this course we will examine Black  
Religions in the U.S. and will explore the  
trajectories of Black Spiritualities from the  
Civil Rights era to the post-modern context.  
SBFL and MARL Interfaith Engagement  
Concentration elective.  
To be offered: TBA

TEC 489  
Christianity and Confucianism  
Bo Myung Seo  
An exploration into the relationship between  
the two traditions, considered historically,  
textually, and religiously.  
Interreligious Engagement and MARL  
Interfaith Engagement Concentration  
elective.  
To be offered: TBA

TEC 490  
Cinema and Liberation  
Bo-Myung Seo  
An introduction to third world cinema as an  
expression of liberation. The course will use  
images and metaphors of the movies made  
in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to Guide  
the discussions of theology and ethics.  
To be offered: TBA

TEC 498  
Homosexuality and Biblical Interpretation  
Ken Stone or Jared Beverly  
A reconsideration of the Bible and biblical  
interpretation from the standpoint of gay and  
lesbian experience (cross-listed as RH 498).  
LGBTQ and MARL Social Transformation  
Concentration elective.  
To be offered: S18o

TEC 532  
Postcolonial Theory and Biblical  
Interpretation  
Seung Ai Yang  
Course description in New Testament  
section. Cross-listed as RH 532.  
To be offered: S18

TEC 575  
Religion, Biopolitics, and the Black Public  
Sphere  
Christophe Ringer  
This advanced seminar examines the  
intersection of religion, biopolitics and the  
black public sphere. Theories of biopolitics  
influence our understanding of how the  
reproduction and regulation of life and death  
emerged as the subject of political life in  
modernity. This course will examine such  
accounts from within the context of religion  
and culture within the black public sphere.  
Special attention will be paid to the influence  
of religion, race, technology, gender, social  
sciences and public policy as they relate to  
social problems. SBFL and MARL Social  
Transformation Concentration elective.  
To be offered: S19

TEC 590/591  
Directed Study  
Staff  
Individual study with professor in the area of  
Ethics and Contemporary Culture on topics  
of student interest not covered by listed  
courses. Permission of instructor required.  
To be offered: TBA

TEC 629  
Mass Incarceration, Politics and Public  
Theology  
Christophe Ringer  
Description in Theology section. SBFL and  
MARL Social Transformation concentration  
elective.  
To be offered: TBA

TEC 699  
Ph.D Professional Development Workshops  
Emily Vogt  
Non-credit series of professional  
development workshops for PhD students,  
meeting twelve times over the academic  
year. Required PhD course.  
To be offered: All years, Fall and Spring

# Leadership and Ministry

LM 302  
Preaching  
Staff

The theology and practice of the preaching ministry. The approach will emphasize both the art of sermon preparation and the place of preaching in pastoral ministry. Limited to second and third year students.

Fulfills MDiv requirement and MARL Word & Worship Concentration requirement.

To be offered: S18, S19, S20

LM 331  
Introduction to Pastoral Care  
Lee Butler or Zachary Moon

Course seeks to facilitate pastoral formation and introduce ministries of pastoral care. Emphasis placed upon the minister's healing role with people in crisis and the biblical and theological foundations of pastoral care.

MDiv required course.

To be offered: F17e, F18, F19

LM 332  
Introduction to Pastoral Theology  
Zachary Moon or Lee Butler

This course will introduce the field of pastoral theology. Students will develop skills for practicing pastoral theological reflection, encountering circumstances of crisis and human suffering, and envisioning care and counseling practices that are theologically coherent and contextually responsible. Only open to fully online students. Meets MDiv requirement.

To be offered: F17o, S18o, F18o, S19o, F19o, S19o

LM 335  
African American Pastoral Psychology  
Lee Butler

We will consider the African American approach to human nature, personality, theory and key concepts. Biblical texts will be woven with the psychological theories to encourage a pastoral approach to psychotherapy.

SBFL Concentration elective.

To be offered: S19

LM 365  
Global Sensitivity in Ministry  
Bo Myung Seo or Staff

The learning objectives of this course are to improve understanding of and responsiveness to social movements, cultural variety, and global issues.

Interreligious Engagement Concentration elective, MDiv required course, MARL Social Transformation and Interfaith Engagement Concentration elective, fulfills MA requirement.

To be offered: F17, F17o, F18e, F18o, F19, F19o

LM 395  
Introduction to Chaplaincy Studies  
Zachary Moon

This course introduces the field of chaplaincy studies. Chaplains are rooted and accountable to their religious tradition, but they serve people and communities who may have different religious backgrounds or have no religious affiliation. How does one develop a ministry resilient in the face of pluralistic religious demands, complex human suffering, and institutional cultures that may conflict with human flourishing? This course will engage five contexts of chaplaincy ministry including hospital, military, prison, campus, and hospice. Chaplaincy Concentration requirement. Pre-req LM 331/LM 332.

To be offered: J18, F18o, S20o

LM 400

Leadership and Ministry in Context

Stephanie Crowder

Course assists the student in experiencing and initiating a style of pastoral and theological reflection and provides perspective on the nature, history, and practice of religious leadership in congregational, faith based community non-profit, and chaplaincy settings. This year-long three credit hour course is offered in both a hybrid and online format. It is designed to be taken concurrently with a field education placement. MDiv and MARL required course. Pre-req: At least 8 courses, including TEC 307 and TEC 355.

To be offered: All years, online (full year)

LM 402

Preaching and Pastoral Care

Lee Butler

This course will focus upon the sermonic communication of God's love and hope in times of crisis. Students will be challenged to develop homiletical skills, ministerial sensitivity and a vision of congregational life. MARL Word & Worship – fulfills Concentration requirement/elective. SBFL Concentration elective. Fulfills MDiv requirement.

To be offered: S20

LM 404

Prophetic Preaching

Otis Moss

This course will explore how to examine biblical texts with a prophetic lens, craft sermons with a social justice frame work and develop a stronger analytical lens for prophetic cultural criticism. Students should be prepared to explore multiple disciplines and genres to gain a better understanding of prophetic ministry in a postmodern age. MARL Word & Worship – fulfills Concentration requirement or elective. Fulfills MDiv requirement.

To be offered: TBA

LM 405

Leading Congregations: Principles and Practices

John Thomas

From beginning a new pastorate to topics like governance, financial and personnel administration, conflict management, strategic planning, fund raising and media relations, this course will address the day-to-day challenges-and joys!-of parish ministry. MARL Word & Worship Concentration elective.

To be offered: F17o

LM 412

Introduction to Christian Worship

Scott Haldeman

This course will engage students in current debates about what worship is, what it means, and how it should be done. We will address questions about the authority of historical forms of practice for communities today; about ancient and new metaphors that we use to capture what word and font and table tell us about God, ourselves and our world; about the many ways our common practices—such as gathering, singing, praying and preaching—are done in a pluralistic world. MARL Word & Worship – fulfills Concentration requirement/elective. Fulfills MDiv requirement.

To be offered: F18o, S20o

LM 414

Worship as/and Transformative Art

Scott Haldeman

In this class, we will engage in theological reflection on the arts with the help of theologians, artists, and other theorists in order to equip ourselves to identify images and gestures that have the potential to transform individuals and communities toward greater justice and mercy. MARL Word & Worship – fulfills Concentration requirement/elective. Fulfills MDiv requirement.

To be offered: TBA

LM 415  
Ritual Studies  
Scott Haldeman

Human beings use ritual to construct themselves as individuals and as social groups. In this course, we will discuss, and experiment with, the work of theorists of ritual to help us understand how this happens. We will learn and practice methods of ritual criticism, which help us to interpret with more clarity and depth the ritual traditions in which we participate. We will explore how rituals change and how rituals are created to meet newly articulated human needs.

To be offered: F17o, S19o

LM 416  
Leading Christian Worship: A Practicum in Presiding  
Scott Haldeman

This course is a practicum in which we explore skills and concepts required to lead worship, such knowledge of the forms of various services and the genres of prayer within them, building one's voice, attending to gesture and posture, and developing a strong and sensitive pastoral presence.

MARL Word & Worship – fulfills Concentration requirement/elective. Fulfills MDiv requirement.

To be offered: F18, S20

LM 417  
Worship in World Religions  
Scott Haldeman

To foster peace, tolerance and harmony in world of religious pluralism and conflict, and to better understand one's own practices, leaders of communities of faith need to become familiar with the beliefs and practices of our neighbors. We will study the forms of worship of a sampling of world religions and visit actual communities to learn how to build relationships of trust.

Interreligious Engagement, MARL Interfaith Engagement, and MARL Word & Worship Concentration elective

To be offered: TBA

LM 422  
Religious Education in a Multicultural World  
Julia Speller

In a world where there is an increasing emphasis on interreligious dialogue and engagement, it is also important to be aware of the diversity within Christian congregations. This course will explore the various ways that religious education in Christian settings provide meaning and belonging in Hispanic/Latino-a, African American, Asian-American, LGBTQ, and Anglo/Mainline contexts and will also examine the implications of these experiences for multicultural religious education more broadly.

MARL Social Transformation and Interreligious Engagement Concentration elective.

To be offered: F17

LM 426  
Preaching the Headlines  
Zach Mills

This course studies local, national, and global news events to stimulate the process, design, and practice of dynamic preaching. Through lectures, discussions, and an in-class lab, students will become more effective communicators behind and beyond church pulpits!

To be offered: S18o

LM 430  
Short-Term Pastoral Counseling Strategies  
Lee Butler

We will focus on the effective intervention, management and prevention of crises through the development of counseling skills and techniques. Videotaped role-plays will be one learning tool.

To be offered: TBA

LM 433  
Memories, Dreams and Theological  
Reflection  
Lee Butler

Dreaming is not only a way of negotiating the stressors of our existence; it is also a medium of Divine communication. This course will consider psychological and theological understandings of dreams and dream interpretation.

To be offered: TBA

LM 437  
Moral Injury and Recovery  
Zachary Moon

This course investigates the field of moral injury. Moral injury occurs when intense levels of moral emotions including guilt, shame, disgust, and/or contempt, overwhelm normal human functioning and generate the same symptoms as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Moral injury has been linked to military service and combat traumas and may occur in many other contexts. This course will analyze the theoretical work concerning moral injury and the practical application of providing support for recovery. Chaplaincy Concentration and MARL Social Transformation elective. Pre-req: LM 331 or LM 332.

To be offered: TBA

LM 438  
Pastoral Care with Veterans and Military  
Families  
Zachary Moon

This course examines the challenges and opportunities of providing pastoral care with veterans and military families, focusing on issues including warrior identity, deployment and combat experience, impact on families, post-deployment reintegration, and the role of congregations. This constructive, contextual course is at the intersection of religious traditions, military culture, clinical disciplines and personal experience. Chaplaincy Concentration and MARL Social Transformation elective.

To be offered: TBA

LM 440  
The Psychodynamics of Biblical Narratives  
Lee Butler

Review of biblical narratives as foundational for considering human transformation. Hermeneutics for understanding textual dynamics will be grounded in psychological theories, and interpretive perspective will be communicated through creative writing. MARL Word & Worship Concentration elective.

To be offered: S17

LM 444  
Theology, Ministry and People with  
Disabilities  
Craig Modahl

This course introduces students to issues that confront people with disabilities, their families and faith communities. Through lectures, assigned readings, and conversations with advocates and self-advocates, we will explore these issues. The course will ultimately focus on the implications for ministry. Students will be challenged to think theologically about a variety of issues related to disability including issues of ethics, justice, homiletics and inclusion.

To be offered: TBA

LM 457  
Greening the Church: Theological and  
Practical Foundations  
Robert Shore-Goss

This course explores the pastoral and theological implications of making the Earth a member of your faith community (campus, worship and sacrament, ministry, eco-justice). But it attempts a deeper collaborative dream of individual and communal eco-conversion that make environmental justice sustainable and energized by contemplative engagement with the Earth and the Earth web of life. MARL Social Transformation elective.

To be offered: F18o

LM 460  
Pastoring Your First Church  
Mark Winters

What is it really like to be a pastor? We'll begin by asking what kind of pastor you want to be, and how that may relate to the kinds of calls you may want to seek. Then, how does one actually begin in a community with this new role? We will address questions relating to supervision of staff, the pastor's role in church finances, and relating to organizations outside the church. We'll discuss how to manage conflicting demands from the congregation and how to keep a healthy personal life in parallel with your vocation.

To be offered: Summer17

LM 462  
Pastoral Counseling with the Oppressed  
Lee Butler

This course will consider the issues of race, class and gender (and their inter-dependency) and the impact they have upon human accommodations. These oppressions must be considered when working with individuals who struggle for a sense of autonomy, self-determination, and spiritual well-being. Biblical texts will be woven with psychological theories in an effort to strengthen pastoral counselors.

To be offered: J19

LM 464  
Mobilizing for Justice: Advocacy Ministry with Children and Youth  
Christophe Ringer and Janet Wolf

This course involves participation in the summer conference at the Children's Defense Fund's Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, TN. This immersion experience provides Bible study and worship, movement-building workshops and forums, ministry resources and networking with religious leaders from across the country. Christians from across the denominational spectrum will explore ministries of justice and child advocacy.

To be offered: Summer17

LM 470  
Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference  
Staff

Students will participate in the annual Proctor Conference and engage in conference sessions on a topic related to pastoral leadership. The conference is held annually in February. Students will be required to meet with an instructor prior to and following the conference, and complete reading and writing assignments. This course is offered on a Pass/Fail basis.

To be offered: S18, S19, S20

LM 474  
Feminist, Womanist, and Queer Ritualizing  
Scott Haldeman

Participants consider feminist, womanist and queer critiques of traditional forms of worship while also constructing new theories/theologies and crafting new rites that forge inclusive, just and whole/holy communities.

To be offered: J19

LM 481  
Marriage: Rites and Wrongs  
Scott Haldeman

In this course, participants try to get below and behind the marriage debates that rage in both the churches and the wider society to explore what marriage is--in theological, moral and legal perspective--and what it might be; and what the wedding is and what it might be.

LGBTQ and MARL Word & Worship Concentration elective.

To be offered: F17o, S19o

LM 487  
Leadership for Public Engagement  
Staff

Students will critically explore new and emerging models for transformative public engagement. Putting theory to praxis, students will create content and interactive methodologies for the RIOTcon conference. Coursework will allow students to develop models that challenge hierarchical systems, foster anti-racist perspectives, and encourage intersectionality, all while spurring participants to action. This full year course will carry three credit hours over a full year of study.

To be offered: S18o

LM 511  
Teaching, Learning, and Course Design  
Julia Speller

This course is designed for PhD students and will provide opportunities for them to sharpen their teaching skills through a focus on theories and practices of adult learning and course design.

To be offered: TBA

LM 585  
DMin Thesis Seminar  
Michael Montgomery or Scott Haldeman  
Final step in writing DMin Thesis. DMin required course.

To be offered: J18, J19, J20

LM 590/591  
Directed Study  
Staff

Individual study with faculty in the area of leadership and/or ministry on topics of student interest not covered by listed courses. Permission of instructor required.

To be offered: TBA

LM 595  
MARL Project Seminar  
Scott Haldeman

Required seminar for MARL students.

To be offered: S18, S19

## Field Education

FE 470/470A

### Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

All approved CPE Centers

One basic unit of CPE is required of all MDiv students. FE 470 carries no academic credit. FE 470A carries 3 hours elective credit, the equivalent of one course.

To be offered: All terms

FE 471A/B

### Concurrent Field Placement

Staff/Advisors

Field Placement course, to satisfy the second MDiv clinical component and MARL requirement. FE 471A (fall) and FE 471B (spring) each carry 1.5 hours elective credit.

To be offered: All terms

FE 472

### Summer Field Placement Internship

Staff/Advisors

May be used to satisfy the second MDiv clinical component and MARL requirement. Carries 3 hours elective credit, the equivalent of one course. Permission of Director of Field Education required.

To be offered: All terms

## Academic Calendar 2017-18

<b>FALL SEMESTER 2017</b>	
Registration Fall Term – NEW STUDENTS	June 1-August 18
Orientation Retreat	August 30-September 1
<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	September 5
Last Day to Drop/Add	September 15
Last Day to Pay Tuition & Fees	September 22
<b>Late fee charged (10%)</b>	<b>September 25</b>
Reading Week	October 16-20
Registration for January & Spring Terms	November 6-10
Thanksgiving Recess	November 23-24
Fall Semester Ends	December 15
<b>WINTER “J” TERM 2018</b>	
Term Begins	January 2 (Tuesday)
M.L. King Day (no classes)	January 15
Term Ends	February 2
<b>SPRING SEMESTER 2018</b>	
<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	February 5
Last day to Drop/Add	February 16
Last Day to Pay Tuition & Fees	February 23
<b>Late fee charged (10%)</b>	<b>February 26</b>
Reading Week	March 19-23
Registration for Summer & Fall Terms	April 16-20
Spring Semester Ends	May 18
Commencement	May 18

## Tentative Professor Sabbatical Schedule 2017-2020

	Fall	Spring
17/18	Terrell, Hunt	Haldeman, Butler, Hunt
18/19	Ringer	Stone
18/19	Mikva, Moon	Seo

# Required Course Schedule

## MDiv

RH 301: **Interpreting the Hebrew Bible** ..... F17, F17o, S18o, F18, F18o, S, S19o, F19e, F19o, S20o  
 RH 321: **Interpreting the Gospels** ..... F17e, F17o, F18, F18o, F19, F19o  
 RH 344: **History of Christian Thought** ..... F17, F17o, S18o, F18e, F18o, S19o, F19, F19o, S20o  
 RH 485: **Religion in North America** ..... S18, S18o, S19, S19o, S20e, S20o

Two of the following three:

RH 302: **Interpreting the Hebrew Bible II** ..... S18, S18o, S19, S19o, S20e, S20o  
 RH 325: **Interpreting the Epistles** ..... S18, S18o, S19e, S19o, S20, S20o

Bible Elective

TEC 321: **Christian Ethics** ..... S18, S18o, S19e, S19o, S20, S20o  
 TEC 307: **Systematic Theology** ..... S18e, S18o, S19, S19o, S20, S20o  
 TEC 400: **Constructive Theology** ..... F17, F17o, F18, F18o, F19e, F19o  
 TEC 355: **Living into our Commitments & Effecting Social Change** .. S18e, S18o, S19, S19o, S20, S20o

Theology Elective

LM 365: **Global Sensitivity in Ministry** ..... F17, F17o, F18e, F18o, F19, F19o  
 LM 400: **Leadership and Ministry in Context** ..... All years, online. Full year (fall and spring).  
 LM 331: **Introduction to Pastoral Care** ..... F17e, F18, F19

For online-only students: LM 332: **Introduction to Pastoral Theology** .... F17o, S18o, F18o, S19o, F19o, S20o

One of the following two:

LM 302: **Preaching** ..... S18, S19, S20

Worship Elective

Ministry Elective

One elective course in a religious tradition other than Christianity

- RH 402 – Jewish Thought
- RH 421 – Living, Breathing Judaisms
- RH 455 – Writings About Muhammed: The Sociology of *Seerah*
- TEC 408 – Islamic Theology and the Muslim Worldview
- TEC 412 – Evolving Dharma: Contemporary Meditation and Buddhist Modernism
- TEC 468 – All Praise Due: Muslims, Islam, and Hip Hop
- TEC 475 – Exploring the American Muslim Experience
- TEC 477 – Anthropology of Islam
- TEC 494 – Native American Religious Traditions
- TEC 533 - Women’s Voices: Ruether, Lorde, Plaskow, Waddud

Other courses by petition of the MDiv Committee

FE 471: **Field Placement**

FE 470: **Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)**

Seven Electives

## STM

TEC 595: **MA/STM Writing Seminar** ..... All years, online & face to face sections – full year

7 Electives

## MARL

Individual MARL courses of study must be approved by the MDiv/MARL Committee in December of a student's first year. Students who began their studies in 2013 or prior may be exempt from this requirement if they follow the program requirements set when they entered the program.

LM 400: **Leadership and Ministry in Context** ..... All years, online. Full year (fall and spring).  
Either LM 595 **MARL Project Seminar** ..... S18, S19  
or LM 596o, **Leadership for Transformation** ..... TBA  
FE 471: **Field Placement**

Two courses in sacred texts (generally RH courses – only courses in texts, not history courses)

Two courses in religious thought/history (RH courses in history, some TEC courses)

1 course in personal/social transformation (TEC 351, TEC 355, or other courses as approved)

Four courses specific to each concentration

Five electives

## MA

RH 301: **Interpreting the Hebrew Bible** ..... F17, F17o, S18o, F18, F18o, S19o, F19e, F19o, S20o

RH 321: **Interpreting the Gospels** ..... F17e, F17o, F18, F18o, F19, F19o

RH 344: **History of Christian Thought** ..... F17, F17o, S18o, F18e, F18o, S19o, F19, F19o, S20o

TEC 307: **Systematic Theology** ..... S18e, S18o, S19, S19o, S20, S20o

TEC 595: **MA/STM Writing Seminar** ..... All years, online & face to face sections – full year

One of the following:

TEC 321: **Christian Ethics** ..... S18, S18o, S19e, S19o, S20, S20o

LM 365: **Global Sensitivity in Ministry** ..... F17, F17o, F18e, F18o, F19, F19o

Ten electives

Two in Bible

Two in TEC

Six free electives

## DMin

TEC 450 **Orientation Seminar**, CTS Faculty ..... All years, August

TEC 455: **Research Methods**, CTS Faculty ..... All years August

TEC 500: **Theological Reflection**, CTS Faculty ..... All years, January

LM 585: **DMin Thesis Seminar**, CTS Faculty ..... All years, January

6 Electives

## PhD

RH 601: **Contemporary Hermeneutical Strategies** ..... S19

TEC 604: **Pedagogies** ..... S18, S20

Non-credit professionalization course ..... All years, full year

10 Electives

**Master of Arts & Master of Divinity**  
**Course Prerequisites**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Prerequisite</b>
TEC 307 Systematic Theology	RH 344 History of Christian Thought
RH 302 Interpreting the Hebrew Bible II (or upper level Hebrew Bible elective)	RH 301 Interpreting the Hebrew Bible
RH 325 Interpreting the Epistles (or upper level New Testament elective)	RH 321 Interpreting the Gospels
LM 400 Leadership and Ministry in Context/Field Ed Placement	TEC 307 Systematic Theology TEC 355 Living Our Commitments <b>OR</b> TEC 351 Theories of Change <b>(strongly recommended)</b>
FE 470 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)	LM 331 Intro to Pastoral Care <b>OR</b> LM 332 Intro to Pastoral Theology
TEC 321 Intro to Christian Ethics	RH 344 History of Christian Thought TEC 307 Systematic Theology <b>(strongly recommended)</b>
RH 485 Religion in North America	RH 344 History of Christian Thought
TEC 400 Constructive Theology	RH 301 Interpreting the Hebrew Bible RH 321 Interpreting the Gospels RH 344 History of Christian Thought TEC 307 Systematic Theology LM 331 Intro to Pastoral Care <b>OR</b> LM 332 Intro to Pastoral Theology LM 400 Leadership and Ministry in Context/Field Placement TEC 321 Intro to Christian Ethics LM 365 Global Sensitivity in Ministry <b>(strongly recommended)</b>

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