

Online SUMMER @ CTU]

Online Learning For Connected Ministry

Course and Workshop Descriptions - Summer 2020

All of our Summer@CTU programs have transitioned online. Please communicate with faculty members with regard to particular course requirements. Courses that have any synchronous requirements will be held during the originally planned course time.

Virtual Communion: Exploring Church in the Digital Age, G
Katherine Schmidt, PhD

This seminar introduces students to the burgeoning field of digital theology, primarily though not exclusively from the Catholic context. The course examines foundational ecclesial texts on the question of the relationship of the church to its media milieu, with specific focus on the theological and pastoral implications, opportunities, and challenges of digital culture.

<https://www.molloy.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/humanities/humanities-faculty/katherine-schmidt>

Philosophical Ethics, P2300S-1

Herman Stark, PhD

(6/1/20 - 7/3/20)

Traditional Catholic ethics has based itself on the history and development of the natural law theory. This course traces the development of the human person as an ethical subject. Various contemporary positions of ethics are also present. Special attention to the thought of Bernard Lonergan and his influence on ethical decision making.

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/herman-stark/>

Contemporary Issues in Catholic Lay Leadership, MP4305S-1

Marian Diaz, DMin

(6/1/20 - 6/26/20)

The ground of all Christian vocation is the call arising in Baptism, that celebrates participation in the life of Christ as priest, prophet and king. This course will explore contemporary pastoral questions that arise around forms of lay leadership in the Catholic context. Central themes will include: co-responsibility of the ordained and non-ordained ministers, mutual accountability and transparency, support of lay ecclesial ministry and intercultural approaches to lay leadership.

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/marian-diaz/>

Thriving in Ministry: Exploring Personal Well-being in Ministerial Contexts,

MP4030S-1

Marian Diaz, DMin

(8/1/20 - 8/28/20)

Thriving in Ministry at Catholic Theological Union presents a forum to introduce participants to sources and practices that can help promote their personal well-being as they serve in professional ministerial contexts. Participants will also examine how their ministerial ecosystems contribute to their capacity to thrive amidst changing times. The content will include recent research results related to the topic, scientific sources on holistic health and practical approaches to how we can improve personal and communal flourishing as ministerial professionals.

For more information on the offerings of the Thriving in Ministry Initiative, see

<https://ctu.edu/thriving-in-ministry>

WEEK ONE: June 8-12

9am - Noon

Women in the Old Testament, B4044S-1

Marian Diaz, DMin

Many of us have heard the names of many of the women in the Old Testament, but what do we really know about them? What role did they play in the unfolding of our biblical tradition? Do their lives have any meaning for us today? This workshop will look at several of these women in an attempt to answer these questions.

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/dianne-bergant/>

Saints and Prophets for an Emerging Church, SMP4028S-1

Mickey McGrath, OSFS

Through art and story, this course will look at some of the saints and prophets of our own time who inspire hope and stimulate faith in this tumultuous era of change and reform in our Church. With Mary's Magnificat and the first Visitation event as a backdrop, we will focus on Servants of God Thea Bowman, Nicholas Black Elk, and Dorothy Day plus Venerable Augustine Tolton and St. Oscar Romero- seeing each of them through a lens of beauty and social justice.

<http://www.bromickeymcgrath.com/about/>

1 - 4 pm

Gospel Portraits of Jesus, B4315S-1

Donald Senior, CP

From the beginning, Christians have savored the four-gospel portrayal of Jesus in the New Testament. Rather than a single, uniform presentation, each gospel offers distinctive and complementary insights into the beauty and power of Jesus' person and mission. This course will draw on recent scholarship to highlight the contribution of each evangelist to our understanding of Jesus and of Christian life today.

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/donald-senior/>

Leadership and Authority in Ancient Israel, B4046S-1

Ethan Schwatz, PhD

We normally think about God as being the primary source of authority in ancient Israel as portrayed in the Bible. However, the Bible also delegates authority to a number of human leadership offices. These different offices coexisted in various ways and with various degrees of success, with profound consequences for the subsequent development of Christianity and Judaism. In this course, we will explore five of the most prominent human leadership roles in ancient Israel: priest, prophet, king, sage, and scribe. We will consider such questions as how the Bible portrays each one, what we can learn about them from elsewhere in the ancient Near East, how they interacted, and how they influenced the later roles of priest and rabbi. Students will also be encouraged to think about how studying these leadership roles from a historical perspective can inform the vocation of religious leadership in the contemporary world.

<https://harvard.academia.edu/EthanSchwartz>

6 - 9 pm

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: Fuente y Oportunidad para la Nueva Evangelización, G1020S-1

Marcó Lopez, MDiv.

WORKSHOP

Este taller propone identificar algunas tradiciones del culto guadalupano y explorar diversas maneras para cultivar y retomar estas dentro del contexto pastoral de la comunidad hispana/latina de los Estados Unidos.

WEEK TWO: June 15-19

9am - Noon

Women in Theology and Ethics, E4008S-1

Léocadie Lushumbo, PhD Candidate

The heroic efforts of a few brave women led to breaking through the exclusively white male Eurocentric domination of the content and methods of Christian systematic

theology and theological ethics. Now for more than four generations, inspired and outstanding women have opened new paths in those disciplines. This course examines the key contribution of women from across the globe to both methods and content such as an ethics of power, deeply rooted in mutual relations and renewed images of God, Christ, Church, that culminate in a circle of friends of God and prophets. This course will explore how some representative women across the globe develop an inclusive theology. It will consider the “sophiological” and cultural hermeneutics and will include case studies on the effects of the culture of patriarchy on women across the globe.

<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/mcas/departments/theology/people/grad-students/leo-lusho-mbo.html>

History and Theology of the Diaconate, D4025S-1

Daniel Lowrey, PhD

Students will be presented with background information pertaining to the history, sacramentality, ecclesiology, spirituality, and the lived experience of the diaconate. These broad themes will be further explored in a series of discussions framed around critical questions and concerns pertinent to those who are discerning a call to the diaconate, those who are supporting others who are discerning a call of this kind, and those who hope to better understand and appreciate their diaconal calling.

Jesus and Salvation, D4301S-1

Robin Ryan, CP

Those who are engaged in the ministry of the Church are regularly called upon to articulate the meaning of salvation. This course consists of a historical and systematic study of the ways in which the saving work of Jesus Christ has been understood and expressed in the Christian tradition. Students survey the works of classical and contemporary theologians in order to gain a deeper appreciation of the meaning of salvation.

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/robin-ryan/>

1 - 4 pm

God Became Human, Not Because of Sin, D4310S-1

Daniel Horan, OFM

This course surveys the historical development of the lesser known theological tradition of *supralapsarian* Christology, which holds that divine love (and not human sin) is the reason for the Incarnation. Key figures covered will include St. Paul, Irenaeus of Lyon, Rupert of Deutz, Robert Grosseteste, John Duns Scotus, Karl Barth, and Karl Rahner, with special attention given to Franciscan contributions to and the pastoral implications of this doctrine.

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/daniel-horan/>

Womanist Biblical Interpretation, B4044S-1

Stacy Davis, PhD

This course examines the development of womanist biblical interpretation, from the speeches of African American women activists in the nineteenth century to the use and

application of the word womanist by biblical scholars from the 1980s to the present day. The course will include studies of Hebrew Bible and New Testament texts.

<https://www.saintmarys.edu/academics/faculty/stacy-davis>

Spirituality of Marriage, MPS4028s-1 (onsite) MPS4028S-2 (online)

Christina Zaker, DMin

How do we strive toward holiness for ourselves and in relationship? This course takes a deep dive into the three questions Catholics are asked during their marriage ceremony which frame the vows of married life and hint at what it takes to build a spiritual foundation for marriage.

- Have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?
- Will you honour each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives?
- Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

This course offers pastoral skills for engaging couples around the conversations of holiness and spirituality.

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/christina-zaker/>

St. Paul and the Liturgy: A School of Prayer and Communion, WB4400S-1

Rev. Richard Fragomeni

This course will focus on the foundational texts found in the writings of St. Paul that contribute to Christian liturgy and to the mystical and spiritual dimensions of discipleship. Learn how liturgical texts and ritual patterns enchant us in living no longer for ourselves, but for the reign of God.

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/richard-fragomeni/>

6 - 9 pm

¿Acaso Dios Tiene Preferidos?, G1030S-1

Felipe Legarreta, PhD

WORKSHOP

La afirmación de que Dios no hace “distinción de personas” (προσωλημψία) sirve como fundamento para las relaciones tanto intracomunitarias como extracomunitarias en el Antiguo y en el Nuevo Testamento. Sin embargo, este principio teológico y ético de inclusión y aceptación ha encontrado oposición y resistencia tanto en las comunidades judías cristianas de la antigüedad como en las comunidades de nuestro tiempo. En este curso vamos a analizar e interpretar textos del AT y del NT atendiendo a su contexto histórico y literario, y explorar su significado e implicaciones para nuestro tiempo.

WEEK THREE: June 22-26

9am - Noon

Applying Catholic Social Teaching to Social Issues with a Look to Vatican III,
E4009S-1

Léocadie Lushumbo, PhD Candidate

This course will focus on the main features of the Preferential Option for the Poor in Catholic social teaching. It will include a theological assessment of the challenges of poverty faced by the Global Church, especially in areas plagued by conflicts due to race, gender, power, economic inequality, and ethnic groups. The course will consider the case of the Rwandan Genocide (1994) as it occurred in one of the most Christianized countries in Africa. Looking towards Vatican III, what does the Rwandan experience suggest to the World Church about ecclesiology and epistemology?

<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/mcas/departments/theology/people/grad-students/leo-lushombo.html>

Missionary Discipleship in the Spirit of Jesus and Pope Francis, Part 1, DC4003SA-1
Students who are taking this course for credit must also register for part two.

Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp

Missionary Discipleship in the Spirit of Jesus and Pope Francis: Exploring themes from missiology, ecclesiology, anthropology, biblical studies, and spirituality, the nature and purpose of Christian Mission will be defined. Every baptized person is called to such mission, with Jesus as primary model and Pope Francis as leader.

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/anthony-gittins/>

1 - 4 pm

Synergies of Compassion: Women in Intercultural Theology & Ministry, C4300S-1

Joanne Jaruko Doi, MM

The Hebrew words for womb (*rehem*) and mercy or compassion (*rahamin*) stem from the same root. Through scripture and the stories of Guadalupe / Kuan Yin / Our Lady of La Vang and more, this course will explore the synergies of compassion and healing reflected in the experiences and symbols of women in intercultural theology and ministry. "Mercy is returning those who are far away to their source, the womb." (Avishai Margalit)

<https://ctu.edu/faculty/joanne-doi/>

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<https://ctu.edu/faculty/anthony-gittins/>

6 - 9 pm

Latino/a Spirituality, S4300S-1

Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez, OFM

The Hispan@/Latin@ peoples of the USA come from a variety of Latinamerican nations and cultures. No Course on Hispano Spirituality can pretend to cover the entire spectrum of Hispan@ and Latin@ Spirituality. Our course will be divided into five topics in five days, providing students with a very basic introduction to Latin@ Spirituality.

<https://gilbertocavazosgonzalezofm.academia.edu/>

Respuesta y Compromiso Pastoral para con Inmigrantes, G1025S-1

Marco Lopez, MDiv

WORKSHOP

A pesar de ser Estados Unidos un país de inmigrantes, el rechazo de nuevos inmigrantes exige una respuesta pastoral. Este taller ofrecerá la oportunidad de reflexionar con las Sagradas Escrituras y la Enseñanza Social Católica para promover una solidaridad consiente y activa con inmigrantes vulnerables en nuestras comunidades.