

COURSES NOT LISTED IN CATALOG
FALL SEMESTER 2008

B 610 Intertestamental Literature: Contact instructor or see syllabus for course description. **Prerequisite:** B 500 Old Testament History & Content. Two Units. *Bible elective.* **Dr. Grant Ward.**

B 628 The Life of Paul: This course will survey what can be known of Paul's life and ministry, following the outline from the Book of Acts but weaving in relevant information from Paul's letters and ancient Jewish and Greco-Roman sources. The course will consider factors that made Paul an effective missionary, including elements in his background and contextually-relevant strategies he used to impact various cities and groups of people. The professor will bring information based on his fresh research on Acts, but the class will mix lecture and discussion (the extent of the latter depending on the class size). One of the assignments will involve interacting with a textbook that compares Paul in Acts with Paul in his letters. **Prerequisites:** B 504 Biblical Interpretation. One Unit. *Free elective only.* **Meets the first six weeks of the Fall Semester.** **Dr. Craig Keener.**

B 631 Theology of the Exile: Beginning with Jeremiah during the last days of the southern Kingdom, the course will explore how the loss of king, land, and temple affected the formation of Jewish thought up to the century before the birth of Christ. Emphasis will be on the theological interpretation of exile and return and the move from traditional prophecy to the apocalyptic in the latter prophets. Particular emphasis will be on the problem of suffering and the transformation and evolution of certain Old Testament theological issues from 587 BCE to 167 BCE. **Prerequisites:** B 500 Old Testament History & Content, B 503 Old Testament Study. Two Units. *Theology or Bible elective.* **Dr. William Borrer.**

CM 501 The Church in Holistic Perspective I (Formerly Congregational Life in Context I): Students will learn to ask precise questions about themselves, their church and its context in order to participate more effectively in God's mission locally and globally. Students will also learn to draw on skills and insights derived from the nascent field of "congregational studies." On-site visitation of specific congregations in the Philadelphia metro area will be a critical component of the course. **No prerequisites.** Two units. May be substituted for CTM 505. **Dr. Ben Hartley.**

CM 600 Preaching Jesus: In this course we will study the forms and the content of Jesus' teaching and preaching as evidenced in his parables and his Sermon on the Mount, and we will study his miracle stories from the point of view of both content and literary form. We will give special attention to the so-called "hard sayings of Jesus" (for example, Matthew 10:34-35: "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword."). Our goal will be to solidify in our understanding the core content of Jesus' message as he both spoke it and lived it and to preach accordingly; we will learn to give attention in our preaching to both form and content of what we learn about Jesus from scripture. Students will craft sermon outlines from each of the literary types we study. In addition, each student will preach a sermon at the end of the term based on a parable, a miracle story, an excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount, or one of the hard sayings of Jesus. **Prerequisites:** B 501 New Testament Study, CM 504 Introduction to Preaching. Two units. *Preaching or Bible elective.* **Dr. David Farmer.**

CM 633 Boundaries: Saying Yes, Saying No: Boundaries define where you end and I begin. They also help us to determine where our professional life ends, and our personal life begins; they define what is me, and what is not me. Knowing what I am to "own" and will take responsibility for is essential for achieving growth and relational maturity. Clearer boundaries are a foundational component for a healthier ministry. **Prerequisites:** CM 502 Introduction to Pastoral Care, plus one of the following: CM 503 Personal Dimensions of Ministry, CM 512 Pastor as Person, or INT 501 Spiritual Formation I. *Counseling or Christian Education elective.* Two units. **Dr. Mayra Picos-Lee.**

CM 650 Counseling Skills for the Local Pastor: Pastoral counseling is an essential aspect of ministry in the local church. This course will offer practical tools for helping prepare clergy for effective counseling. We will address a variety of counseling situations: crisis, bereavement, marital, pre-marital, etc. Because the parish minister often functions on overload, we will also focus on short-term counseling strategies. **Prerequisite:** CM 502 Introduction to Pastoral Care. *Counseling or Urban Ministry elective.* Two units. **Dr. Dandridge R. Collins.**

CM 670 Ministry with Children: Children's potential and needs for Christian development and nurture will be examined. Issues will include understanding child development, enabling effective parenting, involving children in the total life of the church and children's participation in worship and education. **No prerequisites.** *Christian Education elective.* Two units. **Rev. Jana Purkis-Brash.**

CTM 604 The Bible, Pacifism and Just War: Students will read texts of people arguing that biblical faith leads to pacifism and others arguing for Just War. Each student will write a paper: "Does the Bible prompt me to endorse pacifism or Just War?" **No prerequisites.** *Bible, Theology or Ethics elective.* Two units. **Dr. Ron Sider.**

CTM 616 Theology and a Movie: Survey of Contextual Theologies: The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with various contextual theologies/theologies of liberation, including Womanist, African American, Latin@, Asian American, and Feminist theologies. It will do so by using Latin American theology of liberation as a foundational starting point to describe their general methodologies, contexts, perspectives, and teachings. Students will have the opportunity to read primary texts by well-known theologians of liberation. They will also view pre-selected films from popular culture to critically examine the social locations from which these theologies arise. Students will be evaluated by their active participation and contribution to the course discussion, their ability to evaluate the material (especially the films) critically in reflection papers, and the construction of a final research paper exploring a specific topic within a particular theology of liberation. **No prerequisites; it may be helpful if students have completed CTM 505 Theological Foundations for Ministry, CTM 501 Systematic Theology I or CTM 502 Systematic Theology II, and/or CTM 520 Critical Analysis in Theological Studies prior to taking this course.** *Theology or Ethics elective.* Two units. Dr. Loida Martell-Otero.

CTM 629 Ethics and Politics in the African-American Community: This course examines ways in which select African-American leaders as well as religious communities and sub-cultures have appropriated ethical norms in an effort to respond to the American social order. Students will be asked to engage in creative and critical reflection on representative leaders, practices and movements in the African-American community from the foundations of the Republic to the present day. Though the primary focus is on select African-American moral leadership as well as particular and specific religious communities and sub-cultures, these “subjects” will be studied prismatically and as representations of broader religious social and political movements. Hence, the intersection between ethics, ethnicity, class and gender will be explored. Finally, participants will be asked to explore resources for leadership development by examining different approaches to social problems and various responses to the social order. **Prerequisites:** CTM 503 CH II **and** any **one** of the following: CTM 505 Theological Foundations for Ministry, CM 511 Introduction to Holistic Ministry, B 500 OT History and Content, or B 501 NT Study. *Theology or Ethics elective.* Two units. Dr. Adetokunbo Adelekan

INT 611 Leadership, Learning, and Nonviolence: How can we build toward peace in an increasingly connected and violent world? This course investigates historical and contemporary perspectives on transformative leadership, with particular attention to perspectives that privilege peace-building after the pattern of Jesus. The course draws on case studies, film, and conversations that can move leadership and communities from knowing to caring and activity. **No Prerequisites.** *Ethics or Urban Ministry elective. This is an Urban Anabaptist Emphasis course.* Two units. Dr. Stephen Kriss.

SWK 230B Church Social Work (at Eastern University): This course introduces students to the church as a context for social work practice. Students will explore the roles of religion and the church in the development of the social work profession. They will compare and contrast the professional identities of social workers and clergy, including the constraints and possibilities of a dual professional identity. Palmer Seminary students may take this course on a Masters Level by completing appropriate work as assigned by instructor. **Class is held at St. Davids campus on Thursdays from 7:15-9:45pm; first class session is Thursday, August 28. No prerequisites.** *Free elective only.* Two units. Dr. Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco.

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