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*The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

***Ephesians 4:11-13***

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is called by God through the church to educate men and women to participate in the redemptive ministry of Jesus Christ in the world.*

## INSTITUTIONAL GOALS

In order to fulfill this mission, the Seminary intends to:

1. Provide a theological education that is grounded in the history and scripture of the Christian movement, informed by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Reformed tradition, and guided by the vision of an ecumenical church that is committed to ministry in a global, multicultural, and religiously diverse context and to religious leadership that is competent in the practices of Christian ministry.
2. Provide an educational context in which students and teachers may explore and nurture their vocational commitments through the guidance and wisdom of outstanding teachers and scholars, the provision of all necessary student services, the development of excellent library and information technology resources and the leadership of a highly qualified administration.
3. Provide theological resources for the ecumenical church by interpreting the gospel in an ever-changing world, by extending horizons of theological inquiry and by shaping the church's intellectual foundation for its faith and ministry, thereby continuing the historic commitment of the Reformed tradition and the Presbyterian Church to a theologically educated and critically reflective ministry.
4. Serve the wider Christian community by offering opportunities for Continuing Education, by preparing students for professional roles as pastoral counselors and as church leaders, by providing public leadership to encourage critical reflection and response to issues of social injustice, and by promoting interfaith and ecumenical dialogue and practice.
5. Nurture the convictions, character, vision, wisdom and forms of life which are vital to leadership in the Christian community and the wider culture through worship and Christian practices, through the curriculum and first-hand ministry experiences, and through Seminary governance practices and community life.
6. Provide the financial and physical resources needed to support and sustain the educational programs of the Seminary with commitment to fiscal and operational integrity.

## COMMITMENTS

The Seminary is a community that affirms and trusts the ever-faithful presence and activity of the triune God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we confess the Scriptures to be the unique and authoritative witness to God's redemptive love for the world. As an institution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Seminary has a particular responsibility to preserve and develop the values and insights of the Reformed tradition.

## RELATIONSHIPS

Consistent with the Reformed tradition, we are committed to an ecumenical vision of the ultimate unity of the Body of Christ. This vision recognizes the wholeness of the church's mission, respects the global and cross-cultural character of Christian ministry in the world, and motivates continuing efforts at interfaith dialogue and practice. The faculty, staff, student body, administration and Board of Trustees of the Seminary represent a broad range of Christian confession. The United Methodist, the African Methodist Episcopal, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and the Christian Methodist Episcopal communions officially recognize the Seminary as an appropriate school for their candidates to receive theological education.

## EDUCATIONAL VISION

The Seminary strives to provide an educational context in which students and teachers may explore and nurture their vocational commitments while becoming biblically, theologically and historically informed and competent in the diverse skills necessary for ministry. In the Seminary's integrated curriculum, the historical and contemporary resources of the church's thought and practice are in continual interaction with the contributions of our wider culture and with first-hand experiences of the practices of ministry. Through our commitment to scholarly research and teaching, the Seminary provides theological resources for the church by striving to interpret the gospel in an ever-changing world by extending the horizons of theological inquiry and by shaping the church's intellectual foundation for its faith and ministry.

In all these activities, our aim is to nurture the convictions, character, vision, wisdom, and forms of life vital to leadership in the Christian community and the wider culture.

## STRATEGIES

The majority of students are preparing for ministries of the Word and Sacrament through the Master of Divinity degree. A significant number are preparing for other types of ministry and scholarship related to the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy and Master of Arts (Religion) degree programs, as well as the Doctor of Ministry degree program.

The Seminary serves the wider church community by generating scholarship, educational opportunities, programming and research through the Louisville Institute, continuing and lay education, Field Education and the Louisville Seminary Counseling Center.

In our life of worship, spiritual development, learning and mutual Christian care, the Seminary community is led by the Holy Spirit to respond to God in Jesus Christ. In our planning and stewardship, and through engagement with significant social struggles and ethical issues, the Seminary community seeks to model faithful Christian discipleship.

## HISTORY

Theological education began in the “West” as soon as settlers crossed the Alleghenies and the Smokies in the 1780s. “Father” David Rice was teaching ministers in his Kentucky home as early as the fall of 1783, because the interior of the country required a ministry quite different from that on the Eastern Seaboard. Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary still claims the tradition of those early efforts in education for ministry by apprenticeship.

Louisville Seminary also has a heritage in the earliest “Western” universities—Transylvania and Centre. Both were created to train ministers, and both were related to the Synod of Kentucky.

Louisville Seminary counts its life as an institution from October 1853. Twenty-three students and three professors gathered at Danville, Kentucky, to begin the community that has become Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In May of that year, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Old School) had voted to establish “in the West a theological seminary of the first class.”

The present Seminary represents an unprecedented result of cooperation among Presbyterians in the face of regional tensions and competition. In 1893, Southern Presbyterians in the Synods of Kentucky and Missouri founded a rival seminary in Louisville, but in 1901, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Hemphill, the seminaries in Danville and Louisville were united. They were merged in spite of strong feelings of antipathy between the two denominations spawned by the War Between the States, and their cooperation in founding and then supporting Louisville Seminary was an outstanding example of a unified Presbyterian witness to the American people.

In June 1983, the two churches reunited after 122 years of separation, and Louisville Seminary now rejoices in serving the reunited Presbyterian Church (USA), just as it served the two churches during their separation.

In the summer of 1987, the General Assembly voted to relocate the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to Louisville. Students and faculty at Louisville Seminary are benefiting from closer relationships with denominational leaders, as well as with leaders of other communions. In 2003, Louisville Seminary celebrated its 150th anniversary.

## RESOURCES

The Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary offers:

- faculty with diverse skills, training and theological perspectives, who are uniformly committed to providing an excellent educational experience for students;
- faculty who are productive in scholarly and ministerial leadership for the church and society, yet accessible to students daily;
- faculty and staff committed to becoming an antiracist and multicultural seminary that values and embraces the diversity of persons and perspectives by revising its curriculum and community;
- students open to exploring the Bible and the nature of the church, seeking to learn varied ways to serve with Christian integrity as ministers;
- a community in which support and cooperation in the enterprise of theological education characterize common life;
- an inclusive community that welcomes and supports persons of diverse backgrounds and orientations;
- a residential, park-like setting for life and classwork, that is only a few minutes from downtown Louisville;
- a variety of Field Education experiences, which are remunerative and well supervised;
- several congregation-based courses in which academic study takes place in particular aspects of congregational life such as Evangelism, Christian Education and Pastoral Care;
- concerted assistance in developing a student's spiritual vitality and devotional life;
- a Clinical Pastoral Education program which includes a variety of unique experiences;
- subsidized campus housing for most students;
- the possibility of study for dual competency in several professions;
- a pattern of worship and community life governed in a representative way by students, faculty and others working together;
- a Presbyterian and ecumenical ethos; and
- a gathering of church leaders and scholars committed to mutual learning and inspiration.

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## MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) combines academic and professional education. It is a first theological degree. Normally, it involves three years of study beyond the bachelor's degree. Students are educated in Bible, theology, history, ethics and practical theology. They study Hebrew and Greek, languages essential to the study of Scripture. They learn how to preach and teach competently in the church, how to counsel, how to lead worship, how to think critically and how to help people in situations of need.

The MDiv affords students with little background in the church a chance to apprentice themselves within the Christian community and to gain knowledge and skills to enable ministry. In applying themselves thoroughly to the course of study, students can help clarify their call to ministry and locate areas of special talent.

For those whose background in the Christian church is more thorough, and whose undergraduate education and church experience are broad and deep, the MDiv program at Louisville Seminary offers an excellent opportunity to glean further knowledge and competencies in all areas of ministry. Students may apply for advanced courses to substitute for basic courses they have already studied. Special financial aid is available for those whose undergraduate study in the humanities qualifies them for assistance as well as for some graduates of Presbyterian colleges.

The MDiv program has been ecumenical for many years. Students at Louisville Seminary come from a wide variety of Christian communions including Roman Catholic, Baptist, United Methodist, A.M.E., A.M.E. Zion, C.M.E., Episcopalian, Lutheran, Church of God, United Church of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Presbyterian.

At the same time, the MDiv program is informed by and serves the Presbyterian communion and its particular needs. The Seminary is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and takes seriously the Reformed commitment to an educated and pious ministry. All Seminary MDiv candidates must therefore take subjects the church requires for ordination, such as preaching, Reformed history and theology, biblical languages and exegesis in both Testaments.

The curriculum is diverse and ecumenical. Books by scholars from all parts of the world, learnings from professionals in many disciplines and Christian teachings in both Eastern and Western traditions form the core of study. Field Education takes place in churches and social institutions with a variety of affiliations. In brief, Louisville Seminary gives students a chance to grow in their understanding of and commitment to the church universal.

The completion of this degree qualifies men and women for ordination to the professional ministry of the church. The Seminary does not ordain, but it does indicate,

by its degree, that its graduates are prepared academically to be examined for ordination by the responsible church authority.

### **Program Goals for the Master of Divinity Degree Program**

The goals for the Master of Divinity program at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary are guided by the Seminary's Mission Statement. The primary goal is the education of men and women to participate in the redemptive ministry of Jesus Christ in the world. This primary goal provides the context and content for more specific goals. These are:

- (1) that students gain knowledge and understanding of the Christian Scriptures and the ability to use critical skills to interpret them in contemporary social and cultural contexts;
- (2) that students gain knowledge and understanding of the history of Christian experience and historical and contemporary expressions of Christian theology in the context of the Seminary's commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Reformed tradition, guided by an ecumenical and global vision of the church;
- (3) that students develop an understanding of the contemporary social and cultural context in which they will do ministry and develop the ability to reflect critically and constructively on the theological and ethical choices it poses in light of the reality of social injustice and ecological destruction in a global context;
- (4) that students acquire the skills necessary for the practice of Christian ministry, including the ability to lead worship, to proclaim the Gospel, to teach, to provide pastoral care, to interpret the church's mission in an ecumenical and global context and to provide leadership for public ministry; and
- (5) that students develop a personal identity that is informed by their vocational commitment as people of faith and church leaders to a life in the Spirit, nurtured by participation with others in Christian practices and life in the Spirit.

To fulfill the requirements of the MDiv at Louisville Seminary, students must:

#### **I. Successfully complete 90 hours of academic work**

The Master of Divinity program is designed to be completed in three years of full-time study. In this pattern, students take six semesters (of 12 credit hours each) plus three summer and three January-term courses of three hours each.

An extension beyond three years is typically made by students who must work while meeting the Seminary's academic requirements in order to finance theological education. Half-time students should take at least six hours per semester and 15-26 hours per academic year. The maximum number of years that a half-time student can take to obtain the MDiv degree is six years. Half-time students are eligible for tuition grants and limited Scholarships for Excellence. Half-time students are not eligible for dual degree programs. A student in a supply Field Education position, preaching each Sunday, must have the

permission of his/her Faculty Advisor and the Director of Field Education to enroll for more than 10.5 hours.

Every student is required to complete successfully core courses and other requirements specified for each of the major divisions of the curriculum: Area A, “Biblical Studies”; Area B, “Theology, History, and Ethics”; and Area C, “Practical Theology.”

In addition, every student must successfully complete “Transforming Seminary Education,” which introduces students to theological education at Louisville Seminary.

As a seminary of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville Seminary requires ministers to have facility in the Bible and biblical languages. In Area A, every student must complete successfully Scripture I and II (an introduction to the Old and New Testaments and to Biblical Theology), The Elements of Biblical Hebrew, The Elements of New Testament Greek, Exegesis in both Testaments and six hours of biblical electives. Elementary competence in both Hebrew and Greek may be certified by passing grades in college or seminary courses, or through a special examination.

### **Extraordinary provision for exemption from biblical languages**

Successful completion of language and exegesis courses in Hebrew and Greek is required for graduation from the MDiv program at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. While the Seminary remains fully committed to the inclusion of biblical languages in the MDiv core curriculum, in particular cases exemption from these requirements may be granted by the Dean of the Seminary. To qualify for an exemption, all of the following conditions must be met:

- (1) the student exhibits a clear commitment to and capability for ministry, as demonstrated through Field Education, other previous and concurrent ministry experiences and/or quality of their engagement in the Seminary environment and curriculum;
- (2) because of learning disabilities or other reasonable causes, the student struggles with biblical languages in ways he/she does not struggle in other academic courses;
- (3) the student has made a genuine, but unsuccessful, effort to succeed at both Hebrew and Greek at Louisville Seminary; and
- (4) the student has completed at least 12 hours of Louisville Seminary work.

If the student believes he or she qualifies for an exemption, a formal request must be made to the Chair of Area A, who will consult with colleagues and the Dean of the Seminary.

The Area B requirements are completed successfully by passing the introductory courses Introduction to Theology and Ethics, History of Christian Experience I and II and a core

theology course; the successful completion of a course in the student's core ecclesial tradition; and the completion of two advanced (200-300 level) courses in Area B.

The Area C requirements are fulfilled with the successful completion of Practical Theology in Congregations, Introduction to Worship, Basic Preaching, and courses in these areas: Teaching Ministry, Evangelism/Mission and Pastoral Care.

The requirements of each of the areas are monitored by faculty members in the three areas. Students who request, deserve and are granted exemptions from certain required courses are expected to take advanced courses in that particular area. Such exemptions may be granted by the area faculty after an examination to show one's competency in the subject(s) from which exemption is requested.

In addition to the area distribution requirements, a student must take additional electives to complete the 90 hours required for graduation. These electives offer the possibility of a major, or an area of concentration, such as Christian Education, Pastoral Counseling, Theology, Black Church Studies, or Bible. All students must take one course designated as a Black Church Studies course.

An optional senior thesis project may be done for either three or six hours of credit. Any student who wishes to submit a thesis project must inform the Dean or the Associate Academic Dean by the second semester of the second year.

## **II. Participate in a Senior Integration Experience, by one of the following two options:**

### **A. Preparing and defending a Statement of Faith and Ministry (non-credit)**

During the fall of the third year, students may write and orally defend a Statement of Faith and Ministry. This may be written individually or corporately with a small group of peers after consultation and agreement with the faculty examiners.

The statement is to be 2,000 to 4,000 words. While the statement is not primarily a research paper, a studied theological reflection is expected. If the initial written draft of the statement is judged unacceptable by the faculty examiners, a maximum of two revisions will be permitted. The statement and its oral review are graded on a pass/fail basis. Students graduating in December or May are expected normally to submit and to defend the statement during the fall term. Time extensions beyond the fall term are made only for extraordinary cause, and must be granted by the Dean or Associate Academic Dean.

In the spring of their second year, students will consult with the Dean of the Seminary concerning their decision for an individual or corporate statement. Each student or student group will be assigned by the Dean to a team of two faculty from different areas for the written and oral review.

It is not the purpose of the Seminary to test for orthodoxy in this experience. Students will be expected, however, to indicate in the oral examination how their views relate to particular elements in the traditions of the church and/or contemporary theologies.

The statement is intended to respond to the following questions:

- What do I (we) believe?
- What are the authoritative sources and norms for my (our) belief system?
- What is my (our) understanding of ministry within the context of my (our) belief system, my (our) understanding of the church and the particular community (communities) of faith I (we) am (are) called to serve?
- How does my (our) understanding of faith inform my (our) critical reflection on and response to contemporary ethical issues? Provide one example.

**B. Completing the MDiv Senior Seminar**, a three-credit seminar that focuses on an area of theological study related to the practice of ministry. Students will produce a substantial essay that brings the methods of theological study to bear on problems and opportunities in ministry and that expresses the student's theological vision.

The student indicates which of these two options he or she prefers at the time of registration in the spring of their second year.

### III. Successfully complete four units of Field Education

The completion of four units of Field Education is a requirement for the MDiv degree. Two of these units must be completed in a congregational setting. A unit is defined as one semester of part-time work for 16 hours per week, with two units being awarded for a full-time summer experience of 10 weeks. Congregational Field Education is done in conjunction with the course Practical Theology in Congregations. A majority of students exceed the basic requirement from a desire to gain as much experience as possible.

It is possible for a student to complete the Field Education requirement through work during the two summers alone. The Seminary recommends, however, that Field Education be concurrent with academic study. Experiences in the field stimulate work in the campus classroom, and insights from the classroom enrich the field in which the student is working.

First-year students are discouraged from engaging in Field Education so that they may concentrate on academic work. However, some students may elect to participate in an agency placement. Because congregational placements require biblical, theological and pastoral understandings and participation in the Practical Theology in Congregations course, these positions are only open to second- or third-year students.

Students cannot be placed in two concurrent field positions during an academic year. Students are advised against attempting to combine a regular academic load, Field Education, and additional employment. They must consult with their advisor before attempting such a plan. Students electing the one-semester Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program ordinarily may take only two additional courses and normally will not be in Field Education during the other semester of the academic year.

A unit of CPE receives three hours of academic credit and two units of Field Education.

### **The Master of Divinity (90 hours)**

3 hours in Transforming Seminary Education (TSE)

25 hours in Area A - Biblical Studies

- 7 hours in Scripture I and II
- 6 hours in Elements of Biblical Hebrew and Elements of Biblical Greek
- 6 hours in Introduction to Old Testament Exegesis and Basic New Testament Exegesis
- 3 hours in Biblical Elective
- 3 hours in Advanced Biblical Exegesis in original language

19-22 hours in Area B - Theology, History, and Ethics

- 3 hours in Introduction to Theology and Ethics
- 3 hours in History of Christian Experience I
- 3 hours in History of Christian Experience II
- 3-4 hours in Core Ecclesial Traditions
- 3 hours in Core Theology
- 4-6 hours in Area B Electives: History, Theology, Ethics, Religion

21 hours in Area C - Practical Theology

- 6 hours in Practical Theology in Congregations  
(includes two units of Field Education in a congregation)
- 3 hours in Basic Preaching
- 3 hours in Introduction to Worship
- 3 hours in Mission/Evangelism
- 3 hours in Teaching Ministry
- 3 hours in Pastoral Care

2 additional units of Field Education

3 hours in Senior Seminar (alternative to non-credit Statement of Faith and Ministry)

16-18 hours of General Electives

Students must take one course designated as a Black Church Studies course.

## MDiv Worksheet (2016-2017)

Course Number	Course Name	Hours
<b>Biblical Requirements</b>		<b>25</b>
OT 100-4	Scripture I	4
NT 100-4	Scripture II	3
OT 101-3	Elements of Biblical Hebrew	3
OT 102-3	Intro. to Old Testament Exegesis	3
NT 101-3	Elements of Biblical Greek	3
NT 102-3	Basic New Testament Exegesis	3
	Biblical Elective	3
	Advanced Exegesis (in original language)	3
<b>History, Theology, Ethics, &amp; Religion Requirements (19-22 hrs)</b>		<b>22</b>
TF 102-3	Introduction to Theology and Ethics	3
TF 112-3	History of Christian Experience I	3
TF 113-3	History of Christian Experience II	3
ET 104-4,105-4, 106-3 or 108-3	Core Ecclesial Tradition course (3 or 4 hrs)	4
	Core Theology Requirement	3
	Elective-history, theology, ethics, religion (2 or 3 hrs)	3
	Elective-history, theology, ethics, religion (2 or 3 hrs)	3
<b>Practical Theology</b>		<b>21</b>
PW 100-3	Basic Preaching	3
PX 200-3 (fall) PX 201-3 (spring)	Practical Theology in Congregations (2 semesters)	6
PW 105-3	Intro. to Worship	3
	Teaching Ministry course	3
	Pastoral Care course	3
	Mission/Evangelism course	3
	1 unit of Field Ed	0
	1 unit of Field Ed	0
	1 unit of Congregational Field Ed (with PTC)	0
	1 unit of Congregational Field Ed (with PTC)	0
<b>General Seminary Requirements (3 or 6 hrs)</b>		<b>6</b>
SM 101-3	Transforming Seminary Education	3
SM 201-3	*Senior Seminar	3
<b>General Electives (16-22 hrs)</b>		<b>16</b>
	General Elective	3
	General Elective	1

\*Two options:

**Total Hours: 90**

1. Senior Seminar (3 credits) or

2. Write and defend a Statement of Faith and Ministry (no credit hours)

\*\* Students must take one course designated as a Black Church Studies course.

## MASTER OF ARTS (RELIGION)

The Master of Arts (Religion) (MAR) program at Louisville Seminary offers opportunities to learn and grow in service to the church. Concentration can be in either Bible or Religious Thought. The program requires two years of study or a total of 54 semester hours. Some students may choose to apply for admission to the MDiv degree program from the MAR course of study.

The MAR is a first theological degree expanding on a liberal arts or humanities undergraduate education. The program is not intended to prepare students for ordination, but it does offer training for unique ways to serve the church. The program helps students achieve deeper theological and biblical understanding. Mature and knowledgeable lay members of churches can have a profound effect on the life of the church and on the needs of the world. The MAR can also bring theological knowledge to bear upon other professional practice. Potential MAR students are encouraged to indicate their special interest to the Director of Admissions.

Graduates of this program will find they are well-versed in a broad variety of theological disciplines in addition to their field of concentration. The foreign language requirement is determined by the field of concentration and the thesis subject. The program must be completed within four years of matriculation.

All students in the MAR program work closely with faculty advisors, who help to relate theological studies to the student's future plans as well as guide individual curricular design. In addition to the resources of the Seminary, MAR students have access to the libraries and curricula of the Kentuckiana Metroversity. (See page 53.)

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution and evidence ability to do successful work at the graduate level and motivation appropriate to concentrated theological study.

MAR students are ordinarily expected to complete a thesis, but may opt, in consultation with their advisor, to do additional coursework in their area of specialization and pass a comprehensive exam. This exam is designed by the student's advisor and evaluated by two members of the faculty.

Advanced standing may be given to students with a strong BA major in the selected field.

### Program Goals of the Master of Arts (Religion) Degree Program

The primary goal of the Master of Arts (Religion) program is to help students achieve deeper theological and biblical understanding through a broad foundation course of

study in the areas of Bible, History, Theology, Ethics and Religion. This primary goal provides the context and content for more specific goals. These are:

- (1) that students develop advanced biblical and theological understanding through elective credits for a concentration in the Bible or Religious Thought;
- (2) that students be better prepared for graduate study by becoming competent in conducting independent research through the completion of a culminating project, usually a thesis, and, in certain extraordinary cases, a comprehensive examination; and
- (3) that students acquire basic skills and knowledge to grow spiritually and explore vocationally the uses of their degree for their life and work in the church and in the world.

### **I. The MAR, Bible (54 hours, two-year plan)**

- 3 hours in Transforming Seminary Education (TSE)
  - 12 hours in Hebrew and Greek language and corresponding exegesis
  - 7 hours in Scripture I and II
  - 12-15 hours of other courses in biblical study (with approval of advisor), including at least one original-language advanced exegesis course
  - 12 hours in theological areas
    - 3 hours in Introduction to Theology and Ethics
    - 3 hours in History of Christian Experience I
    - 3 hours in History of Christian Experience II
    - 3 hours of Advanced Electives
  - 2 hours of General Electives
  - 3-6 hours for thesis work, approximately 50-100 pages in length; or two additional three-hour electives in biblical study, along with a comprehensive exam if approved by advisor
- Students must take one course designated as a Black Church Studies course.

### **II. The MAR, Religious Thought (54 hours, two-year plan)**

- 3 hours in Transforming Seminary Education (TSE)
  - 9 hours in theological foundations
    - 3 hours in Introduction to Theology and Ethics
    - 3 hours in History of Christian Experience I
    - 3 hours in History of Christian Experience II
  - 19-22 hours in advanced work in Area B
  - 13 hours in Bible
    - 7 hours in Scripture I and II
    - 6 hours other work in biblical study
  - 4 hours of General Electives
  - 3-6 hours of thesis work, approximately 50-100 pages in length; or two additional three-hour electives in Area B, along with a comprehensive exam if approved by advisor.
- Students must take one course designated as a Black Church Studies course.

## MAR Worksheet (2016-2017)

### (Religious Thought)

Course Number	Course Name	Hours
<b>Theological Foundations Requirements</b>		<b>9</b>
TF 102-3	Introduction to Theology and Ethics	3
TF 112-3	History of Christian Experience I	3
TF 113-3	History of Christian Experience II	3
<b>General Requirements</b>		<b>3</b>
SM 101-3	Transforming Seminary Education	3
<b>Electives</b>		<b>4</b>
	Electives	4
<b>Biblical Requirements</b>		<b>13</b>
OT 100-4	Scripture I	4
NT 100-3	Scripture II	3
	Bible Elective (advisor approval)	3
	Bible Elective (advisor approval)	3
<b>History, Theology, Ethics, &amp; Religion Requirements</b>		<b>19</b>
	Any Area B Course	3
	Any Area B Course	3
	Any Area B Course	3
	Any Area B Course	3
	Any Area B Course	3
	Any Area B Course	3
	Any Area B Course	3
	Any Area B Course	1
<b>Thesis or History, Theology, Ethics, &amp; Religion Electives</b>		<b>6</b>
	MAR Thesis	3
	and Area B Elective	3
	<i>or</i>	
	MAR Thesis	6
	<i>or</i>	
Select 2 additional courses with advisor approval along with comprehensive exam.	2 Area B Electives	6

**Total Hours: 54**

\*\*Students must take one course designated as a Black Church Studies course.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY (MAMFT)

The purpose of the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy (MAMFT) degree program is to train individuals with theological/spiritual commitments to become marriage and family therapists competent to practice in a diverse, multicultural and interfaith world. Marriage and Family Therapy is framed as a professional expression of the church's ministry of pastoral care and counseling. Individuals trained in the MAMFT program gain theoretical and practical tools to work as comprehensive mental health providers in a broad range of treatment contexts with careful attention to human, family and cultural diversity.

The Marriage and Family Therapy program integrates academic study and clinical experience to help students form a professional identity critically informed by religious and theological commitments and marriage and family therapy. Some begin the program expecting to expand their skills as lay ministers who will practice marriage and family therapy. Others expect to express their ordained ministry through specialized skills as a professional marriage and family therapist and will earn an MDiv while at Louisville Seminary. The Marriage and Family Therapy program encourages students to explore and integrate both theological and systemic traditions that mutually inform their work with people and enrich their professional identity as minister, pastoral counselor and marriage and family therapist. Students receive individual supervision and group supervision based on direct observation or video recordings of their clinical work.

Consistent with the program's mission to train marriage and family therapists who are competent to practice in a multicultural and interfaith world, students entering the MAMFT program embody a range of differences in religious and educational background, ethnic and racial identity, gender, and sexual orientation. Students may choose to complete the concentration in Black Church Studies in their degree.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). Graduates of the MAMFT degree program meet all academic requirements for a Marriage and Family Therapy license and will qualify for AAMFT clinical membership.

A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution is required for admission. Personal experience, maturity, sense of ministry and aptitude, as demonstrated during an interview process, also are considered for admission. Advanced standing may be given for previous graduate degrees in selected fields.

## MAMFT Worksheet (2016-2017)

Course Number	Course Name	Hours
<b>Theoretical Knowledge</b>		
PC 308-3	Theories of Change (3rd Year Fall)	3
PC 317-3	Gender, Race, & Class: Engaging Intersectionality	3
<b>Clinical Knowledge</b>		
PC 304-3	Introduction to Family Therapy (1st Year Fall)	3
PC 303-3	Couples Therapy: Theory & Practice (2nd Year Fall)	3
PC 322-3	Psychopathology & Pastoral Diagnosis (2nd Year Spring)	3
PC 105-3	Pastoral Counseling	3
PC 243-3	Treatment of Chemical Dependency	3
PC 223-3	Trauma/Abuse	3
PC 441-3	Practicum 1	3
PC 442-3	Practicum 2	3
PC 443-3	Practicum 3	3
<b>Human Development</b>		
PC 408-3	Human Growth & Transformation (1st Year Fall)	3
PC 307-3	Sexuality & Pastoral Practice	3
<b>Ethics and Professional Issues</b>		
PC 305-3	Professional Issues & Ethics in MFT (1st Year Spring)	3
<b>MFT Research</b>		
PC 281-3	Marriage & Family Therapy Research	3
<b>Integrational Studies</b>		
SM 101-3	Transforming Seminary Education	3
OT 100-4	Scripture I	4
NT 100-4	Scripture II	3
TF 102-3	Introduction to Theology and Ethics	3
TF 112-3	History of Christian Experience I	3
TF 113-3	History of Christian Experience II	3
	(HCE I or II can be replaced with an Area B Elective)	
<b>Free Electives</b>		
	Free Elective	3
	Free Elective	3
<b>Graduation Competency Assessment</b>		
PC 501-0	MFT Exit Examination	0
	Senior Integration Experience (in Practicum 3)	0

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**Total Hours: 70**

**Program Outcomes (PO) and Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)**

Expected Program Outcomes and Student Learning Outcomes for the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy program at Louisville Seminary are as follows:

*Program Outcomes*

- PO 1: To graduate students prepared to provide individual, couple and family therapy as entry-level professional MFT practitioners (KY Marriage and Family Therapy Associate).
- PO 2: To graduate students who demonstrate multicultural competence and are able to provide individual, couple and family therapy with diverse clients.
- PO 3: To graduate students with an entry-level professional ability to reflect theologically on their clinical practice and the theories that inform their work.

*Student Learning Outcomes*

- SLO 1: Graduating students will be able to conduct multicultural, evidence-based therapy with individuals, couples and families that meets entry-level professional standards.
- SLO 2: Graduating students will demonstrate a broad knowledge of systemic theory and MFT treatment models and flexibly apply these in evidence-based practice.
- SLO 3: Graduating students will be able to think ethically and make appropriate clinical ethical decisions.
- SLO 4: Graduating students will be able to use a multicultural approach to Marriage and Family Therapy that attends appropriately to religious, cultural, racial, economic, gender, and sexual orientation diversity in client systems, client-therapist systems, supervisory systems, and broader social systems.
- SLO 4: Graduating students will be able to use a theologically informed and clinically appropriate framework to integrate religious and spiritual factors into the practice of Marriage and Family Therapy.

**\* Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy (70 hours, three years)**

- 45 hours in core Marriage and Family Therapy coursework including MAMFT electives and senior integration work
- 19 hours in integrational studies in theology and ethics, church history, biblical studies and pastoral care
- 6 hours of free electives

Clinical experience requiring a minimum of 500 supervised direct contact hours.

Two capstone experiences are required for the completion of the MAMFT: Senior Integration Experience, a clinical and academic experience which includes a case write-up and oral presentation before a committee; and the MFT Exit Exam - a web-based exam designed to test graduating students' therapeutic knowledge and to be used in preparation for mental health licensure examinations.

\* The program curriculum presented above meets the MFT Educational Guidelines of the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and the educational requirements for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Students planning to pursue licensure in another state should obtain licensure requirements for that state and work closely with their academic advisor to ensure that educational requirements are met.

## DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

The church occasionally calls for individuals who are fully qualified and authorized to practice another profession in addition to the ordained ministry. For some students, the Dual Degree program, in which two degrees are earned, is both the solution to a vocational dilemma and a way to meet diverse needs in today's society.

Louisville Seminary's Dual Degree programs offer opportunity for students to pursue the MDiv or MAR degree in conjunction with any one of four other degree programs: in social work, law, business and marriage and family therapy. Study toward these degrees is made possible through cooperative arrangements with programs at the Kent School of Social Work, the Brandeis School of Law, and the School of Business and Public Administration (all at the University of Louisville), and the Marriage and Family Therapy program at Louisville Seminary.

Dual Degree programs are not the same as curricula with cross-disciplinary studies or areas of specialization. Dual competency means the completion of the full academic requirements for two professions. For example, the graduate should be fully qualified to practice both ministry and law.

Dual Degree students must maintain a grade point average of B (3.0) in their Seminary courses. A college GPA of B is also required for admission.

### Theology and Social Work

The Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. This professional program involves a carefully structured curriculum of foundation and specialized courses. Students without an accredited undergraduate degree in Social Work (BSW) are admitted to the Regular Program

and may complete their studies in four semesters. Sixty semester hours consisting of foundation courses, method of practice courses, electives and field placements are required.

Graduates of an undergraduate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education will be considered for admission to the Advanced Standing Program. Full-time students may complete the 36 semester-hour Advanced Standing Program in three semesters of classroom work with one semester largely devoted to a block field placement.

The Dual Degree Program normally takes a minimum of four years of study, at least two of which must be spent in theological study.

The Seminary accepts the MSSW work of its students as the equivalent of up to 27 credit hours or one year of seminary study. This work is registered in the Seminary's curricular Area C. Dual competency students must complete 63 hours of work at the Seminary, normally in four semesters of 12 hours each, and two January terms of 3 credit hours each and two summer terms of 3 credit hours each. Within these 63 hours, students will complete at least a 25-hour distribution in Area A and 20 hours in Area B. Fifteen credit hours must be taken from Area C, which includes Practical Theology in Congregations and Basic Preaching, and two Area C electives. All students are required to take Transforming Seminary Education in August as they begin their seminary education. The required Statement of Faith and Ministry or Senior Seminar normally will be done during the second year of theological study. Ordinarily, theological study comes first, with social work study taken in a single sequence later. Seminary Field Education requirements must be met through the required field placements at Louisville Seminary. Admission into the program from the Seminary's side does not guarantee entry into the Kent School of Social Work.

## Theology and Law

The Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville is accredited by the Association of American Law Schools and the American Bar Association. It prepares graduates for the general practice of law and for a wide range of specialties. The school's chosen specialty of family law is one of particular interest to ministerial students. The Brandeis School of Law offers qualified graduates the Juris Doctor (JD) degree. Like the MDiv, this normally is awarded after the completion of six full semesters of resident study. The Dual Degree program will allow qualified students to complete both degree programs in about five calendar years.

The Seminary accepts the JD work of its students as the equivalent of 27 credit hours or one year of seminary study. This work is registered in the Seminary's curricular Area C. Dual degree students must complete 63 hours of work at the Seminary, normally four

semesters of 12 credit hours each, two January terms of three hours each, and two summer terms of three credits each. Within these 63 hours, students will complete at least a 25-hour distribution in Area A, and 20 hours in Area B. Fifteen credit hours must be taken from Area C, which includes Practical Theology in Congregations, Basic Preaching, and two Area C electives. Four units of Field Education and the Statement of Faith and Ministry or Senior Seminar must also be completed. All students are required to take Transforming Seminary Education in August as they begin their Seminary training. The University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law currently requires 90 semester hours and the equivalent of at least six semesters for its degree. Nine hours from Louisville Seminary may be counted toward the 90 hours required. These nine hours must be completed after beginning law school. Courses for law school credit taken at Louisville Seminary must have the prior approval of the law school Dean and must be in such areas as ethics, communications, counseling or administration. Dual Degree students will take 54 credit hours of theological courses before beginning law school and nine credit hours after beginning law school, approved by the Dean of the law school.

Students must write and defend their Statement of Faith and Ministry or complete the Senior Seminar in the last semester of law school, thus integrating studies in the two schools.

Participants in the Dual Degree program ordinarily apply to the Brandeis School of Law in the early fall of the Seminary year prior to entry into law the following summer or fall. It is recommended that the LSAT be taken as early as possible. Admission to the Seminary does not guarantee entry into the Brandeis School of Law.

### **Theology and Business**

The College of Business and Public Administration at the University of Louisville offers the Master of Business Administration degree program and is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International) and the International Association of Management Education (IAME). Additionally, the program is accredited through the University's regional accreditation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on College (SACSCOC). Contact the University of Louisville for more information.

The joint Master of Divinity/Master of Business Administration recognizes the value of professional education in two interrelated fields and encourages students who have an interest in both ministry and business to pursue these fields simultaneously. The Seminary accepts 18-24 credits of MBA work as the equivalent of nearly one year of seminary study. This work is registered in Area C. Dual Degree students must complete 66-72 hours of work at the Seminary, normally in four or five semesters of 12 hours each, two January terms of three credits each, and two summer terms of three credits each.

Within these 66 hours, students will complete at least a 25-hour distribution in Area A, 20 hours in Area B, and 15 hours in Area C, including Practical Theology in Congregations and Basic Preaching. Students must complete two units of congregational-based Field Education and two additional units, plus complete the Statement of Faith or the Senior Seminar.

- A student may enter the Dual Degree program from business or theology.
- Applications must be submitted independently to each academic institution.
- The Seminary encourages students to begin and complete the core requirements of one degree program before beginning the other. Students who begin with the MBA program are expected to take all courses according to the sequence identified in the Graduate Studies Catalog. Students who begin with the MDiv program are expected to complete the first two years of the program before commencing work in the MBA program.
- For the College of Business and Public Administration, the student may be awarded the MBA degree once all 36 or 48 credits of course work are completed. For Louisville Seminary, the student may be awarded the MDiv degree upon completion of work in both programs.
- A final integrative exam will be held during the final semester of the student's enrollment in the Dual Degree program, and will be conducted by faculty of the College of Business and Public Administration and Louisville Seminary.

## **THEOLOGY AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

Either the Master of Divinity or the Master of Arts (Religion) degree programs can be pursued in connection with the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy degree program. For information on the MAR/MAMFT dual degree, contact the Registrar. A worksheet for the MDiv/MAMFT dual degree is on the following page.

## MDiv/MAMFT Worksheet (2016-2017)

Course Number	Course Name	Hours
<b>Biblical Requirements</b>		<b>25</b>
OT 100-4	Scripture I	4
NT 100-4	Scripture II	3
OT 101-3	Elements of Biblical Hebrew	3
OT 102-3	Intro. to Old Testament Exegesis	3
NT 101-3	Elements of Biblical Greek	3
NT 102-3	Basic New Testament Exegesis	3
	Biblical Elective	3
	Advanced Exegesis (in original language)	3
<b>History, Theology, Ethics, &amp; Religion Requirements</b>		<b>20</b>
TF 102-3	Introduction to Theology and Ethics	3
TF 112-3	History of Christian Experience I	3
TF 113-3	History of Christian Experience II	3
ET 104-4,105-4, 106-3 or 108-3	Core Ecclesial Tradition (3 or 4 hrs)	4
	Core Theology Requirement	3
	Elective--history, theology, ethics, religion (2 or 3 credits)	2
	Elective--history, theology, ethics, religion (2 or 3 credits)	2
<b>Practical Theology</b>		<b>63</b>
PC 304-3	Introduction to Family Therapy	3
PC 408-3	Human Growth and Transformation	3
PC 305-3	Professional Issues and Ethics in MFT	3
PC 303-3	Couples Therapy	3
PC 322-3	Psychopathology & Pastoral Diagnosis	3
PC 308-3	Theories of Change	3
PC 105-3	Pastoral Counseling	3
PC 307-3	Sexuality & Pastoral Practice	3
PC 317-3	Gender, Race, and Class: Engaging Intersectionality	3
PC 381-3	Marriage and Family Therapy Research	3
PC 243-3	Treatment of Chemical Dependency	3
PC 223-3	Trauma & Abuse	3
PC 441-3	Practicum 1	3
PC 442-3	Practicum 2	3
PC 443-3	Practicum 3	3
PW 100-3	Basic Preaching	3
PX 200-3 (fall) PX 201-3 (spring)	Practical Theology in Congregations (2 semesters)	6
PW 105-3	Introduction to Worship	3
	Teaching Ministry course	3
	Mission/Evangelism course	3
	2 units of Field Ed	0
	2 units of Congregational Field Ed (with PTC)	0
<b>General Seminary Requirements</b>		<b>3</b>
SM 101-3	Transforming Seminary Education	3
<b>General Electives</b>		<b>15</b>
	General Elective	3
<b>Graduation Competency Assessment</b>		<b>0</b>
PC 501-0	MFT Exit Examination	0
	Senior Integration Experience (in Pacticum 3)	0

## CONCENTRATION IN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Very often churches seek to employ as Associate Ministers or Ministers of Christian Education ordained clergy who have developed skills in the area of the educational ministry. Such ministers are responsible for understanding, developing, supporting and facilitating the evaluation of various forms of educational ministry within congregations, including educational programs for children, youth, and adults; education for social action; intergenerational, parent, and family education; and educational work with small groups. To prepare students who are interested in engaging in such ministries, Louisville Seminary provides the opportunity for a special emphasis in the area of educational ministry.

This opportunity includes individualized guidance from the Professor of Christian Education, field work assignments designed to give students experience in educational ministry, and coursework to provide an appropriate academic background for the educational ministry. Courses may be chosen from regular offerings in Christian education at Louisville Seminary or other seminaries and universities in the Louisville area, and independent studies may be done in areas of special interest not covered in the regular course offerings. Each student's program of academic and Field Education will be designed to meet his or her particular needs in light of the student's previous training and experience, and current interests and aspirations.

The concentration in educational ministry is not designed to train specialists in particular age-groups or forms of educational ministry (such as youth directors, camping and recreation specialists, childhood or adult education coordinators, curriculum writers, or teacher trainers). Rather, its purpose is to prepare generalists in congregational education who are cognizant of and capable of dealing responsibly with the educational dynamics of the congregation as a whole.

Students who are interested in emphasizing the area of educational ministry should contact Professor Brad Wigger as early in their seminary career as possible.

## CONCENTRATION IN BLACK CHURCH STUDIES

Building on the traditions of the Black Church, the primary purpose of the Black Church Studies program at Louisville Seminary is to educate, equip and prepare leaders for African American churches and Communities in ways that enable them to navigate issues affecting the Black community. Equally important is our commitment to facilitate dialog, mutual understanding, respect and ministry between the Black Church and the wider Church in the world.

Students enrolled in the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Religion) or Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy degree programs may concentrate in Black Church Studies (BCS) by completing four courses from the BCS curriculum. Upon graduation, students will receive both a master's diploma and a Certificate in Black Church Studies.

## DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree is a structured continuing education program designed for those who are seeking:

- A renewal of a sense of vocation to ministry;
- A commitment to excellence in pastoral work, guided by continuous theological study and reflection;
- A supportive and open group of colleagues with whom to reflect on ministry practice;
- An opportunity for further theological and biblical study to enhance ministry practice; and/or
- A chance to learn with faculty and other students how to interpret the meaning of experiences in ministry contextually and theologically.

At Louisville Seminary, the DMin is designed with enough structure to help a busy religious leader negotiate the academic requirements and with enough flexibility to allow pursuit of individual needs and interests. In the first two years of the program, students work collaboratively with a cohort of peers through four seminars of one or two week's duration. New peer groups are formed in January of each year. Each seminar is taught by a resident Louisville Seminary professor with the assistance of a seasoned pastoral colleague. Advanced courses and an integrating project in ministry that demonstrates original research and design complete the requirements for the degree.

The DMin is open to persons currently engaged in ministry who have completed the MDiv degree or equivalent with a B (3.0) grade average and have completed at least three years in ministry after completing the degree. The DMin is not a research degree intended to prepare candidates for academic careers. Its major focus is the practice of ministry within the rich variety of ministries and their contexts represented by congregations, chaplaincies and pastoral counseling. All courses of study in the program lead to developing skills and knowledge for **Advanced Practice in Ministry**, with the opportunity to shape the curriculum to meet individual interests by concentrating advanced courses and the project in a specific area of practice, such as **Black Church Studies** or **Pastoral Care and Counseling**. Other areas of focus, such as worship, preaching, christian education, evangelism or congregational leadership, may also be designed.

The DMin is an advanced degree program in Practical Theology. Completing the degree requires at least three years of personal investment, a significant financial commitment, and rigorous study. Uncommon perseverance and self-discipline are required of those who pursue DMin studies while employed full-time in ministry. The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) requires that candidates seeking the degree of Doctor of Ministry shall have spent at least three years in ministry following MDiv studies before beginning the program and shall complete the requirements for the degree within the three years which follow the first seminar. Three extensions of one year each may be requested, but six years in active degree status is the maximum time allowed. See pages 66-67 for tuition and payment schedule.

### **Program Goals for the Doctor of Ministry Degree**

The Doctor of Ministry degree is an advanced professional program intended to enhance the practice of ministry for persons who hold the MDiv degree or its equivalent and are engaged in ministerial leadership. The specific program goals of the Doctor of Ministry program at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary are:

- (1) students shall be able to demonstrate an advanced understanding and integration of ministry practice in relationship to several theological disciplines and a focused area of study;
- (2) students shall be able to formulate a comprehensive and critical understanding of ministry, grounded in biblical and theological traditions of the Christian church interpreted in contemporary contexts;
- (3) students shall develop and acquire skills and competencies, including methods of research in practical theology, that are required for pastoral leadership at its most mature and effective levels;
- (4) students shall contribute to the understanding and practice of ministry through the completion of a Doctor of Ministry project, in a particular context, and submission and approval of a formal written project report; and
- (5) students shall identify areas for personal growth in spiritual awareness and theological and ethical sensitivity, informed by their vocational commitments as people of faith and church leaders, nurtured by participation with others in Christian practices and the work and life of ministry.

## DOCTOR OF MINISTRY COURSE OF STUDY

The Louisville Seminary Doctor of Ministry degree is a 36-credit (semester hour) program as follows:

### Advanced Practice of Ministry Seminars

A series of four Advanced Practice of Ministry seminars provides the foundation for the DMin degree. Students are in residence on the Seminary campus for each of these one- or two-week seminars.

**DM 6461 Seminar I (6 cr.) Theology of Ministry: The Minister in Context**

**DM 6462 Seminar II (4 cr.) The Minister as Biblical Interpreter**

**DM 6463 Seminar III (4 cr.) The Minister as Theological Interpreter**

**DM 6464 Seminar IV (6 cr.) Minister as Practical Theologian: Research Methods and Prospectus Writing**

### Advanced Professional Courses (9 cr.)

These courses (APCs) are taken after Seminar II and before the beginning of the Project in Ministry. They are intended to assist students in developing an advanced level of expertise in a chosen area of ministry. This work may be done in residence or by independent study at Louisville Seminary, or, when resources are not available at Louisville Seminary, at other approved locations accredited by ATS and regional accrediting associations, with prior approval by the student's faculty advisor and the Associate Dean of Black Church Studies and Advanced Learning. Additional tuition costs for courses taken elsewhere will ordinarily be borne by the student.

**DM 6470 The Project in Ministry and Report (7 cr.).**

All students are required to create and implement an integrative practical theology Project in Ministry and submit a 70-page (plus appendices and notes) report describing their work, on which they are examined by a faculty team consisting of their Project Advisor and a Second Reader.

### Course of Study Options:

#### Black Church Studies

Building on the traditions of the Black Church, the primary purpose of the Black Church Studies program at Louisville Seminary is to educate, equip and prepare leaders for African American churches and Communities in ways that enable them to navigate issues affecting the Black community. Equally important is our commitment to facilitate dialog, mutual understanding, respect and ministry between the Black Church and the wider Church in the world.

### **Pastoral Care and Counseling**

The DMin in Pastoral Care and Counseling (PCC) is designed to offer a flexible advanced program of training that leads to doctoral level competence in the practice of pastoral care or counseling. Student goals may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Improving skills in parish counseling or pastoral care;
- (2) Completing requirements for certification as a chaplain (Association of Professional Chaplains);
- (3) Expanding theological and spiritual reflection skills as an already licensed marriage and family therapist, professional counselor, social worker or psychologist;
- (4) Completing requirements as an ACPE supervisor, AAMFT Approved Supervisor, or other professional credential; and
- (5) Becoming licensed or certified as a pastoral counselor in a state that licenses or certifies pastoral counselors. At this time, this includes KY, TN, NC, NH and ME.

### **Advanced Practice of Ministry**

The DMin in Advanced Practice of Ministry is designed to offer a flexible advanced program of training that leads to doctoral level competence in a wide variety of areas: preaching, pastoral care, Christian education, evangelism, mission, worship, congregational development and redevelopment, and community engagement. The program is designed to enhance critical theological thinking and reflection skills that are then used to inform current or proposed ministry practice.

### **DMin Admission, Application and Requirements**

Students are admitted to Seminar I each January. The application deadline for January admission is September 1. A \$75 application fee is required. The Doctor of Ministry Committee bases its admission decisions on the following criteria (not necessarily in this order or priority):

- an accredited BA or BS and MDiv or equivalent;
- “B” average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher in MDiv work;
- a minimum of three years post-MDiv ministry experience;
- currently engaged in a recognized form of professional ministry;
- references from a peer in ministry, a layperson, an ecclesiastical supervisor or a judicatory representative, and a former professor;
- clarity, viability, need and seriousness of objectives (that is, the purpose for which the candidate is pursuing the degree);
- availability of Seminar I openings; and
- a reasonable expectation that the degree can be completed within the allowable time limit.

An interview with the admissions committee or a visit to a career counseling center or both may be required.

## Cost of DMin Program

Louisville Seminary has a flat fee for DMin tuition: \$11,500. This may be paid in six equal installments over three years. In addition to tuition, costs include books, travel, lodging, and meals for the seminars and classes. There is a \$750.00 program continuation fee for each term after six terms. More details on this fee are available in the Doctor of Ministry Handbook.

Note: Advanced Professional Courses taken at institutions other than Louisville Seminary or beyond 36 credit hours may require additional tuition charges.

For more information, contact the Office of Recruitment and Admissions or the Associate Dean of Black Church Studies and Advanced Learning.

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## ADVISING SYSTEM

Students at Louisville Seminary are expected to be self-directed and take responsibility for their own learning. Accordingly, the advisory system is designed to involve individual students with a faculty advisor to prepare a plan of study and personal development during their educational experience.

The advisory system is designed with the following purposes:

- to integrate coursework and Field Education and vocational goals, along with spiritual formation of the individual student;
- to develop a course of study that reflects the student's career goals and educational experience;
- to develop a plan for spiritual growth; and
- to review continually the student's goals and God's calling in their lives.

New students are assigned faculty advisors in their degree program to work with them as they begin their seminary education. An initial period of approximately one year gives the student time to adjust to campus life. After this period, students may request a different advisor. The advisor's signature is required for registration. Forms for changing advisors are available in the Office of the Registrar.

It is especially important that students meet with their advisor:

- at the beginning of their academic career;
- before they begin their third semester to present a plan of study for completion; and
- during the middle of their senior year to confirm all degree program requirements have been met.

Students should meet with their advisors periodically to reflect on their journey toward the specific ministry and spiritual goals they have set for their seminary education.

## FIELD EDUCATION

Field Education is an integral part of preparation for ministry at Louisville Seminary. Through supervised experiences in congregations and agencies, the student has an opportunity:

- to develop basic skills in the practice of ministry;
- to clarify and focus the sense of call;
- to discern specific gifts for ministry;
- to integrate theology and theory with experience;
- to develop pastoral identity and character; and
- to build a network of persons (ordained and lay) who can serve as references as

the student seeks a first call and who can continue to be mentors during early years in ministry.

The importance of this dimension of theological education was reflected in the response to a questionnaire sent to all Louisville Seminary alumni. They rated Field Education as the most important contributor to their competence in the practice of ministry.

## VARIETIES OF FIELD EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Louisville Seminary requires four units of Field Education, two of which must be in a congregational setting. The congregational placement is done concurrently with participation in the academic course Practical Theology in Congregations (PTC). The student's supervisor participates in some of the class sessions.

Sixteen hours of work each week for a semester is required for a unit of Field Education. Full-time work for 10 weeks in the summer gives two units of Field Education. A stipend is provided for approved agency and congregational Field Education positions. If the congregation or agency is unable to pay the full stipend, the Seminary may provide a stipend subsidy. However, if the student continues for a second year at the same site, the Seminary will not subsidize the second year. No stipends are paid for Clinical Pastoral Education. However, the Seminary will pay a local supervision fee for the first unit of CPE only. If a student chooses to take a unit of CPE outside of Louisville, the Seminary will pay the unit/tuition fee of that unit up to the amount of the current local supervision fee for the first unit of CPE only. The Seminary will not pay application or interview fees for CPE.

Congregational placements are reserved for second- and third-year students who have completed basic biblical and theological courses. However, Louisville Seminary encourages incoming students to interview for agency positions that will offer an opportunity to engage in different forms of ministry.

Students may not do two field education experiences concurrently.

Students at Louisville Seminary will find a wide variety of opportunities for Field Education, including positions in a number of congregations other than those of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

**Church Staff Positions:** Education in a church setting is provided for the student in a congregation where there is an installed pastor trained in supervision and willing to partner with the faculty of the Practical Theology in Congregations (PTC) course. The congregational position provides experience in a broad range of pastoral work including worship leadership, preaching, pastoral care, mission, Christian education, youth ministry and administration. Because such positions require biblical, theological and pastoral knowledge and skills, these positions are open only to second- and third-year students.

**Church Supply Positions:** Students serving as full- or part-time pastors in a congregation are required to engage in a year of Field Education with supervision. Their place of ministry may be used as the site for Practical Theology in Congregations. They will be required to work with a supervisor approved by the Field Education office. After successfully completing the two units of PTC and supervised ministry, the student may be given two additional Field Education units for previous ministry.

A few third-year students who have completed a congregational placement may serve as a student supply pastor of a small congregation for 20 hours a week. Supervision is provided by an experienced pastor or by group supervision provided by the Seminary. Students must have the permission of their Faculty Advisor and the Director of Field Education to enroll for more than 10.5 hours of academic work.

**Agency Placements:** Students work in various agencies such as retirement and nursing facilities, social agencies and social issue-related ministries. A limited number of Field Education placements are available with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Center where students work in various divisions and program agencies and gain a national perspective through working with experienced servants of the church.

**Clinical Pastoral Education:** CPE provides another category of field experience. The Field Education office strongly recommends that students take advantage of the opportunity for a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at some point during their Seminary career. This training clarifies pastoral identity and facilitates the development of skills for ministry in times when persons are in crisis.

**International and MultiCultural Education:** International Field Education placements are available for students as an intern year. Placement is arranged cooperatively with denominational agencies in accordance with their guidelines as well as the Seminary's guidelines. The Seminary also partners for cross-cultural experiences with SCUPE (Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education in Chicago).

**Internships:** For students who wish to take a yearlong internship, the Field Education Office provides information on congregations and agencies qualified to work with a student. The internship is open to students who have satisfactorily completed three semesters of academic work and two units of field experience. In addition, a three-credit independent study must be completed during the internship. Upon returning from such an intensive experience, students usually find themselves highly motivated for the remainder of their academic preparation. They are also guided by a clearer understanding of areas in which they need to do further work.

## FIELD PLACEMENT PROCEDURES

The Field Education Office works to develop specific programs of field training to fit the unique interests and needs of students. An initial interview with the Director is a key component in the placement process. This time is designed for students to begin naming their goals and expectations for Field Education and becoming aware of the need for thoughtful scheduling of Field Education experiences. Students are encouraged to visit sites to explore whether they will meet their needs. Students submit a Biographical Sketch Form which is made available to congregations and agencies in which the student is interested. Conversation between supervisor and student begins this way.

**Congregational Placements:** Interviews for congregational placements are normally held on a Thursday night in late April. Congregations which are approved Field Education sites send an interview team to the Seminary for interviews with as many as four students. Students may select four sites with which they wish to interview. Upon completion of these interviews, the Field Education Office makes assignments for placement. The office seeks to match the abilities of students and the needs at a given site, to honor the preferences of both sites and students, to provide a satisfactory placement for the maximum number of students and sites, and to give a degree of preference to those students who have not completed Field Education requirements.

Placements can be made outside of the interview process, but Field Education units can be earned only in placements that are approved by the Field Education Office.

**Agency Placements:** Agencies that have a history of working with students submit a description of the agency, a resume of the supervisor, and a position description. These are available to new and returning students. The Director of Field Education will arrange site interviews with these agencies. Students who are interested in a specific agency or area of ministry are encouraged to talk to the Director who will seek to arrange interviews in agencies that meet the student's learning goals and the Seminary's criteria for supervision.

In both congregational and agency placements, the Seminary cannot guarantee placement, since the final decision rests with the employing institution. The Seminary does, however, provide a wide range of interview opportunities for each student and ensures that each church and agency participating in the program follows Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) guidelines.

## SEEKING TO BECOME A FIELD EDUCATION SITE

Agencies and congregations seeking to become Field Education sites are required to interview with the Director of Field Education. The Supervisor must participate in a supervisory training session. The following papers must be on file with the Field Education Office:

1. Commitment Form and Interview Schedule;
2. information on the congregation/agency and complete position description and
3. biographical information on the supervisor

## SEEKING A FIELD EDUCATION PLACEMENT

Students who decide to seek a placement are required to interview with the Director of Field Education and complete:

1. Field Education Information Form, indicating interest
2. Biographical Sketch Form and
3. the Sexual Misconduct Form

These forms are found on the Louisville Seminary website.

Students may not do two field education experiences concurrently.

## SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION

The Field Education Supervisor is a vital resource for students. In the weekly supervisory conference with these practicing professionals, the student reflects upon concrete segments of his or her work and engages in planning for future learning. Because of the importance of the Field Education Supervisor's role, the Director of Field Education offers training annually for new supervisors and continuing education through the Supervisory Studies Program.

The Seminary depends upon the Field Education Supervisor to provide ongoing feedback to the student and to work with the student in a final evaluation at the end of each unit of training. This process begins at the start of the unit as the student and supervisor together establish a Learning Covenant, clarify areas of responsibility and set criteria for evaluation. A copy of the final evaluation is normally shared with the student's faculty advisor and the appropriate governing body of the denomination to which the student is related. The Director of Field Education is available for consultation in the event that problems arise in relation to the student's work. With early negotiation, serious problems can often be averted.

## SUPERVISORY STUDIES PROGRAM

Both students and supervisors are expected to participate in the Supervisory Studies Program which is held at 9:30 a.m. normally on the first Mondays of October, November, March and April. The Supervisory Studies Program is designed for students and supervisors in agency placements, including Field Education campus placements, and for congregational placements where a student is serving for a second year. During program sessions students and supervisors explore tools for deepening the supervisory relationship and for theological reflection.

## LAY COMMITTEE

During Field Education in congregational placements students learn to partner with church laity by the establishment of a Lay Committee. Persons on the interview team and/or others who work closely with the student may constitute such a group. Lay Committees need not meet weekly; however, a monthly meeting can provide helpful input for the student and can help students learn to partner with laity. Such a circle of congregational members can offer the “view from the pew” which is indispensable to the practice of ministry. Each fall, the Director of Field Education offers a training session for Lay Committees.

In December and May, Lay Committees are asked to submit to the Field Education office an evaluation of the student from their perspective. These are sent to the student’s ordaining body to help that group in the assessment of the student’s readiness for ministry, and also to the student’s academic advisor.

## PAPERWORK REQUIRED OF ALL FIELD EDUCATION STUDENTS

The prompt completion of the following forms by which student’s progress is tracked and evaluated is a necessity:

- (1) Field Education Registration Form – due the first week of each semester (without the form the Registrar cannot place Field Education on the transcript);
- (2) Administrative Agreement and Learning Covenant – due the first week in October and the third week of January;
- (3) Student and Supervisor Evaluation Forms – due last day of the fall semester and the last day of the spring semester;
- (4) Lay Committee Evaluation Forms – in congregational placements due the last day of the fall semester and the last day of the spring semester.

All of the above forms are available on the Seminary website. Due dates for required Field Education paperwork are listed on the Field Education Calendar for the year. A copy of the calendar is given to each student and supervisor and is published on the Seminary website.

If the submission of the required semester Evaluation Form and other required work exceeds the deadline by more than two weeks, the student will automatically receive a failing grade for that semester's Field Education. A student receiving two failing grades in Field Education is terminated as an MDiv degree candidate. Extensions may be granted for doctor-certified medical reasons or for other extenuating circumstances, if approved by the Director of Field Education or the Dean of the Seminary. Persistent tardiness in the submission of required paperwork may be noted in the Director's attached comments on the semester Evaluation Form.

When a student's evaluation for a unit of Field Education is marginal or failing, a conference with the Field Education Director is mandatory. A student receiving two failing evaluations is terminated as an MDiv degree candidate.

Students on academic probation are not permitted to participate in a Field Education placement. Their emphasis is to be on academic course work until the grade point average is raised to an acceptable level.

Each student's Field Education records, including all evaluations, are kept for 10 years in the archives of the Seminary. At the end of the 10-year period the records are available to the former student for a nominal fee. If they are not requested, they are shredded.

## **PROBLEMS AND TERMINATION**

After a placement has begun, the Director of Field Education is available to discuss any questions with students and/or supervisors. If problems arise that have not been resolved (or that cannot be discussed) with the supervisor, the student should consult the Director immediately for assistance and support. Unfortunately, some placements turn out to be an unsatisfactory match and need to be terminated in the best interests of all parties. If the placement is unworkable, it can be terminated before the end of the contract period. If this is necessary, a conference with the student, the supervisor and the Director is required. Depending upon the circumstances, the student may or may not receive credit for the work that has been completed up to that point

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

No part of a student's Field Education record is released without written permission from the student. At the beginning of each Field Education placement, students are asked to sign a statement that evaluations may be released to their ordaining body.

The Field Education Office seeks to maintain rigorous standards of confidentiality in matters of student evaluation. The office is never unlocked when unattended, and student Field Education files are kept in locked filing cabinets to which the only persons

with access are the Director and the Administrative Secretary of the Field Education Office. Evaluation papers can be shared only with the President, the Dean of the Seminary, the Faculty Advisor and the denominational representatives involved in the student's ordination process. CPE evaluations are shared only with denominational authorities.

## FIELD EDUCATION COURSES

### FE 114 and 114A Clinical Pastoral Education

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is an off-campus program in hospitals and other institutions certified by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. The program brings theological students into supervised encounters with persons in crisis. Out of an intense involvement with persons in need, and the feedback from peers and supervisors, students develop new awareness of themselves as persons and the needs of those to whom they minister. From theological reflection on specific human situations students gain a deeper understanding of ministry.

Louisville Seminary pays the CPE cluster fee for students enrolled in CPE. Each unit of CPE earns two units of Field Education as well as three academic credits. Most students take CPE for an intensive 10 weeks in the summer; semester units and an extended unit during the academic year are also a possibility. Registration for Field Education units is done in the Field Education Office and for academic credit in the Office of the Registrar.

Unit 1 of CPE FE 114 and PC 314-3

Unit 2 of CPE FE 214 and PC 315-3

### FE 141 Church Staff Position

Each MDiv student is required to participate in two units of Field Education in a congregational setting with an experienced pastor supervisor who is willing to covenant with the Seminary for working with students on pastoral skills and theological reflection. The position includes experiences in a broad range of pastoral work. FE 141 is taken concurrently with Practical Theology in Congregations (PTC). Work experiences, supervision, and class require approximately 16 hours per week. This yearlong experience provides one unit per semester of Field Education and three academic credits.

### FE 142 Church Supply Position

Students spend 20 hours a week in a small town or rural church in which the student preaches weekly and fulfills other pastoral responsibilities, as time permits. This experience is available to third-year students who have completed a Church Staff Position. Students in a supply position may take no more than three other courses (a total of 10.5 hours) per semester without special permission. Students will be required to work with a supervisor approved by the Field Education office. One unit of Field

Education is awarded for each semester; two for a full-time (36-40 hours) summer placement.

### **FE 143 Social Agency Position**

Students work in organizations serving particular social or issue-related needs. The director or designated staff person of such an agency provides weekly supervision as part of a 16-hour work experience. One unit of Field Education is given for a semester in this assignment.

### **FE 144 Seminary Campus Position**

The student-elected President of the Student Body and the Coordinators of Worship, the Women's Center, Campus Sustainability and Campus Kids may choose to expand their responsibilities to the typical 16-hour week for a unit of Field Education each semester. Supervision is provided by a member of the faculty or administration with expertise in the area. One unit of Field Education is given for a semester in this assignment.

### **FE 151 Summer Internship: Church Staff**

Summer internships, usually outside the Louisville area, on a church staff may be arranged after the student has completed two semesters of academic credit. All internships must meet the Seminary's criteria for internships. These include a broad base of responsibilities and experienced supervision. With permission of the Director of Field Education, a summer internship may be used for the congregation work for Practical Theology in Congregations (PTC). Two units of Field Education are earned for ten weeks of full-time (36–40 hours) work.

### **FE 152 Year-Long Internship: Church Staff**

Nine-, twelve-, or fifteen-month, full-time internships, usually outside the Louisville area, on a church staff may be arranged after the student has completed a church staff position. All internships must meet the Seminary's criteria for internships. These include a broad base of responsibilities and experienced supervision. Students are required to do an independent study with a member of the faculty concurrently with the internship. Two units of Field Education are earned each semester.

### **FE 153 Internship: Social Agency**

Summer or nine-, twelve-, or fifteen-month, full-time internships with a social service agency may be arranged for students who have completed two semesters of academic credit and with the approval of the Director of Field Education. All internships must meet the Seminary's criteria, including experienced supervision. Students are required to do an independent study with a member of the faculty concurrently with the internship. Two units of Field Education are earned each semester.

**FE 155 Internship: Student Supply**

Summer or nine-, twelve-, or fifteen-month full-time internships, usually outside the Louisville area, as a student supply pastor in a small church may be arranged after two years of academic work and completion of a church staff position. All internships must meet the Seminary's criteria for internships. These include a broad base of responsibilities and experienced supervision from a nearby pastor in the Presbytery or other governing body. Students are required to do an independent study with a member of the faculty concurrently with the internship. Two units of Field Education are earned each semester.

## FIELD EDUCATION SUPERVISORS—CONGREGATIONAL PLACEMENTS 2015-2016 (Locations are in Louisville, KY, unless otherwise noted.)

**The Reverend Dr. Kathryn Allen**  
Immanuel United Church of Christ

**Rabbi David Ariel-Joel**  
The Temple (Congregation Adath Israel  
Brith Shalom)

**The Reverend Dr. Greg Bain**  
Grace Immanuel United Church of Christ

**The Reverend Mark Baridon**  
Central Presbyterian Church

**The Reverend Dr. Dean Bucalos**  
New Life in Christ Christian Church

**The Reverend Ann Deibert**  
Central Presbyterian Church

**The Reverend Kaury Edwards**  
Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church

**The Reverend Larryetta Ellis**  
Edgewood Presbyterian Church  
Lewisburg, WV

**The Reverend Dr. Kilen Gray**  
St. Paul A.M.E. Church  
Manchester, KY

**The Reverend Ken Hockenberry**  
Beulah Presbyterian Church

**The Reverend Steven Jewell**  
Trinity Presbyterian Church

**The Reverend Dr. Felicia LaBoy**  
Springdale United Methodist Church  
Jeffersonville, IN

**The Reverend Jane Larsen-Wigger**  
Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church

**The Reverend Nina Maples**  
Highland Baptist Church

**The Reverend Dr. Anthony Middleton, Sr.**  
Cable Baptist Church

**The Reverend Dr. Thomas Minton**  
Eminence Christian Church  
Eminence, KY

**The Reverend David Moose**  
Longview United Methodist Church/Revival  
Center United Methodist Church  
Elizabethtown, KY  
and  
St. Luke United Methodist Church

**The Right Reverend Joan Pritcher**  
Christ Church Cathedral

**The Reverend Don Summerfield**  
First Presbyterian Church  
Jeffersonville, IN

**The Reverend J. Christopher Torrey**  
Lakeside Presbyterian Church  
Lakeside Park, KY

**The Reverend Louisa W. Umphres**  
Lakeside Presbyterian Church  
Lakeside Park, KY

**The Reverend Tom Vandergriff**  
Fourth Presbyterian Church

**The Reverend Jim Watson**  
Beulah Presbyterian Church

**The Reverend Cindy Weber**  
Jeff Street Baptist Community at Liberty

**The Reverend Joel Weible**  
Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church  
Pewee Valley, KY

**FIELD EDUCATION SUPERVISORS—AGENCY AND CAMPUS****PLACEMENTS—2015-2016** (Locations are in Louisville, KY, unless otherwise noted.)**The Reverend Brenson Bishop**

Robley Rex VA Medical Center

**The Reverend Dr. Margaret Hinds**

Kentucky Council of Churches

**The Reverend Dr. Christine Hong**

LPTS – Student Worship Coordinator

**The Reverend Sandra Moon**LPTS – The Women’s Center at  
Louisville Seminary**Dr. Melanie-Préjean Sullivan**

Bellarmine University

**The Reverend Dr. Maxine Thomas**LPTS – The Women’s Center at  
Louisville Seminary**The Reverend Rob Warren**Presbyterian Homes & Services  
of Kentucky**FIELD EDUCATION SUPERVISORS—CLINICAL PASTORAL  
EDUCATION—2015-2016****Louisville Cluster****Baptist Health Louisville**The Reverend Dr. Ted Hodge  
The Reverend Jan Cox-Gedmark  
The Reverend JoAnne Morris**Norton Healthcare**The Reverend Mary Burks  
The Reverend Whit Stodghill**Parish Based CPE—St. Matthews  
Pastoral Counseling Center**

The Reverend Dr. Wade Rowatt

**Robley Rex VA Medical Center**

The Reverend Dr. James F. Ehrman

**University of Louisville Hospital**The Reverend Leslie Small Stokes  
The Reverend Dr. Frank Woggon**Other Locations****The Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, OH**

The Reverend Dr. Yvonne Valeris

## DOORS TO DIALOGUE (D2D)

Since 1853, Louisville Seminary has served as a catalyst for bringing people and churches of sometimes radically different theological perspectives together. It has sought to provide an educational environment that welcomes difference and offers opportunities for honest inquiry and the free expression of thought in the context of the mutual pursuit of truth. This historic commitment to being a Seminary that chooses to form itself as a diverse community continues into the present.

Louisville Seminary's Doors to Dialogue (D2D) extends this rich tradition. We recognize that our students will provide ministry in communities in which new immigrant churches, churches of diverse Christian traditions and theologies, and religious communities whose traditions are other than Christian live side-by-side. People in communities where our graduates serve will differ in understandings of reality, in traditions and convictions, and in experience, while sharing common needs and issues that belong to the human experience, including freedom from oppression and the need for resources sufficient for nurturing a meaningful life. In response to this changing context for ministry, Louisville Seminary's D2D initiative will focus on enhancing students' learning by preparing them to provide religious leadership in contexts of religious difference.

In the Seminary's judgment, graduates of Louisville Seminary will be well prepared to provide religious leadership in contexts of religious difference if they are:

- (1) able to describe and articulate important characteristics of the history, traditions, practices, and perspectives of at least one religious tradition other than Christianity and one Christian ecclesial tradition other than their own;
- (2) able to articulate, orally and in writing, their own theological perspective, including a theology of ministry, mindful of their distinctive ecclesial tradition and the global, multicultural, multi-religious context of contemporary ministry; and
- (3) able to participate in intra-Christian and inter-religious dialogue constructively, with appreciation and respect, as evidenced by a demonstrated ability to articulate the views of their dialogue partners and to identify similarities and differences with their own.

The Doors to Dialogue initiative provides the Seminary an opportunity to enhance the attention already given across the curriculum to religious difference and to develop a comprehensive means of assessing how well students are prepared for ministry in Christian communities of increasing diversity and in the context of a growing religious pluralism that includes religious communities other than Christian.

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The process of being formed into the likeness of Jesus Christ is the Holy Spirit's own work in believers' lives. At Louisville Seminary, we seek to cooperate with this work of the Spirit in a variety of ways:

- helping students to explore the relationship between academic learning and spiritual growth;
- raising their awareness of the multiple ways that Christians can live faithfully in the world;
- providing ample opportunities for transformative encounters with the Holy in the context of worship; and
- encouraging recognition of how such encounters may both shape everyday life and inspire work for social justice.

All of these experiences help students to grow intellectually and spiritually while at Louisville Seminary. Such experiences are not restricted to one or two courses in our curriculum but run throughout coursework, worship in various Seminary-related venues, extracurricular offerings, and student-led activities. Opportunities are open to residential and commuter students.

Under influence of the Reformed Tradition, at Louisville Seminary it is presumed that profound intellectual engagement is an indispensable aspect of life lived in service of God. Spiritual formation is not something that occurs independently of students' academic life, but through it and alongside it. In foundational courses such as Transforming Seminary Education and Introduction to Theology and Ethics, students are invited to examine their assumptions about what it means to live as a Christian in a world of religious and cultural difference. In exegetical courses they develop deep and well-informed appreciation for the Scriptures and learn to draw connections between critical study of the Bible and devotion to God. In a variety of elective courses they become acquainted with the wealth of Christian theological tradition on many topics and explore implications for Christ-like living, both for themselves as individuals and for the churches they will lead.

Master of Divinity students at Louisville Seminary find diverse opportunities for worship, including Field Education placements in church settings, where students meet with supervisors weekly to discuss developing identity as pastors and worship leaders. On campus, communal worship takes place at least three times per week. Students are integrally involved in planning for these weekly chapel services as well as special services organized for various observances. While chapel attendance is voluntary, many students over the years have found services to be a deeply meaningful and formative part of their seminary experience.

Extracurricular opportunities for spiritual formation are also available to students. These include seminars and workshops, regular and special meetings or retreats of formation groups and prayer groups of students from particular denominations, and activities organized by other interest groups such as the Women's Center, More Light, and Women at the Well (for women of color). Activities organized by all such groups constitute opportunities for students to explore and develop their identity as Christians living in a complex and pluralistic world. Students desiring to engage in more formal spiritual direction may choose to meet with professional spiritual directors. (Seminary funds may be available to defray expense.)

## PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY AND PLACEMENT OF GRADUATES

Students at Louisville Seminary are guided in preparing for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and other denominations by faculty, administration and staff. These personnel work collaboratively with students throughout their involvement in academic work, Field Education, and relationship with the ordaining bodies of their denomination, and provide help in linking graduates with congregations and other ministry opportunities. Following are some of the services provided students:

**Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Disciples “Connections”:** These are luncheon groups that meet several times a semester to support students with various stages of their movement toward ordination. Relating in a healthy fashion to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry or other ordaining bodies and understanding well the process for ordination are some of the issues that are dealt with in these groups.

**Discernment Groups:** Some students participate in the Presbyterian Company of New Pastors. Other students use a discernment process for small groups developed by the Director of Placement or engage a Spiritual Director.

**Ordination Examination Preparation:** To assure students are prepared for the Presbyterian Ordination Exams, academic courses such as Presbyterian Polity and Reformed Worship and To Be Reformed have been developed to support students in meeting the requirements for ordination. The Academic Support Center offers a workshop on skills for answering ordination examination type questions. Other workshops are provided as the need arises.

**Placement Seminars:** At the beginning of the senior year, Presbyterian students engage in an all-day placement seminar. Louisville Seminary is fortunate to have the denominational offices in Louisville. National Staff from the Office of Vocation work with students on moving toward “certification to seek a call,” preparing a Personal Information Form, and learning how to use the Presbyterian Church (USA) system to seek that call. The leadership of these seminars is open to meeting with students individually during the year to help them discern their particular call and use the denominational system well.

At the end of the January term, another day of workshops is held. These include topics chosen by the seniors as needed and often include: Conversations with Presbytery staff and Pastoral Nominating Committee members, designing an ordination service, the technicalities of being examined on the floor of presbytery, interviewing skills, etc.

**Financial Seminars:** An educational specialist of the Pension Board of the Presbyterian Church (USA) presents a Fiscal Fitness workshop each January. This all-day workshop challenges students to look at their financial situation and gain skills in financial and debt management, and introduces the benefits of the pension plan of the Presbyterian Church (USA). An alum who is both a pastor and a CPA works with students on clergy tax law and advises them on their call package.

### ERNEST MILLER WHITE LIBRARY

The steadily growing collections of the Ernest Miller White Library include more than 203,000 bound volumes, 6,600 microforms 4,500 audio-visual resources, and 330 e-resources. The library also subscribes to more than 500 current print and electronic periodicals and provides access to a large and increasing number of electronic resources. One of the library's most valuable resources is its talented and service-oriented staff, whose mission is not only to collect and organize this wealth of information but also to help students and others learn how to search intelligently and strategically for the information they need, evaluate that information critically, and use it effectively and ethically.

The wide range of resources available at the library are easily accessed using the online catalog, "Morgan." This catalog also includes the holdings of the library at nearby Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, allowing one to search the holdings of both libraries simultaneously. Students have borrowing privileges at both libraries, and the online catalog can be accessed by computers in the library or through the Internet.

In addition to "Morgan," the library provides access to major online tools for research in theology and related subjects, including the ATLA Religion Database, the Family and Society Studies Worldwide Database, Old Testament Abstracts, New Testament Abstracts, the Digital Library of Classic Protestant Texts, the works of John Calvin on CD-ROM, the Digital Karl Barth Library and BibleWorks. The library also provides access to ancillary online resources that support the work of our students and faculty.

The library participates actively in cooperative programs with other libraries on local, state and regional levels so that patrons can use an even wider range of resources. Locally, the Kentuckiana Metroversity consortium gives Louisville Seminary students and faculty privileges to borrow from more than four million volumes, housed at 10 academic

libraries in the Louisville area. Statewide, the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) gives students access to many more electronic databases.

Use of this extensive range of resources is supported by the library's instructional programs. These programs enhance the research and study of our students by educating them further about tools that can meet their information needs in Seminary and in ministry. Course-related instruction, instruction in the use of information technology and database training are designed to help students become increasingly confident and competent managers of information in our technological age.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information Technology Services manages a Computer Lab, located in the library, with 12 computers that provide access to the Internet, research databases, word processing software and campus e-mail. There is also a Faculty Technology Center.

All students have Seminary e-mail accounts. Classes use a web-based course management system for teaching and learning. These tools facilitate and enhance interchange outside the classroom. Students unfamiliar with using these web-based tools have ample opportunity to attend training sessions designed to teach these skills. The library's Computer Lab is the center for this type of instruction.

All classrooms on campus are equipped and wired for multimedia presentations, and wireless connectivity is available in most academic buildings.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

The Academic Support Center (ASC) assists students, faculty and staff with the various aspects of academic writing, critical analysis, study skills and reading. Throughout the semester, ASC offers workshops on various academic concerns such as reading faster and smarter, documentation and revising. ASC also conducts workshops designed for specific assignments, such as the Senior Statement of Faith and Ministry.

ASC also provides these services:

- a drop-in tutoring center staffed by professional tutors;
- an online writing lab ([www.lpts.edu/ASC](http://www.lpts.edu/ASC));
- accommodations for students with learning disabilities;
- special tutoring for ESL (English as a Second Language) students; and
- an academic support listserv whose members include interested administrators of seminaries throughout the country.

## THE LOUISVILLE INSTITUTE

The Louisville Institute is funded by Lilly Endowment and based at Louisville Seminary. The Institute shares with the Endowment the conviction that strong religious communities, grounded in enduring traditions of thought and practice, are indispensable to a good society and that effective pastoral leadership is essential to strong religious communities. Established in 1990, the Institute seeks to enrich the religious life of North American Christians and to encourage the revitalization of their institutions by bringing together those who lead religious institutions with those who study them so that the work of each might inform and strengthen the other.

The Louisville Institute fulfills its mission through a coordinated strategy of grantmaking and convening. The Institute awards grants/fellowships to support scholarly pastoral leaders as well as academics who care about the church, including the formation of a new generation of theological educators. The Institute also convenes pastors and academics for sustained conversation about timely and important questions of common interest. More information is available at [www.louisville-institute.org](http://www.louisville-institute.org).

## THE LOUISVILLE GRAWEMEYER AWARD IN RELIGION

The Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion is made possible by the creative generosity of the late H. Charles Grawemeyer. The purpose of the award is to honor annually the most significant contributions to religious and spiritual understanding. Louisville Seminary, jointly with the University of Louisville, awards the \$100,000 prize to honor and publicize creative and significant insights into the relationship between human beings and the divine. The award also recognizes ways in which this relationship may inspire or empower human beings to attain wholeness, integrity or meaning, either individually or in community. Competition is open to persons of all religious and cultural world views and traditions for works presented or published within eight years of the award date ([www.grawemeyer.org](http://www.grawemeyer.org)).

## KENTUCKIANA METROVERSIITY

Eight local institutions—Bellarmine University, Indiana University Southeast, Ivy Tech Community College, Jefferson Community College, Louisville Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Spalding University and the University of Louisville—have united to form the Kentuckiana Metroversity. The Metroversity has a small but able staff who are constantly working to develop useful, cooperative programs to enrich and broaden the higher education program of the region. One specific value is that Louisville Seminary students may take courses at the other institutions without extra charges or undue red tape. Another great value has been the excellent cooperation among the libraries of the seven schools; Seminary students have access to all of them ([www.metroversity.org](http://www.metroversity.org)).

### **THE OVERSEAS MINISTRIES STUDY CENTER**

Louisville Seminary is one of more than a score of theological institutions related to the excellent program of the Overseas Ministries Study Center located in New Haven, Connecticut. The center should be particularly attractive to students for the January term for which both residential and overseas study programs are provided. Financial aid is available each year for one student to study during the January term in New Haven.

### **SEMINARY CONSORTIUM FOR URBAN PASTORAL EDUCATION (SCUPE)**

Louisville Seminary is a member of the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education based in Chicago. Through this consortium, students and faculty have the opportunity to participate in conferences and courses on ministry in urban contexts.

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## FILING THE APPLICATION

Students interested in attending Louisville Seminary must complete and submit the online application. All information, applications and reference forms may be obtained via the Seminary website ([www.lpts.edu](http://www.lpts.edu)) or by contacting the Office of Recruitment and Admissions. In addition to these requirements, each master's-level applicant will be interviewed.

Persons interested in the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy for the fall semester must apply by February 1, due to the extensive interview process that is required for admissions to that program. There is no spring admission for the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy. The final date for consideration of an application to the Master of Divinity and the Master of Arts (Religion) degree programs as a regular student for the fall semester is June 1, and for the spring semester is November 1. All applications must be accompanied by a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee. An application is not considered complete until a background check is completed through [CertifiedBackground.com](http://CertifiedBackground.com) and all required items are received including transcripts from all colleges, universities and seminaries attended. Please note that all dual degree programs require a separate application for each degree program.

Scholarships for Excellence are offered to prospective students as admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis. The latest possible date by which a student may apply and be considered for a Scholarship for Excellence is February 1. Please see the section on Financial Aid for further information.

Upon receipt of the application, the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will update the applicant on the status of the application and items still required for the application to be considered complete. It is the applicant's responsibility to request references from the persons listed on the application form, to request the background check through [CertifiedBackground.com](http://CertifiedBackground.com) and to request transcripts. The applicant must ensure that the background check and all necessary references and transcripts are sent to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

All applicants for master's-level degree programs are required to be interviewed. For Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Religion applicants, this interview will be with a member of the Admissions Committee and can be in person, over the phone or over Skype. Scheduling will be worked out between the committee member and the applicant. For Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy applicants, an extensive interview process is required for admissions and occurs in person during the Exploratory/first weekend in March.

The Seminary reserves the right to request an additional interview or information from any applicant. Call (800) 264.1839 for more information, or email [admissions@lpts.edu](mailto:admissions@lpts.edu). Visit our website ([www.lpts.edu](http://www.lpts.edu)) to apply online. Applicants who are denied admission may reapply for admission after one year.

## STATEMENT ON CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK REQUIREMENT

Like many other theological institutions, Louisville Seminary conducts criminal history checks for all first-level degree students. This policy has been adopted to ensure the safety and well-being both of our Seminary community and of the churches, agencies and other institutions that our students and alums serve.

Our checks will include these steps:

- verification of social security numbers;
- searches of state databases for criminal histories;
- searches of lists of motor vehicle violations and sexual offenders; and
- searches of county or other local jurisdictional records for the last three places of residence.

The Admissions Committee may consider the impact of any offenses disclosed in these checks as possible grounds for denial of admission.

In addition, we take seriously what applicants say about themselves. As a crucial part of the admissions process, applicants provide several kinds of information about their personal and academic backgrounds. Either failure to make written disclosure of information which the admissions form requires, or misrepresentation in the information supplied constitutes a *prima facie* basis for denial of admission. Where omissions or misrepresentations come to light after matriculation at the Seminary, the student is subject to dismissal.

The care we bring to our admissions process recognizes that personal integrity and spiritual maturity are essential to good ministry. Yet we recognize also that no one is without sin, and that in the mystery of redemption even serious misdeeds have sometimes been a part of what leads a person to Seminary. Moreover, we know that people come to the attention of criminal justice systems for a variety of reasons—including not only the commission of crimes but also mistaken allegations, civil disobedience and such systemic injustices as racism. Accordingly, no charge or past offense automatically disqualifies an applicant from admission. All records will be evaluated in context and, prior to the admission decision, applicants will be allowed the opportunity to respond to any items which appear on the report.

## COMPLETION OF APPLICATION AND MATRICULATION

Once an application is approved, the applicant will be sent forms related to financial aid, housing and other items deemed necessary. An applicant who is admitted to the Seminary indicates the acceptance of the offer by filing a tuition deposit with the Office of Recruitment and Admissions. Applicants in good standing may choose to defer enrollment for up to one year from the initial semester of application. Admitted applicants who complete their bachelor's degree the semester they are to matriculate must have that school forward to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions a final college transcript certifying the degree received and the date of graduation in order to enroll in a Louisville Seminary degree program.

## ON-CAMPUS VISITS

On-campus visits are strongly encouraged as a part of the discernment process. It is recommended that visits be made during the week when classes are in session and offices are open. Prospective students wishing to visit should notify the Office of Recruitment and Admissions in order to make arrangements for the visit. Guest room accommodations will be provided for up to two nights. Appointments will be made with administrative personnel, students and faculty members. Housing options can be viewed, and some meals will be provided.

Another option for a campus visit is an Exploratory Weekend. These weekends are designed to help prospective students discern their call to ministry as well as to learn what Louisville Seminary has to offer. Call 800.264.1839 for more information, e-mail [admissions@lpts.edu](mailto:admissions@lpts.edu), or register online at [lpts.edu](http://lpts.edu).

Finally, if there is a group of three or more perspective students who would like to visit our campus, contact the Admissions Office at 800.264.1839 or at [admissions@lpts.edu](mailto:admissions@lpts.edu). It may be possible for us to design a visit to meet your particular needs.

## TRANSFER POLICY

Request for transfer of credit from another institution or advanced standing must be made explicitly and in writing at the time of admission. The admissions staff will refer this request to the Registrar, who will coordinate the process with the Area Chairs of the three academic departments. The student will be notified in writing regarding what will transfer. The Associate Academic Dean will have the final approval of transfer of credit. Educational credits that are transferred toward a degree at Louisville Seminary may impact a student's eligibility for merit scholarships. Please check with the Office of Recruitment and Admissions for details.

Ordinarily, credit is transferred as follows:

- I. For the MDiv and other master's programs:
  - A. Credit from another theological seminary (accredited by the Association of Theological Schools) for work that:
    1. is compatible in field and distribution to the Seminary's programs;
    2. is graded B or better;
    3. does not exceed one-third of the total credit hours of the degree program of entry (i.e. maximum transfer credits for MDiv program is 30 credit hours); and/or
    4. was completed no more than five years prior to application.
  - B. Credit from another accredited graduate or professional school for work that:
    1. is academic, taken after the BA graduation, and deemed relevant to the MDiv program;
    2. is graded B or better;
    3. does not exceed 12 credits. Up to 12 credits may also be given for a degree already completed; and/or
    4. was completed no more than five years prior to application.
  
- II. For the DMin program:
  - A. Credit from another accredited academic institution for work that:
    1. was taken after MDiv graduation and within five years of commencing the DMin program;
    2. is deemed relevant to the proposed course of study;
    3. is graded B or better; and/or
    4. does not exceed three credit hours.
  - B. Under appropriate circumstances, non-academic or continuing education credits for educational achievements may be allowed. This work cannot exceed six credit hours, must be attested for its high quality, and must be appropriate to the student's program. The student may be required to demonstrate competence in the subject area before credit is approved.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Seminary community welcomes international students. These students add much to the life of the Seminary and provide a richness to theological discourse.

International students who meet the above requirements must submit TOEFL scores with their application for admission, and are expected to have scored a 550 or better on the paper-based exam, or a 213 or better on the computer-based exam. (Our TOEFL institution code number is 1411.)

Any international student admitted to a master's degree program at the Seminary will receive 100% tuition support for the credit hours required for the degree. Admitted international students must also provide documentation of ability to cover non-tuition expenses while living in the United States in order to enroll in classes.

Admission for international students is only possible in the fall of each year.

**Completed applications are due February 1.** Since the credentials and procedures differ from those required of U.S. nationals, international applicants should write the Office of Recruitment and Admissions for details.

## SPECIAL ADMISSION

1. Louisville Seminary requires a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college for all applicants for admission. Applicants without a bachelor's degree or a graduate of a college without accreditation recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) or similar regional bodies are not eligible to enter the MDiv program at the Seminary except by special action of the faculty.
2. Students requesting special admission must work with the Admissions Office to plan a program leading to a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, either from a local institution or from an external degree program accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) or comparable regional bodies. Applicants must apply before March 1 for fall admission and must come for an interview with the Admissions Committee. Such candidates, if admitted, are accepted provisionally and on probation as special students working toward a degree program. Ordinarily, after the completion of no more than 30 hours of course work—which must be completed in no more than three semesters—the faculty must approve a person in this category continuing in the degree program. Applicants without a bachelor's degree or a graduate of a college without regional accreditation are responsible for meeting the undergraduate educational requirements of their official church bodies and are advised that these requirements may not be satisfied by their special student program at Louisville Seminary.
3. Upon the request of official church bodies, Louisville Seminary can arrange a special course of study for a person who does not have a bachelor's degree. This request must state the reasons for the request and that the applicant is capable of seminary-level study. A student successfully completing a special course of study may be given a certificate.

4. Applications to our Master of Arts degree programs from persons who do not have a college degree or who are graduates of a college without regional accreditation will not be considered under any circumstances.

## PROBATIONARY ADMISSION

An applicant to our Master of Divinity degree program whose cumulative undergraduate and graduate grade point average is less than 2.5 may be admitted to Louisville Seminary only on academic probation. Probationary admission is restricted to the fall only. To be considered an applicant in these circumstances students must apply before March 1 and may be invited for an interview with the Admissions Committee. A description of the Seminary's academic standards regarding students on probation can be found on page 122.

## NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

The Seminary community welcomes the attendance of persons who would otherwise be eligible for a degree program. The following requirements and restrictions shall apply to course registration by such non-degree students. First, they must have the written permission (a) of the course instructor and (b) of the Dean of the Seminary, or the Associate Academic Dean. Second, they must first have completed successfully any prerequisites for the course for which registration is sought. Third, non-degree students will not be permitted to register for Seminary courses in Field Education, Marriage and Family Therapy practica, or Clinical Pastoral Education. Subject to these requirements and restrictions, non-degree students may enroll in as many as two classes per semester. Tuition and fees must be paid at the time of registration. If, at some future date, such a non-degree student is accepted for degree candidacy, up to 12 hours of course work successfully completed at Louisville Seminary may be applied toward a degree.

## AUDITING

An "auditor" is someone who attends a course without requesting or receiving academic credit. Auditors are not required to do course readings or assignments, to take examinations, or to write required papers. Nor should auditors expect to participate in classroom discussions without an invitation from the instructor. All auditors are required to register for the courses they audit, and registration requires the written permission of the instructor. Full-time students pay no extra fee for auditing beyond the tuition they already are paying for courses taken for credit. However, full-time students can only audit one class per semester. Persons who are not full-time students must pay, at the time of registration, a per-credit hour fee for each audited class. (See the fee schedule, page 66.)

## FINANCIAL AID

The financing of a seminary education is made possible through the gifts of people in the church and society, and Seminary investments of those funds. At Louisville Seminary,

we are pleased to have funds available to offer generous financial aid packages to most students.

The Seminary has several kinds of financial aid available: Tuition Grants, Scholarships for Excellence and Educational Loans. Scholarships and Tuition Grant Gants are funds that do not need to be paid back.

Scholarships for Excellence are awarded based on academic achievement and/or a promise for ministry. More information on Scholarships for Excellence follows below.

All admitted master's-level students who do not receive a Scholarship for Excellence will receive a 100% Tuition Grant. These funds pay for the cost of tuition for the hours required for a degree. Students need to maintain minimum hours of enrollment to maintain a Tuition Grant. Note that required fees are not covered by tuition grants.

Students may decline to receive Seminary tuition support if requested.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE

The Seminary awards generous scholarships to candidates with evidence of high academic distinction and outstanding potential for leadership in the church. Students applying for the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degree programs are considered for Scholarships for Excellence. All applicants with a minimum of 3.3 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) in undergraduate and prior graduate study are automatically reviewed for scholarships based on academic achievement. Other candidates are nominated by a pastor or governing body official, or by Louisville Seminary. Some of these candidates may carry a 2.5 GPA minimum if they also demonstrate a profound promise for ministry.

Scholarships for Excellence are awarded for the academic year. They are renewable each year upon the annual evaluation of the recipient's grade point average (3.3 minimum for Academic Achievement and 2.8 for Promise for Ministry scholars), character and commitment to ministry. All awards are for a maximum of three academic years of full-time study for the Master of Divinity degree and the Master of Arts in Marriage & Family Therapy program and a maximum of two academic years of full-time study for the Master of Arts (Religion). Educational credits that are transferred in toward a degree at Louisville Seminary may impact a student's eligibility for scholarships. Please check with the Office of Recruitment and Admissions for details.

Scholarships for Excellence are offered to prospective students as admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis. The latest possible date by which a student may apply and be considered for a Scholarship for Excellence is February 1.

### Presidential Merit Scholarships for Excellence

These scholarships identify individuals who have exhibited a strong level of academic excellence in their undergraduate preparation for Seminary. As a result of the work they

have shown, the expectation at Louisville Seminary is for academic success to continue and to help fashion the foundation for their lifetime in ministry and vocation. These scholarships are therefore based on strong academic merit. Louisville Seminary is able to offer scholarships of up to \$20,000 per year. Merit scholarships can be annually renewed for the three-year degree program, usually in the MDiv degree program.

### **The EDUCAnderson Presidential Scholarship**

A renewable three-year presidential scholarship, the EDUCAnderson Scholarship, is unrestricted and provides up to \$20,000 toward tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

### **The John Olert Presidential Scholarship**

A renewable three-year scholarship offered to Presbyterian Church (USA) students displaying outstanding potential for ministry and church leadership, The John Olert Scholarship provides up to \$20,000 toward tuition, fees, books and living expenses. The John Olert Scholarship has as its preference students who are members of any of the churches which John Olert served in the course of his ministry: Fourth Street Presbyterian, Owensboro, Ky.; First Presbyterian Church, Owensboro, Ky.; First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, Mo.; Knox Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, Mich.; Church-by-the-Sea, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. If there are no candidates from these congregations, then the recipient shall be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

### **The Dr. Walter Kennedy Patterson Presidential Scholarship**

A renewable three-year scholarship offered to Presbyterian Church (USA) students with at least a B average (3.0) or better in their undergraduate college work and who are under the care of a Presbytery either as an inquirer or a candidate. Students who have demonstrated promise in biblical studies, theology and church history through excellence in the undergraduate study of humanities (including such disciplines as literature, philosophy, the natural sciences, religion, history and the fine arts) are eligible, with preference given to those who have completed a two-year course of study in either college Latin or college Greek. The Patterson Scholarship provides up to \$20,000 toward tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

The Patterson Scholarship was established in 1933. For more than 70 years, this scholarship has recognized excellence in the area of biblical studies, theology and church history with a special emphasis in the biblical languages. In addition, candidates who apply for admission to Louisville Seminary and are approved before their senior year in college may receive \$1,000 to offset the expenses of the last year of college. Recipients also are eligible to compete for fellowships for post-seminary work.

### **The Norma Tate Rich Presidential Scholarship**

A renewable three-year scholarship offered to Presbyterian Church (USA) students displaying outstanding potential for church leadership, the

Norma Tate Rich Scholarship provides up to \$20,000 toward tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

### **The Rev. Arnold O. Schaap Presidential Scholarship**

A renewable three-year scholarship offered to students displaying outstanding potential for church leadership. Preference will be given to Presbyterian students who plan to enter pastoral ministry in a congregational setting upon graduation. The scholarship provides \$20,000 toward tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

### **The Sharon Elaine Smith Presidential Scholarship**

A renewable three-year presidential scholarship, the Sharon Elaine Smith Scholarship provides up to \$20,000 toward tuition, fees, books and living expenses. Candidates are not required to be in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

### **Promise for Ministry Scholarships for Excellence**

These scholarships honor individuals who, by the merit of previous experience and performance in roles of leadership, demonstrate to their respective churches and church leaders great promise for leadership in ministry. This is a significant component that distinguishes Louisville Seminary's Scholarship for Excellence Program among other seminary scholarship programs. Where the Church sees promise for ministry, Louisville Seminary partners to provide the means to prepare and hones those gifts and skills and to offer scholarships of up to \$20,000 per year. Promise for Ministry scholarships can be annually renewed for up to three years.

### **The New Horizons Promise for Ministry Scholarships**

Supporting students from particularly challenged backgrounds and with a goal to broaden students' awareness of other cultures, the New Horizons Scholarships cover expenses other than tuition. These scholarships are offered to students in both master's and doctoral programs.

### **The Rogers Foundation Promise for Ministry Scholarship**

A renewable three-year promise for ministry scholarship, the Rogers Foundation Scholarship is an open, non-restrictive Promise for Leadership in Ministry Scholarship and provides up to \$20,000 toward tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

### **The Dean K. and Rebecca M. Thompson Promise for Ministry Scholarship**

A renewable three-year promise for ministry scholarship, the Thompson Scholarship is offered to students who demonstrate a pastoral heart and understanding that represent the call and commitment to long-distance pastoral ministry, which the Thompsons have incarnated and advocated throughout their own ministries by providing up to \$20,000 toward tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

## The Peggy Able Wagner Promise for Ministry Scholarship

A renewable three-year promise for ministry scholarship, the Peggy Able Wagner Scholarship has as its preference international students and provides up to \$20,000 toward tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

## VA BENEFITS

The Seminary is approved for the training of veterans and other persons who may be eligible to receive **G.I. Bill benefits**. For more information, contact the Registrar.

## EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUNDS

The Seminary has two financial aid programs which are supported by federal funds. These are loans (**Direct Loans and Perkins Loans**) and the **Federal Work Study Program**. To be eligible for either of these patterns of financial aid, a student must be making satisfactory progress toward educational objectives. Students receiving Federal Financial Title IV loans should refer to the Student Handbook concerning satisfactory academic progress. A normal full-time schedule consists of 30 hours per year, but a half-time student can take 15 hours per year. Every effort is made to help students avoid accumulating debt. Therefore, denominational and other educational loans are also available to help students attend the Seminary. These low-interest loans do not carry interest until the student finishes school or withdraws. The repayment period is normally six to 10 years. Seminary financial aid administrators do not recommend that students apply for loans once their college and Seminary debt load reaches \$20,000.

If a student receives a Direct and/or Perkins loan and withdraws completely from Louisville Seminary, a refund and repayment calculation will be necessary. If a student withdraws before the 60 percent point, a pro rate schedule is used to determine the amount of Title IV funds the student has earned at the time of withdrawal. In addition, short-term loans for special emergencies are available to students. Applications are approved by the Financial Aid Officer.

## OTHER FUNDS

Other loans and scholarships may be available from churches, church judicatories and other sources. For more information, please contact the Financial Aid Coordinator.

## FEES

Listed below is the fee schedule for 2016-2017. Fees may vary in subsequent years.

### Tuition

MDiv, MA, per credit hour.....\$ 380.00

*(MDiv candidates normally carry an annual course load of 30 credit hours, if full-time, and 15 credit hours, if half-time.)*

### Doctor of Ministry Tuition

Starting January 2017 for all DMin tracks.....	\$11,500.00
Advanced Practice of Ministry & Black Church Studies Track (pre-2017) .....	\$ 8,000.00
Pastoral Care and Counseling Track (pre-2017).....	\$ 9,000.00
<i>The flat tuition fee may be paid in six equal installments over three years.</i>	
Program Continuation Fee (per term after six terms).....	\$750.00

### Fees Charged Per Semester

Community Activity .....	\$ 31.00
Student Services .....	\$ 9.00
Academic Support Services .....	\$ 78.00
Copyright Fee.....	\$ 25.00
Non-degree Student Fee.....	\$ 98.00

### Academic Fees

Late Registration.....	\$ 76.00
Add/ Drop Fee (per class).....	\$ 17.50
Audit (per credit hour).....	\$ 70.00

### Other Fees

Application—(MDiv/MAR, MAMFT).....	\$ 50.00
Application—(DMin).....	\$ 75.00
Graduation—(all degree programs).....	\$ 76.00
Transcript (per copy; current students do not pay).....	\$ 5.00
SBTS Recreation Facility/Health Clinic .....	\$ 345.00

Costs for travel, housing, meals, books, technical, and counseling supervision are in addition to the tuition fee and are charged separately. We encourage all DMin students to plan strategically as they seek various avenues of financing their program of study. Louisville Seminary has very little financial aid available to DMin candidates. Congregational and denominational grants are available. Contact the director for advanced degrees regarding congregational and denominational grants or other sources of funding.

### Tuition Refunds\*

Students are entitled to refunds upon withdrawal (except CPE), subject to the following schedule:

#### A. During the regular semester after the:

First week.....	Full tuition
Second week.....	80% refund
Third week.....	50% refund
Fourth week.....	40% refund
Fifth week.....	20% refund

**After the fifth week there is no refund.**

B. During the January interim and summer school:

First day.....	Full tuition
Second day .....	80% refund
Third day.....	60% refund
Fourth day .....	40% refund
Fifth day .....	20% refund

**After the fifth day there is no refund.**

*\* Details on the Title IV refund policy can be found in the Student Handbook.*

## FULL-TIME AND HALF-TIME DEGREE PROGRAM DESIGNATIONS

Louisville Seminary has both full-time and half-time designations for its Master of Arts (Religion) and Master of Divinity degree programs.

**Full-time Student** – enrolled student taking at least nine hours per semester and 27 or more hours per academic year. All full-time students are eligible for need-based tuition grants. Some full-time students taking at least 30 hours per academic year are eligible for Scholarships for Excellence. Students may also enroll in one of several dual degree programs while a full-time student.

**Half-time Student** – enrolled student taking at least six hours per semester and between 15 to 26 hours per academic year. The maximum number of years that a half-time student can take to obtain a Master of Divinity degree is six years; and the maximum for the Master of Arts (Religion) is four years. All half-time students are eligible for need-based tuition grants, and some are eligible for Scholarships for Excellence. Half-time students are not eligible for dual degree programs.

**Part-time Student** – enrolled student in either the full-time or half-time programs who, with approval from the Dean of the Seminary, temporarily takes less than the required hours for a particular program. Part-time students must forfeit any tuition grant or Scholarship for Excellence while considered part-time.

**Non-degree Student** – student not enrolled in a degree program at Louisville Seminary. No limit is placed on the number of courses a non-degree student may take over a lifetime. However, non-degree students may only take up to six hours in a given semester and no more than 12 hours may be transferred into an Louisville Seminary degree program.

**Doctor of Ministry Students** – DMin students are ordinarily involved in full-time ministry and are therefore required to take only nine credit hours per calendar year for full-time student designation or four-and-a-half hours per calendar year for half-time designation.

These designations are important because they can affect the student's eligibility for certain types of loans and Veterans Administration benefits. Please contact the Registrar for details.

## METROVERSITY STUDENTS

Metroversity students participate in courses at Louisville Seminary by paying tuition to their home institution.

## INSURANCE

In the interest of ensuring that no student is without basic hospitalization insurance coverage, Louisville Seminary requires that each degree-seeking student purchase coverage. Students may choose from among several individual health insurance plans or they may provide their own comparable coverage. Individual or family coverage may be available through the provider's plan.

## HOUSING

Apartment housing is assigned on a multilevel priority-based system. Some students may need to find housing off-campus.

For students accepted for classes in the fall semester, the housing deadline is April 15. Please contact the Housing Coordinator for further details. A Residential Handbook with a detailed outline of this policy is available. Studios and efficiencies are furnished. One-, two- and three-bedroom apartments are unfurnished. Students in apartments must supply dishes, silverware, linens and cooking utensils. All inquiries about housing should be directed to the Housing Coordinator's office.

### Apartment Lease Rates (per month)\*

Efficiency .....	\$492.00
Studio .....	\$511.00
One Bedroom .....	\$567.00
Two Bedroom (small) .....	\$637.00
Two Bedroom (large) .....	\$655.00
Three Bedroom .....	\$824.00

\* includes heating, cooling, electricity and cable TV. Housing rates are subject to change annually.

## DEPOSITS

All applicants will be sent a housing application form. The form is to be completed and mailed in to the Housing Coordinator by April 15. Housing will not be assigned until the Admissions Committee has admitted a student and the student has on file both a housing and a tuition deposit. The housing deposits are equivalent to one month's rent and are subject to change each year. This deposit is held as a damage retainer until the apartment is vacated, the inspection form completed and the keys returned to the Business Office. One half of the deposit will be refunded for those applicants who do not enroll.

## PETS

Persons with pets are required to observe both public regulations of licensing, leashing, vaccination and detailed campus regulations which are outlined in the Pet Policy of the Residential Handbook. A deposit of \$150.00 per non-caged pet is required before the pet is brought onto the campus to cover possible damages or additional cleaning. No dangerous pets are allowed.

All fees listed are subject to change; any such changes will be published in a supplement to this catalog and in the on-campus publication, *The Seminary Times*.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Through bequests and other funds, Louisville Seminary is able to offer fellowships for graduate study to students who qualify. Each year various fellowships, awards, recognition and prizes are granted to students whose Seminary careers show exceptional promise.

**The Alum Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior** honors the graduate who excels in all facets of his or her education and potential for ministry.

**The Bernice Bean and Gladys Kendall Prize** is presented to the graduate who, in the judgment of the Faculty, has demonstrated a superior record of academic achievement.

**The E. L. Bell Memorial Prize** is awarded to students in their first year who have demonstrated excellence in biblical studies. *Awarded during the fall semester at Convocation.*

**The Dr. George D. Carter Jr. Pastoral Ministry Award** is presented to a graduating Master of Divinity student who has demonstrated outstanding promise for pastoral leadership.

**The Burton Z Cooper Prize in Theology** is given to honor the middler student who has demonstrated promise in constructive, philosophical, systematic or contemporary theology. *Awarded during the fall semester at Convocation.*

**The Allen T. Christy Award** recognizes a student who demonstrates academic excellence in his or her studies while also demonstrating commitment and perseverance in preparation for pastoral ministry. *Awarded during the spring semester at Convocation.*

**The Devoted Service Awards** recognize individuals for their devoted service in the life of the church. *Awarded to Moderators and Commencement speaker.*

**The Distinguished Alum Awards** honor contributions made by Louisville Seminary Alum to the Seminary, the Presbyterian Church (USA) and/or to the Church of Jesus Christ at large.

**The First Decade Award** is presented to a recent graduate who has made a significant impact on the church and in her/his community in the first five to nine years of ministry and service.

**The George and Jean Edwards Award in the Interpretation of Scripture to Christian Life** recognizes the ability of a student to relate Scripture to critical issues confronting the church and society, especially in areas of peace and justice.

**The Field Education Award** is provided by the Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew Presbytery. It is given to a graduating senior who has shown outstanding accomplishments in his or her Field Education placements while maintaining a “B” average in other course work.

**The Esther Horner Award** is the only prize whose recipient is selected by the graduating class. It is given to the graduating senior who has made the greatest contribution to campus community life.

**The Allen M. Jackson Preaching Award** is presented by the Anchorage Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, Kentucky, to an outstanding male student preacher.

**The Melanie Lane Preaching Award** is given to an outstanding female student preacher.

**The James K. Lewis Prize** is presented to the graduating Master of Arts (Religion) student who has maintained the highest GPA and demonstrated excellence in theological studies.

**The Patterson Fellowships** honor graduating Patterson scholarship recipients who have exhibited special interest and talent in specific subject areas. The Patterson Fellowships are:

**The Andrew Patterson Memorial Fellowship in Biblical Theology**

**The James Kennedy Patterson Memorial Fellowship in Old Testament Hebrew**

**The Janet Kennedy Patterson Memorial Fellowship in Church History**

**The Walter Kennedy Patterson Memorial Fellowship in New Testament Greek**

**The Joseph T. Sudduth Award** honors the graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in biblical studies.

**The Dean K. Thompson Prize in Practical Theology** honors the eighth president of Louisville Seminary, who served from 2004 to 2010. It is awarded to a student—at the conclusion of their second year of study—who has demonstrated excellence in the study of practical theology and in their congregational Field Education placement. *Awarded during the fall semester at Convocation.*

**The James W. Tinsley Award** is given to honor a graduating senior who has demonstrated commitment and perseverance in preparation for congregational ministry.

**The Fielding Lewis Walker Fellowship** in Doctrinal and Historical Theology is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated special interest and competence in doctrinal theology.

**The Westminster John Knox Press Award for Creative Integration of Theology and Marriage and Family Therapy** recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding creativity and ability to bring together theology, personal faith tradition and marriage and family therapy in the clinical practice of marriage and family therapy.

*Inquiries about the selection process should be directed to the President's Office.*

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## THE LOUISVILLE SEMINARY CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMUNITY

Louisville Seminary's mission of educating of women and men to participate in the redemptive ministry of Jesus Christ goes beyond the academic and professional degree programs. A degree is the beginning point of a lifetime of learning to excel in ministry. Graduates continue to be members of a community of learners who seek improvement in both the bodies of knowledge and the skills required for good practice of ministry.

### CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Graduates of the Seminary frequently return to the campus for conferences and seminars. These are opportunities to learn and connect and experience a renewal of sense of vocation, a commitment to excellence in pastoral work and in stimulating studies, collegial attitudes in which a supportive and safe environment for learning can be engendered, and a commitment to practical theology. Continuing education conferences and seminars are announced through the annual Events Calendar brochure published each summer and on the Continuing Education web page. Continuing education units (CEUs) are awarded on the basis of one CEU for 10 contact hours.

Groups who wish to form a group for continuing education are encouraged to use the Office of Black Church Studies and Advanced Learning for coordination of their project.

### CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Two certification programs have been endowed by Louisville Seminary graduate Don Deane in honor of Seward Hiltner, a founder of the Clinical Pastoral Education Movement. Scholarship funds are available for both of these programs. The seminars are offered in late January at Louisville Seminary.

#### **The Don Deane Certificate in Pastoral Counseling/Marriage and Family Therapy Supervision**

This program is designed to educate supervisors who will train students at the intersection of Pastoral Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy. The course of study will focus on the basic principles and practices of supervision with attention to integrating these with pastoral and theological resources. The program includes a one-week intensive seminar which integrates classroom learning with practical supervision skills through live supervision of counseling students and practice with one-way mirror, video and case conference formats. Following the seminar, supervisors in training will contract with the instructor to complete the required hours of supervision.

### **The Don Deane Certificate Program in Homiletic Supervision**

This certificate program provides students enrolled in the DMin program (and who have chosen to emphasize preaching) an opportunity to earn a Certificate in Homiletics Supervision (CHS). Students will be able to complete most of the requirements for the certificate by submitting assignments delineated on the Louisville Seminary Preach website ([lptspreach.ning.com](http://lptspreach.ning.com)). Ideally, students who earn a certificate will provide feedback to local pastors in their geographical locale about their preaching. The goal of the program is to improve preaching throughout the country. Students will be required to attend a one-day seminar taught in cooperation with one other required DMin seminar. This one-day seminar will focus on how to provide critical and constructive feedback for parish ministers.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Academic programs developed for degree candidates are usually open to ministers and other qualified adults. In order to make these resources more readily available, certain courses have been scheduled for the evenings.

Concentrated studies are offered in a variety of fields as part of the Seminary's January term. They call for campus residence or daily commuting. Most courses are three weeks in length, but occasionally two-week intensive courses are offered. The Registrar will provide a schedule for such study upon request.

### **LECTURE SERIES**

#### **Festival of Theology**

The Festival of Theology is a combination of The Greenhoe Lectures and The Caldwell Lectures along with the Alum Reunion of all classes. The Festival of Theology is usually held in the spring.

#### **The Greenhoe Lectures**

Dr. Theodore M. Greenhoe was a member of the Louisville Seminary class of 1934. In 1966, a lectureship in his honor was established by his congregation, Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland, Michigan.

Recent Greenhoe Lecturers have included Jim Wallis, founder of *Sojourners* and editor-in-chief of *Sojourners* magazine; Dr. Nancy Ammerman of Boston University; acclaimed author and lay theologian Katherine Paterson; poet/hymn-writer Dr. Brian Wren; Rev. Otis Moss III, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago; Professors Kathryn

L. Johnson and Clifton Kirkpatrick of Louisville Seminary; Teresa Fry Brown of Candler School of Theology; and Gerardo Marti of Davidson College.

### **The Caldwell Lectures**

The Caldwell Lectures honor former Louisville Seminary President Frank H. Caldwell who served from 1936 to 1964.

Recent Caldwell Lecturers have included missiologist Dr. Elizabeth S. Tapia, professor at Ecumenical Institute of Bossey; Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory University; Dr. Rick Nutt of Muskegem College; Dr. Patrick D. Miller of Princeton Theological Seminary; Dr. W. Eugene March of Louisville Seminary; Dr. Jacquelyn Grant of the Interdenominational Theological Center; Prof. Emeritus John Dominic Crossan of DePaul University; Prof. Dorothy Bass of Valparaiso University; Dr. Anna Carter Florence, Professor of Homiletics at Columbia Theological Seminary; South African activist Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak; New Testament scholar and theologian Rev. Dr. Brad Braxton; authors Diana Butler Bass, Marcus Borg and Brian McLaren; Stephen Prothero, Professor of Religion at Boston University; and Wesley Ariarajah, Professor of Ecumenical Theology at Drew University School of Theology.

### **THE EDWARDS-PRESLER LECTURES ON JUSTICE AND MISSION**

It has been a long-debated issue within the church whether to give priority to ministries of peace and justice on the one hand or to ministries of evangelism on the other. Former Presbyterian Church Moderator Clinton Marsh suggested that such a debate was like asking which was more important in an automobile – the alternator or the battery. One without the other will not keep the car running for very long.

Louisville Seminary is delighted to bring together these vital ministries of the church into a single fall lecture series. By combining the popular Edwards Lectures on Peacemaking with the relatively new Henry H. and Marion A. Presler Lectureship on Mission, Louisville Seminary offers an exciting fall event in which we can hold justice and evangelism where they belong—side by side in the passions of the church.

Every year, usually in the fall, attendees can listen to and interact with two outstanding thinkers and writers who will focus on the reconciling work and study of missions, peace and justice.

### **The Edwards Lectures on Peacemaking**

The Edwards Peacemaking Lectureship honors Dr. George Edwards and his wife, Jean. Dr. Edwards, an alum of Louisville Seminary (BD '51), also served the Seminary for 27 years as Professor of New Testament. Dr. Edwards died June 2, 2010. Together, Dr. and Mrs. Edwards shared a ministry that was active in Christian efforts for peace and social justice.

Established in 1986, the Edwards Peacemaking Lectureship endowment supports a visiting lecturer to teach a special course or programs in continuing or lay education. Edwards Lecturers have included Terry C. Muck, Dean of the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary; Delores S. Williams, Professor Emerita at Union Theological Seminary in New York; peace educator and jazz musician Harry Pickens; Dr. James B. McGinnis of the Institute for Peace and Justice in St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. J. Alfred Smith of Allen-Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, Calif.; Dr. Charles Marsh, Professor of Religious and Theological Studies Director of the Project on Lived Theology, University of Virginia; Rev. Eileen W. Lindner, PhD, Deputy General Secretary, National Council of Churches of Christ, USA; Suzanne Holland, Professor of Science and Values, Professor of Religion, University of Puget Sound; Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Professor of Theology at Bellarmine University; and Dr. Angela Cowser, Director of the Center for the Church and the Black Experience and Assistant Professor of Sociology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

### **The Henry H. and Marion A. Presler Lectureship**

The Henry H. and Marion A. Presler Lectureship was established to honor the couple's missionary service and to inspire the Louisville Seminary community and its wider Continuing Education community about issues of global mission and the role of American denominations in their historical and present witness to mission. The topics of the lectures vary, but the overall theme is Jesus Christ's commission to the church in Matthew 28:19-20, to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

Dr. Henry Presler studied for two years at Louisville Seminary and then transferred to Boston University School of Theology. In his later years he remembered his formative time at Louisville Seminary and left a bequest for this lectureship. Lecturers have included Dr. Dana L. Robert, leading historian of Christian mission at Boston University School of Theology; Carlos Cardoi-Orlandi, Associate Professor of World Christianity, Columbia Theological Seminary; Alice Winter, Missionary and Professor at the Reformed University of Colombia, South America; Frances S. Adeney, William A. Benfield Jr. Professor of Evangelism & Global Mission; Canon Titus Presler, an Episcopal missiologist, writer, and consultant; Dr. Douglas A. Hicks, Provost and Dean of the Faculty, Colgate University; Dr. Shanta Premawardhana, President of SCUPE and former director of the Interreligious Dialogue program of the World Council of Churches; and Dr. Todd Johnson, Associate Professor of Global Christianity and Director of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hampton, Mass.

## THE KATIE GENEVA CANNON LECTURESHIP

The Katie Geneva Cannon Lectureship is a biennial program of the Women's Center at Louisville Seminary, established in 2006 to honor the first African-American woman ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church. The Lectureship invites a woman scholar who belongs to a racial ethnic minority in the United States and who raises a critical voice against dominant oppressive structures and ideologies of the era. Lecturers have included: The Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, Professor of Christian Ethics, Union Presbyterian Seminary; Dr. Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Associate Professor of Ethics and Director of Black Church Studies at Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University; Dr. Wil Gafney, Associate Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, Elizabeth Connolly Todd Distinguished Professor of Religion at Goucher College; and Dr. Gay Byron, the Baptist Missionary Training School Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y.

## ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Participants in graduate studies, continuing education conferences and seminars are invited to stay on campus at Laws Lodge. A limited number of spacious guest rooms with either queen or twin beds, private baths, televisions, phones and wireless internet connectivity are available for each event. The facility is also suitable for retreats and group gatherings. Contact Laws Lodge, (502) 992.0220, to make reservations.

## COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER PROGRAM

This two-year program of weekend seminars is designed to support presbyteries in training Ruling Elders preparing to provide pastoral leadership in congregations. Teachers from Louisville Seminary provide lectures, case studies and leadership for group discussion. Each participant who successfully completes the program will receive the Diploma of Pastoral Studies during a ceremony designed by the presbytery and during Commencement exercises at Louisville Seminary. Tuition fees are determined by each presbytery and paid through the presbytery offices. Please contact the Office of Black Church Studies and Advanced Learning to request an application.



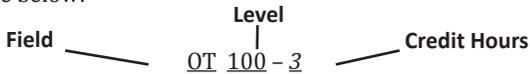
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## COURSE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

The system used for course identification in this Catalog is designed to enable the reader to identify different course characteristics. The first two capital letters indicate the **Field** of study. The first three numbers indicate the course **Level**, and the fourth number indicates the number of **Credits** received for course participation. The italic phrases at the end of the course descriptions explain any prerequisites or other requirements.

See example below:



The Field symbols are used in the order they appear in each Area as follows:

	SM	(Seminary Courses)
Area A:	OT	(Old Testament)
	NT	(New Testament)
Area B:	TF	(Theological Foundations)
	TH	(Theological, Historical and Ethical Studies)
	RE	(Religion)
	ET	(Ecclesial Traditions)
Area C:	PX	(Practical Theology)
	CE	(Christian Education)
	CM	(Congregational Ministry)
	EM	(Evangelism and Mission)
	PC	(Pastoral Counseling)
	PW	(Preaching and Worship)
	FE	(Field Education)
	MS	(Methodist Studies)
	BS	(Baptist Studies)

The Level symbols are used as follows:

100	(Required, or introductory courses)
200	(Advanced Courses; some required in Area B)
300	(Advanced Courses; some required in Area B and C)
400 and 500	(Elective courses)

The Credit symbols are used as follows:

1	(one credit hour)
2	(two credit hours)
3	(three credit hours)
4	(four credit hours)
5	(five credit hours)

Some one- and two-credit courses may be expanded to offer more credit at the discretion of the instructor. The unit of credit is the semester hour. The value of each course is stated in terms of credit hours. A credit hour equals one classroom period of 50 minutes a week for the semester.

**Dual Requirement Courses**

A limited number of cross-disciplinary courses, usually team taught, may satisfy a requirement in two areas simultaneously.

**AREA SM—SEMINARY COURSES**

*Faculty: various*

These are courses that are interdisciplinary and meet Seminary rather than Area requirements.

**SM 1013 Transforming Seminary Education**

This course will provide a foundation for students' seminary education and an intensive introduction to the richness of the theologically reflective life. Students will engage in critical reading and reflection and a variety of short writing projects, and will be introduced to three theological topics that are at the center of current controversies about what it means to be a faithful Christian: community, creation, and Christology. Each topic will be approached from different disciplinary perspectives, including critical biblical study, systematic theology, and pastoral theology. The *multidisciplinary approach* will facilitate observation of the dynamic character of all theological interpretation and reflection, while the engagement with *controversial issues* will underscore how crucial mutual understanding (if not mutual agreement) is for life together in Christian community.

**SM 2013 Senior Seminar**

This is a three-credit seminar that focuses on an area of theological study related to the practice of ministry. Students will produce a substantial essay that brings the methods of theological study to bear on problems and opportunities in ministry and that expresses the student's theological vision.

**AREA A — BIBLICAL STUDIES**

*Faculty: Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos; Tyler Mayfield; Susan R. Garrett; Marion L. Soards; Matthew S. Collins*

In Area A core requirements for the MDiv candidates include:

1. Scripture I and II
2. The Elements of Biblical Hebrew and Introduction to Old Testament Exegesis
3. The Elements of New Testament Greek and Basic New Testament Exegesis

4. Additional six hours of biblical electives, including an additional Hebrew or Greek exegesis course in the original language beyond the basic exegesis courses listed above.

For MAR and MAMFT candidates, Area A core requirements include Scripture I and II.

MAR candidates have additional requirements depending on their area of specialization.

**The Old Testament****OT 1004 Scripture I**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos; Tyler Mayfield*  
Scripture I, along with Scripture II, is intended to introduce the student to the Bible and the world of the Bible, as a basis for biblical and other studies in the curriculum. Scripture I is a four-credit course that will concentrate on matters of interest to the study of the entire Bible and to the study of the Old Testament, or Hebrew Bible, in particular. Subjects for attention are: the nature of biblical authority; the formation of biblical canon; the creation and transmission of the text; the composition and the content of the Old Testament; the historical settings of the Bible; some major theological concepts rooted in the Bible; and methods of contemporary biblical scholarship.

**OT 1013 The Elements of Biblical Hebrew**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos; Tyler Mayfield*  
Preparation for the use of Hebrew as a tool in the interpretation of the Old Testament is the goal of this course. Translation will be combined with the study of the grammatical structure of the language, in order to apply grammatical principles to translation and exegesis.

**OT 1023 Introduction to Old Testament Exegesis**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos; Tyler Mayfield*  
The course is designed to introduce students to exegetical methodology in the Old Testament. Selected texts or a particular biblical book will provide the basis from which the study will proceed. The methods and results of various approaches to exegetical study (textual, literary, form-critical, tradition, et. al.) will be considered. Theological and hermeneutical issues will also be addressed. **Prerequisites:** *The Elements of Biblical Hebrew or equivalent study of Hebrew.*

**OT 2013 Old Testament Exegesis**

Advanced exegesis courses may be based either on the Hebrew text of a given book of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, or on the English translation of the text with frequent reference to the Hebrew original. Through these courses, the students will gain greater familiarity with exegetical methods and interpretation of particular texts of the Bible. In addition, greater facility may be attained in translating and interpreting biblical Hebrew and the use of important reference works. **Prerequisites:** *The Elements of Biblical Hebrew, Introduction to Hebrew Exegesis, Scripture I*

**OT 2023 Exegesis of Exodus**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

**OT 2033 Exegesis of Isaiah**

*Tyler Mayfield*

**OT 2043 Exegesis of Jonah**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

**OT 2053 Amos**

*Tyler Mayfield*

**OT 2063 Exegesis of Judges**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

**OT 2123 Exegesis of 1-2 Samuel**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

**OT 2153 Exegesis of Ruth/Esther**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

**OT 2163 Exegesis of Joshua**

*Tyler Mayfield*

**OT 2173 Exegesis of Song of Songs**

*Tyler Mayfield*

**OT 3023 Advanced Studies in the Psalms**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

This course offers study in a broad range of psalms with a view to theological themes and literary structure. A survey of the history of psalm scholarship is included. Specific analysis will be done of the work of contemporary scholars Adele Berlin and Robert Alter. Analysis will be applied to their work from the Hebrew text. **Prerequisites:** *The Elements of Biblical Hebrew, Introduction to Old Testament Exegesis, Scripture I*

**OT 3053/CE 3083 Teaching the Bible in the Church**

This is an interdisciplinary course concerned with the practice of teaching Bible in the congregation, particularly involving skills of biblical exegesis, interpretation methods, and teaching designs. Particular biblical texts for focus will be determined at the time of scheduling. Past texts have included the Book of Jeremiah and Job. *This course fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program, or the Area A elective requirement. Prerequisite:* *Scripture I*

**OT 3063 Liberationist Feminist Interpretation of the Bible**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

In this course we will study biblical scholarship from feminist perspectives with particular attention given to voices from groups that are marginalized in multiple ways in U.S. culture and religion. The broad perspective of the course is thus liberationist feminist. We will review the historical and current subjugation of all women, their disenfranchisement in religion, education and other areas of life, with particular attention paid to the impact of oppressive ideologies and practices in U.S. culture in terms of African-American women and other oppressed cultures and groups as Native American women and Latina women. We will consider also the history of women's participation and their contributions in the construction of ideas, particularly the world of religious thought. We will explore the roots and development of feminist/womanist/mujerista/native feminist biblical criticism and its various contemporary expressions by reviewing some major representatives of scholars who practice a liberationist feminist hermeneutic.

**OT 3073 Biblical Theology and the Wisdom Tradition**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

Come and sit at the feet of Woman Wisdom and Qohelet. Explore riches of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, texts that are frequently neglected in the world of biblical theology. We will consider the connections between this literature and Reformed understandings of revelation, Christology, and the Christian Life, among others. Fulfills biblical requirement of Area C teaching ministry requirement. **Prerequisite:** *Scripture I*

### OT 3083 To Know the Heart of the Stranger

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

“A stranger you must not oppress; you yourselves know the heart of a stranger for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Ex. 23:9). This course offers reflections on the importance of “hospitality to the stranger,” with its scope in the biblical text and its ramifications for contemporary life. Issues to be explored will be, among others: the importance of the Torah for the life of the Christian community; the identity of “strangers” both in a biblical and contemporary context; the nature of the oppression of strangers; and the meaning and significance of hospitality.

### OT 3093 Masoretic Annotations to Exodus 1 and 2

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

This course will include a translation of two chapters of Exodus, followed by a verse-by-verse analysis, with a reading of the Masoretic annotations to each verse. Midrashic and Talmudic material will be used for this study. This course is for those students who want to perfect their technical studies in Hebrew and Hebrew Bible. **Prerequisites:** *The Elements of Biblical Hebrew, Introduction to Old Testament Exegesis, Scripture I*

### OT 3103 Liberation Theology

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

This is an introductory course to study the birth and development of Liberation Theology in Latin America, and its importance for biblical studies, as it was articulated by theologians as Gustavo Gutiérrez, Jon Sobrino, Elsa Tamez and others. Particular attention will go to Paolo Freire’s *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* as it influenced teaching ideology and methods in the United States. Insofar as these theologies influenced Black Liberation Theology and Feminist Theology in the U.S., we will review early representatives of these streams of scholarship, as James Cone, Letty Russell, and biblical scholars such as Cane Hope Felder and Phyllis Trible. Because the stream of liberation theologies has become very wide, the goal is for students to gain a broadly-based insight into these theologies, both in the U.S. and on other continents. We will pay specific attention to how such theologies influenced understandings of biblical material.

### OT 3233 The Ethics of Violence in the Old Testament

*Tyler Mayfield*

This biblical elective course focuses attention on problematic biblical passages in order to understand and claim—not ignore—their theological and ethically problematic nature as well as seek new theologically rich and ethically responsible understandings of the texts. **Prerequisite:** *Scripture I*

### OT 4001 Reading in Biblical Hebrew

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos; Tyler Mayfield*

This course is offered each semester to provide opportunity for increasing skills in reading and translating biblical Hebrew. The work aims at building vocabulary, broadening comprehension of grammar, and improving sight-reading. **Prerequisites:** *The Elements of Biblical Hebrew or equivalent study of Hebrew*

### OT 4101 Israel/Palestine: Past and Present (one-credit course)

The introductory class at Louisville Seminary for those enrolled in the Middle East Travel Seminar is available to all students as a 1-credit course offering advanced credit in Bible. Through lectures, discussion, and guest presentations, we will consider the complex history of the growth of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam side by side in Palestine, as well as the inter-religious and inter-cultural situation of Israel and Palestine today, the sources of conflict, and the strategies by which a wide variety of people seek to live day by day. There will be a preliminary reading requirement, lectures and guest speakers during the week of class, and a short project to complete by the end of January.

### OT 4102 Israel/Palestine Travel Seminar

*Tyler Mayfield*

Through visits to archaeological sites, museums, and holy places in Israel and Jordan, and visits with a variety of people living in the land today, students will learn about the complex history of the region: the growth of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam side by side, and the impact of religious groups upon the culture. We will contemplate not only the past but the inter-religious and inter-cultural situation today, the sources of conflict, and the strategies by which a wide variety of people seek to live day by day. Each student will read selections from

a bibliography, participate in a seminar prior to the trip, and write a reflective paper after returning home.

### **OT 4113 Reading the Bible Through the Art of the Renaissance**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

A course that addresses the issue of acquaintance with the Bible in the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance especially as conveyed through the visual arts in Western Europe, with special emphasis on certain city states in Italy as Florence and Siena between 1300 and 1500. With both ecclesial and secular powers vying for artistic patronage, artistic perspectives on biblical narratives and persons shaped popular piety as well as allegiance to the city state as much as to the church. Students in the course will be asked to enter into the subject with creative imagination, reading and reviewing art and giving expression to their learning in traditional as well as non-traditional modes. In these ways we will re-appraise the power of the visual arts to inform and shape knowledge of and commitment to the biblical text and its basic narrative. In addition we will consider female presence in the arts, especially as personified by the Virgin Mary, in its capacity to open up the possibility for women to become participants in the artistic endeavor.

### **OT 4213 Biblical Interpretation after the Holocaust**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos; Tyler Mayfield*

This course examines Christian biblical interpretation in light of the Holocaust. Students first reflect on the events of the Holocaust in order to understand pertinent ethical and hermeneutical issues. Subsequently, the course focuses successively on two major themes: Christian anti-Judaism and theodicy.

### **OT 4223 Exile and Restoration**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*

A course with a focus on the period from 600-400 B.C.E., the time of the Babylonian exile, its aftermath, and the restoration in Judah. We will consider the period in light of its significance for the formation of the Hebrew Bible and for the role of Scripture in shaping and maintaining the identity of the ancient covenant community. Textual material from this period, as Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Second and Third Isaiah,

Haggai and Zechariah, Ezra and Nehemiah, gives testimony to contradictory viewpoints on the community's self-understanding. We will review the major events of the period and aim to understand their importance for the ongoing life of the ancient covenant community that began in Israel and Judah; we will view these events in light of their importance for the formation of the Bible and for the place of the sacred text in the life of the faith community; we will take under review material from the Torah and the historical books of the Bible in light of exile and restoration; we will consider the question of the ancient community's sense of itself in light of contradictory testimony as to the essence of its identity; we will apply our insights to a contemporary setting and to current understandings and applications of the biblical text.

### **OT 5103 Independent Studies in Old Testament**

*Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos; Tyler Mayfield*

Research on some problems in the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, the Pseudepigrapha, the Dead Sea Scrolls, or other Near Eastern literature will be determined in consultation with the professor. This course can include aspects of Israel's history, literature and theology; study of the Aramaic in Ezra and Daniel; or advanced work in learning how to use the Hebrew Bible with facility. **Prerequisites:** *Scripture I and II, Introduction to Old Testament Exegesis*

## **The New Testament**

### **NT 1003 Scripture II**

*Susan R. Garrett; Marion L. Soards*

Scripture II is primarily a survey course designed; (a) to initiate students in the basic matters of NT and early Christian studies; and (b) to lay a foundation for all advanced work in the area. The course covers the intertestamental period, the NT world, the formation of the canon, and the books of the NT. With regard to each book of the NT, the course, as far as possible, treats the literary shape, the social context and the theological concerns of the documents.

**NT 1013 The Elements of New Testament Greek***Marion L. Soards*

This is an intensive course in the elements of New Testament Greek which serves as a basis for the exegesis of the Greek NT and for advanced biblical studies.

**NT 1023 Introduction to New Testament Exegesis***Marion L. Soards*

The course will enable students to practice competent yet also creative and inspiring exegesis of the New Testament. Students will advance their study of koine (New Testament) Greek, and also master several essential sets of knowledge and skills, including: canon formation and text criticism; how to make effective use of foundational exegetical tools (exegetical grammars and dictionaries, concordances, lexicons, computer software programs, commentaries, journals, and other secondary sources); and the nature of the authority of the New Testament for preaching, theology, and life. **Prerequisites:** *The Elements of New Testament Greek or equivalent study of Greek*

**NT 2003 New Testament Exegesis**

Advanced exegesis courses may be based either on the Greek text of a given book (or books) of the New Testament; or on English translation of the book (or books), but with frequent reference to the Greek. Through these courses, students will: (1) gain close familiarity with the literary structure and central symbols and themes of the book(s) under study; (2) become familiar with the main issues and directions of current interpretation of the book(s) under study; (3) reflect in detail on the exegetical, theological, historical, and homiletical issues raised by selected passages; and (4) review the aims and strategies of sound biblical exegesis in the Reformed tradition. In addition, when the course is based on the Greek text, students will (5) gain facility translating and interpreting koine Greek and using pertinent reference works. **Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis*

**NT 2013 Exegesis of the Gospel according to Matthew***Susan R. Garrett; Marion L. Soards***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2023 Exegesis of the Gospel according to Mark***Susan R. Garrett; Marion L. Soards***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2033 Exegesis of the Gospel according to Luke***Susan R. Garrett; Marion L. Soards; Matthew S. Collins***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2043 Exegesis of Selected Johannine Literature***Susan R. Garrett; Marion L. Soards***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2053 Exegesis of Acts***Marion L. Soards***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2063 Exegesis of Paul's Major Letters (Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, & Galatians)***Susan R. Garrett; Marion L. Soards***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2073 Exegesis of Paul's Shorter Letters***Susan R. Garrett; Marion L. Soards; Matthew S. Collins*

(Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, & Philemon)

**Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2083 Exegesis of Hebrews and the General Letters***Marion L. Soards***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2093 Exegesis of the Book of Revelation***Susan R. Garrett***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2103 Exegesis of 1 Peter***Marion L. Soards***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis*

**NT 2113 Exegesis of James***Susan R. Garrett***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 2123 Exegesis of 1 Corinthians***Marion L. Soards***Prerequisite:** *Intro to New Testament Exegesis***NT 3013 Jesus in History and Tradition***Marion L. Soards*

This course seeks to establish an objective view of Jesus in history and to understand how we received the portraits of Jesus that we possess. In this study, students will develop the ability to differentiate early Christian memory from early Christian confession, so that they may recognize the crucial distinction between fact and faith and be able to relate the two in a sophisticated manner. **Prerequisites:** *Scripture II, The Elements of New Testament Greek or its equivalent, and Intro to New Testament Exegesis*

**NT 3023 Interpreting the Parables of Jesus***Marion L. Soards*

This course provides a story of the parables of Jesus including; initial historical critical exegesis, form and redaction criticism, and the work of J. Jeremias and commentators. Students will also study the practice of more recent interpretation based on existentialist, structuralist, and modern literary hermeneutics. They will also gain both detailed knowledge of the parables, and experience with non-traditional hermeneutics as the basis for interpreting scripture. **Prerequisites:** *New or Old Testament Exegesis*

**NT 3033 Interpreting the Passion Narratives***Marion L. Soards*

Critical and exegetical attention focuses on both canonical and extra biblical accounts of the Passion of Jesus. The course will emphasize the historical background of the events of the story, the distinctive emphases of the Gospel writers, and the meaning of the suffering and death of Jesus as it was understood by various early Christians. Students will have the opportunity to do in-depth work on a topic or text of their choice. **Prerequisites:** *Scripture II, The Elements of New Testament Greek or its equivalent, and Intro to New Testament Exegesis*

**NT 3043 The Speeches in Acts and Ancient Historiography***Marion L. Soards*

This course is a focused study on prominent passages in The Book of Acts, namely of selected sermons and speeches (hereafter, simply referred to as speeches) by Peter, Stephen, Paul, and others. The method of study is comparative and exegetical. After a general reflection upon the whole of The Book of Acts—author, literary scheme, sources, and theological concerns—the meaning of the speeches in Acts as a whole will be considered. The art of historiography in the Greco-Roman world will then be examined, especially the phenomenon of speeches in Greco-Roman histories. Next, several of the prominent speeches in Acts and the contributions of modern critical scholarship to the study of the speeches will be considered. A careful analysis of the Acts speeches will follow, comparing them with similar materials in other Greco-Roman works of historiography. **Prerequisites:** *The Elements of New Testament Greek or its equivalent and Intro to New Testament Exegesis*

**NT 3053 Pauline Theology***Marion L. Soards*

This course moves beyond the exegesis of individual passages in the Pauline epistles to ask about Paul's thought on a number of key themes: God, Christ, Spirit, righteousness, judgment, law, faith, eschatology, anthropology, salvation, church, and ethics—to name but a few. Students will study a theme or themes of their choice and then, they will present their findings in a classroom presentation and a major paper.

**NT 3093 New Testament Theology***Marion L. Soards*

This course takes seriously the need for dialogue between historical-critical study of scripture and theology. The aim of the course is to give substance to theological topics through creative exploration of New Testament texts. Thus, through exegetical examination of a number of texts from the perspectives of selected themes, students will consider the theological significance of the unity and diversity of the New Testament testimony.

**NT 3113 Interpreting the Birth Narratives***Marion L. Soards*

This course is an advanced level study of Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2. The goal is to give critical and exegetical attention to canonical stories of the birth of Jesus. We shall consider the historical background of the events of the stories, the distinctive emphases of Matthew and Luke as writers of Gospels, and the significance of the birth of Jesus as those stories show it was understood in early Christianity. The work in this course will be done with an interest in the importance of these stories for the church today.

**NT 3123 Interpreting the Resurrection Accounts in the NT***Marion L. Soards*

This course is an advanced-level study giving critical and exegetical attention to accounts of the resurrection of Jesus. We shall consider the historical background of the events of the story, the distinctive emphases of both Paul and the canonical Gospel writers, and the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus as various early Christians understood it. The work will be done with an interest in the significance of these stories for the life of the church today.

**Prerequisites:** *Scripture II, The Elements of New Testament Greek or its equivalent, and Intro to New Testament Exegesis*

**NT 3133 The New Testament Experience of Faith***Marion L. Soards*

The main purpose of this course is to practice and develop thinking about life from a distinctly theological point of view. Above all, the course will seek to bring life, as presented by three prominent writers—Horton Foote, Flannery O'Connor, and Walker Percy—into a critical dialogue with scripture, particularly the New Testament

**NT 3141 How's Your Eschatology?***Susan R. Garrett*

This course focuses on beliefs about the end-time in the New Testament and in American popular culture. When students complete the course, they will be able to identify and summarize pertinent biblical passages, offer informed critique of various popular eschatologies, and articulate their own views. 1 credit; meets 6 times in the semester for 2 hours each session.

**NT 3152 Biblical Images of Death and Afterlife***Susan R. Garrett*

This course focuses on biblical views of death and afterlife, and compares them to popular ideas about afterlife in contemporary American society. When students complete the course, they should be able to identify and summarize pertinent biblical passages, offer informed analysis of popular cultural phenomena related to death, and articulate their own views about death and afterlife in simulated pastoral contexts. 1 credit; meets 6 times in the semester for 2 hours each session.

**NT 3163 Preparing to Preach the Revised Common Lectionary***Marion L. Soards*

This course is about the place and use of the Bible in the life and work of Christian preachers. Basic attention will be given to both devotional (illuminative) and exegetical-expository (kerygmatically oriented) interaction with scripture. The course will include working with *The Revised Common Lectionary* in relation to both the cycles of the liturgical year and the use of scripture in preaching. Incorporated into the work with the biblical materials will be engagement with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Meditating on the Word* and George Herbert's *The Country Parson and The Temple*. Other readings will facilitate our consideration of the use of the Bible in worship, especially in proclamation.

**NT 3203 A New Testament Theology of Money and Possessions***Susan R. Garrett*

This course explores New Testament teachings about money and possessions, against the backdrop of the larger biblical witness on this subject. Teachings of Jesus and Paul, the Epistle of James, and the book of Revelation will receive close attention. Students will be invited to examine their own attitudes toward "stuff," discerning how their personal practices and views relate to patterns in their family of origin, church, and the wider culture. We will consider biblical warrants for Christians' participation in charitable giving and fundraising, and discuss how to engage in both practices most effectively.

**Prerequisite:** *Scripture II*

### NT 4001 Reading the Greek New Testament

This course is offered each semester to provide opportunity for increasing skills in reading and translating the Greek NT. The work aims at building vocabulary, broadening comprehension of grammar, and improving sight-reading.

**Prerequisites:** *The Elements of New Testament Greek or its equivalent*

### NT 4013 Evil, Suffering, and Death in the New Testament

*Susan R. Garrett*

Students will explore some of the ways that evil, suffering, and death were experienced, symbolized, and judged by representatives of early Christianity and of contemporaneous Jewish and pagan societies. Questions to be addressed in the course include: How do the various New Testament writers account for the presence of evil in the world? To what extent were their ideas influenced by common Jewish or pagan explanations of evil? How do the New Testament writers' understandings of evil relate to larger patterns of morality and of personal or corporate identity in the early Christian communities? How are we to understand the New Testament's teachings on evil in our own day? The course format combines lecture and discussion. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Exegesis in either Testament; either Scripture I or Scripture II*

### NT 4023 Readings in African-American New Testament Hermeneutics

*Susan R. Garrett*

This course is designed as a brief introduction to important works of and about New Testament interpretation by African-American New Testament scholars. Works to be read and discussed pertain especially to the following topics: the complex history of African-Americans' encounter with the Bible; Africa and African Imagery in the New Testament and Early Christian Literature; the New Testament and the American debate over slavery; and interpretation of the Gospels and the Pauline epistles by African-Americans. Throughout the course, attention will be given to the particular concerns and perspectives of womanist biblical interpreters. Students will meet eight times for discussion.

### NT 4203 Preaching from the New Testament

This course investigates various types of New Testament literature in relation to the task of preaching. Students have the opportunity to explore various types of exegetical issues which impact New Testament preaching. Students will preach at least once in front of the class.

**Prerequisites:** *Scripture II, The Elements of New Testament Greek or its equivalent, Intro to New Testament Exegesis, Basic Preaching*

### NT 5103 Independent Studies in the New Testament

*Susan R. Garrett; Marion L. Soards*

Advanced study of particular historical questions, theological themes, or NT texts are carried out independently following initial approval of the plan of study, including bibliography and form of reporting. Three or more students with a common interest may request periodic meetings with faculty as a seminar to share and discuss their research.

**Prerequisites:** *Scripture I and II, Introduction to Old Testament Exegesis and Intro to New Testament Exegesis*

## AREA B — THEOLOGY, HISTORY AND ETHICS

*Faculty:* Shannon Craigo-Snell; Christopher Elwood; Michael Jinkins; Amy Plantinga Pauw; Scott C. Williamson

For MDiv Candidates, Area B requirements include:

1. Introduction to Theology and Ethics
2. History of Christian Experience I and II
3. Core Theology\*
4. Core Ecclesial Traditions\*\*
5. Two Advanced (200-400-level) Area B courses\*\*\*

For MAR candidates, Area B core requirements include:

1. Introduction to Theology and Ethics
  2. History of Christian Experience I and II
- MAR candidates have additional requirements, depending on their area of specialization.

For MAMFT candidates, Area B requirements are:

1. Introduction to Theology and Ethics
2. History of Christian Experience either I or II
3. Another course in Area B: either the other HCE semester or an Advanced (200-400 level) Area B course

\*Core Theology courses are limited-enrollment elective classes that include a constructive theological component and focus on student writing.

\*\*Core Ecclesial Traditions courses involve close study of historical and ecclesial traditions that are especially formative for a student's contexts of ministry. This requirement is ordinarily satisfied by a course in the student's denominational history and doctrine.

\*\*\*Introduction to Theology and Ethics (TF 1023) is a prerequisite for all Advanced Area B courses. A 200-400 level course taken prior to Introduction to Theology and Ethics will count as a general elective.

## Theological Foundations

### TF 1023 Introduction to Theology and Ethics (ITE)

Introduction to Theology and Ethics (ITE) is a team-taught, interdisciplinary course in theology and ethics that is usually taken in the fall semester of the first year. ITE is designed to follow the summer course for entering students, Transforming Seminary Education (TSE), and to anticipate History of Christian Experience (HCE). The purpose of ITE is to help students gain greater confidence and competence in thinking theologically and ethically. The course intends to prepare students for this task by providing an introduction to systematic theology and ethical method. Students will reflect on the interplay between belief and behavior, as they wrestle with contemporary issues in theology and ethics. ITE is organized around a series of fundamental theological questions: How do we know what to believe? What do we mean by God? What's wrong with us? How does Jesus make a difference? In response to these questions we will encourage

students to listen to a rich variety of voices and to engage those voices as they answer the questions for themselves.

### TF 1123 History of Christian Experience I and TF 1133 History of Christian Experience II

In this two-semester sequence students will become acquainted with the global history of Christianity. Special attention will be paid to formation of Christian identity and theological expression in relation to other religious traditions.

## Ecclesial Traditions

### ET1044 Presbyterian Heritage and Polity (and CM2172)

*Shannon Craigo-Snell and Clifton Kirkpatrick* Presbyterian Heritage and Polity is a course that provides a comprehensive introduction to the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition through an exploration of its history, its theology and confessions, its polity and worship, and its interaction with contemporary culture and the wider church. Particular attention is devoted to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The heritage portion of the course assumes a basic knowledge of Christian theology and of church history as a prerequisite. The completion of *Introduction to Theology and Ethics (ITE)* and *History of Christian Experience I & II*, or equivalent previous course work in theology and history, is required to participate in this intermediate level of instruction and learning. This portion of the course surveys major figures and movements, recurring theological themes, and perennial and recent challenges to the life of the church. The course also provides for close and contextual readings of Reformed creeds and confessions.

The polity portion of the course follows an experiential approach. Students will learn to think theologically and systemically as they apply the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to specific issues and practices at the congregational, presbytery, synod, and general assembly levels. Attention will also be given to ministry and administration in the Presbyterian tradition based on the theology of the church in the Book of Order.

### ET 1054 History and Doctrine of Methodism

*Charles Brockwell*

This course introduces several of the major thinkers who influenced Christian thought in the West through the 17th and 18th centuries. One theme of the course will be how Enlightenment understandings of “reason” influenced and interacted with Christian faith and theology. Questions addressed include: how we know things, on what basis people profess religious belief, if religious faith is compatible with reason, the status of religious experience, the grounding of morality, and what role “feeling” plays in Christianity. We will read both critics and supporters of Christianity and investigate their attempts to defend, discredit, or distance religious belief in relation to reason. Readings for this course include only primary texts by brilliant thinkers. We will approach these texts both appreciatively and critically, learning from the insight of great minds and exploring their limitations. Particular attention will be paid to issues of race, class, and gender. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics, History of Christian Experience I*

### ET 1063 History of the Baptist Churches in the United States

This course will trace the emergence of the Baptist Churches in the United States. Special attention will be given to American Baptist Churches (USA), the National Baptist movement and the Southern Baptist Convention as denominational expressions of Baptist life. Students will be introduced to the “culture” of the Baptist tradition in order to understand its distinctive character today. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### ET 1083 Denominational Heritage

A course in a student’s denominational heritage will be developed if neither ET 1044, ET 1054, or ET 1063 is appropriate. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics is a prerequisite for all ET courses.*

## Historical-Theological Topics

### TH 2323 Biblical Radicalism

*Christopher Elwood*

This course will introduce you to selected

movements in the history of Christianity, from late medieval to modern times, that have emphasized the necessity of a distinctive biblical, theological, and social witness that stands in opposition to culture. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics, History of Christian Experience I*

### TH 2343 Evil

*Shannon Craigo-Snell*

This course provides a framework for analyzing and critiquing statements about evil made within Christianity and within contemporary culture more generally. We will begin by establishing some of the basic logical, doctrinal, and experiential constraints that shape Christian understandings of evil. We will examine how several different Christian thinkers understand evil in relation to the power of God.

### TH 2353 The Sixteenth-Century Reformations

*Christopher Elwood*

A survey of the history and theology of the Magisterial, Radical, and Catholic Reformation movements of the early sixteenth century, with particular emphasis on the religious ideas and practices of leading reformers such as Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, and Ignatius Loyola. Reformation ideas will be examined within the context of the experience of these principal figures and that of the public they addressed and by whom they were interpreted, and in relation to the cultural, social, economic, and political changes of the early modern period. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics and History of Christian Experience I*

### TH 2363 To Be Reformed: A Theological Synopsis

*Christopher Elwood*

This course introduces the student to the main theological ideas and emphases that characterize the Reformed Protestant tradition. Attention will be given to classic as well as contemporary formulations of doctrine so that students, through their encounter with the diversity and unity of the Reformed theological heritage, develop the capacity to contribute faithfully and creatively in its ongoing witness.

**TH 2373 Theology and the Modern West I***Shannon Craigo-Snell*

This course serves as an introduction to the history of Christian theological thinking in the modern period in Europe and North America. We will read primary texts by influential philosophers and theologians from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, uncovering many of the assumptions that ground religious thought today. Themes to be addressed include attempts to define the nature and province of religion, debates over the nature of biblical authority, constructions of the relation of revelation and history, and the quest to find a touchstone of certainty amidst cultural change.

**Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics and History of Christian Experience I*

**TH 2383 Theology and the Modern West II***Shannon Craigo-Snell*

This course explores the major shifts and trends in western Christian thought in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. We will read primary texts of prominent theologians and philosophers. Themes include the nature of Christian hope, the significance of history, what it means to be human, and Christian perspectives on violence and non-violence. Note: Students do not need to take Theology and the Modern West I in order to succeed in this course. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics and History of Christian Experience I*

**TH 2403 American Religion**

This course surveys the major themes and developments of American religious history. The focus is on American Protestantism, especially the so-called “mainstream” Protestant denominations. But lectures and readings will also examine American Catholicism, African-American Christianity, and Judaism, as well as alternative religious movements. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 2423 African-American Christianity***Scott C. Williamson*

This course will review the historical development, and current state, of the African-American Christian movement. Through a close reading of texts of the movement and a review of the social context within which it arose, the

seminar participants will be invited to a full engagement with this ecclesial and theological tradition. It will be our purpose to identify not only the discrete contours of the movement, but also to identify its place in larger Christian movement in the United States. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 2413 Introduction to Black Religion**

This course provides an introductory study of Black Religion that addresses the following: the study of Black Religion, the relation between Black Religion and black studies, the varieties of black religious experience, the historical development of Black Religion in America, and contemporary issues in the study of Black Religion. The focus of this course is black religious experience more broadly, including non-Christian and Christian religious experience. Inter-religious and intra-religious issues will also be explored in the course. Introduction to Black Religions will fulfill an elective requirement for a concentration in Black Church Studies both in Master of Divinity and Master of Arts (Religion) degree programs.

**TH 2433 Introduction to Black Church Studies***Felicia LaBoy*

This course is designed to provide an overview of the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary components of the Black Christian experience in America so that students who are called to lead contemporary African American churches might have an introduction to the rich historical, theological, ethical, and sociological foundations of that experience from an academic perspective as a foundation for ministry and church leadership. It is also designed so that all students have a framework by which to understand the complexities of the Black Christian experience in America and appreciate the diversity that contextualized theology, praxis and worship of the Black Church provides for the greater-Christian community.

**TH 2453 The American Catholic Experience in Ecumenical Perspective**

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the American Catholic experience from an ecumenical perspective. One of the major branches of Christianity, Catholicism, is often an unfamiliar and understudied faith tradition among mainline and

evangelical Protestant Christians and other non-Catholics. In this course, close attention is given to the history of American Catholicism; the major teachings, practices, and beliefs of American Catholics; key institutions, roles, and organizations in the Roman Catholic Church; contemporary challenges facing the American Catholic Church; Catholic-Protestant dialogue, ecumenical relationships, and related opportunities and issues for ministry. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 2493 Special Studies in American Christianity

Any group of students interested in a particular issue in American religious history can arrange with the instructor for disciplined study in that area. Topics may include slavery in America, chiliasm, social gospel, liberal trends, ministry in American history, evangelism, or particular ethical issues. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

## Theologians

### TH 2553 Medieval Theologians

*Christopher Elwood; Amy Plantinga Pauw*  
This course will introduce students to the lives and thought of three significant medieval theologians. It will focus on a single theological theme, with attention to how these theologians integrate practice and belief, spirituality and theology. In addition, students will be asked to do research on another medieval theologian of their choice. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics, History of Christian Experience I*

### TH 2603 Martin Luther

*Christopher Elwood*  
This course explores the theology of the German reformer Martin Luther in the context of his life and ministry and against the backdrop of the momentous religious changes of the Reformation era. Topics to be examined may include the relation of Luther's thought to medieval scholasticism and mysticism, the doctrine of justification and the theology of the cross, the nature of biblical authority and procedures of biblical interpretation, the sacraments, the nature of

the Christian community, and the Christian's social and political responsibility, and Luther's eschatological vision. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics and History of Christian Experience I*

### TH 2623 John Calvin

*Christopher Elwood*  
This course examines the thought of John Calvin in the context of his life and work on behalf of the movements for reform of the church in sixteenth-century Europe. We will read from Calvin's *Institutes* and selected other writings in order to grasp the main outlines and principal themes of his theology, to assess his influence upon the debates of his time, and to interpret his continuing theological legacy. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics and History of Christian Experience I*

### TH 2703 Jonathan Edwards

*Amy Plantinga Pauw*  
Get to know America's greatest Reformed theologian, Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758). This course will situate Edwards in his colonial context and focus on readings from his private notebooks and sermons, as well as his larger works. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 2723 Friedrich Schleiermacher

*Christopher Elwood*  
This course examines central ideas and principal themes in the work of one of the most influential modern theologians, Friedrich Schleiermacher. Among the topics that may be considered are the distinctive nature of religion, the relation of religion and theology, the language and the purpose of theology, the relation of God and creation, the person and work of Christ, the doctrines of election and the church. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics and History of Christian Experience I and II*

### TH 2743 Frederick Douglass

*Scott C. Williamson*  
This seminar is designed to introduce students to Frederick Douglass. Douglass was one of the most fascinating and influential figures of the nineteenth century. Remembered primarily as a dynamic abolitionist lecturer and candid editor, Douglass was also an important thinker. He was the nineteenth century's foremost spokesperson

for social equality and racial assimilation. Douglass is among the first generation of black thinkers to combine elements of Protestantism, black nationalism and assimilationism into an effective model of social progress for blacks. The goal of the course is to discern Douglass's moral and religious point of view by reading autobiographical accounts, as well as the writings of several Douglass scholars. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 2813 Paul Tillich

The aim of this course is to serve as an extended introduction to the thought of Paul Tillich — one of the more influential theologians on the American scene during much of the twentieth century. The seminar will acquaint the student with the broad outlines of Tillich's work as well as explore the content that Tillich gives to the traditional Christian doctrines of God, Christology, Anthropology and Ecclesiology. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 2823 Karl Barth and Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Amy Plantinga Pauw*

This course will examine two giants of twentieth century theology who confronted both Nazism and the heritage of liberal theology. It will pay special attention to doctrines of Christ and the church. Readings will include sermons and biographical materials. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 2833 Reinhold Niebuhr and H. Richard Niebuhr

*Amy Plantinga Pauw*

This course examines the influential and wide-ranging contribution of the two Niebuhrs to twentieth century Christian thought. Students will study H. Richard Niebuhr's understanding of human faith, divine revelation, theological method, social ethics, and confessional identity, and Reinhold Niebuhr's interpretation of human existence, sin, history, Christology, and Christian ethics. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 2843 Karl Rahner

*Shannon Craigo-Snell*

This course examines the work of Karl Rahner, SJ, an influential, twentieth-century Roman Catholic theologian. We will read from his

theological, pastoral, and spiritual writings. Following Rahner's theology, the course will focus on theological anthropology. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*.

### TH 2873 Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Scott C. Williamson*

This course will explore the theology and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr., establishing King as a major theologian of reconciliation with a global vision. The course will center on the cultural and intellectual resources shaping King's work and his legacy in contemporary society. Fifty years after the Montgomery Bus Boycott, there are renewed and intriguing insights on King's work and the imprint of the Civil Rights Movement today. The course assumes a comprehensive approach to King's life and thought by considering both the role of the Protestant Liberal tradition and the African-American Religious experience in funding his vision of the "beloved community." By reviewing his work, listening to sermons, documentaries, and speeches, we will critically engage the many trajectories of King's legacy, including nonviolence, war and peace, poverty, and the relationship between church and society. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

## Ethics Topics

### TH 3113 Religion, Ethics, and Modern Moral Issues

*Scott C. Williamson*

Alternative positions in Jewish and Christian ethical writings related to contemporary personal and social questions, for example, sexuality and marriage; debates in medical ethics, including abortion and euthanasia; selected political problems, and the morality of warfare will all be topics in this course. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 3213 Medical Ethics

*Scott C. Williamson*

This course is designed to introduce students to the study of moral issues in the fields of medical treatment and research. Students will compare the merits of both a secular approach and a Christian approach to biomedical ethics. Using case studies to unpack the complex

issues involved in medical treatment and research, students will discuss the obligations of professional conduct and defend their recommendations for due care. Public policy concerns will also occupy our attention.

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 3223 Feminist and Womanist Ethics

*Scott C. Williamson; Amy Plantinga Pauw; Shannon Craigo-Snell*

This course introduces students to major themes and figures in feminist and womanist ethics, with particular emphasis on womanist sources. It employs a three-fold approach to ethical situations and issues: 1. historical dialogue, 2. ethical and theological analysis, and 3. critical reflection and action.

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 3233 Environmental Ethics

*Scott C. Williamson*

Environmental issues are increasingly significant for local, national and international populations. From global warming and ozone depletion to energy futures and ecological integrity, environmental issues are occasioned by competing interests, conflicting principles, and contested cosmologies. This course proposes to review the current global situation and examine selected case studies that represent a range of environmental problems. This “earth scan” becomes, in turn, the point of departure for an investigation of existing views of nature and the problems they create. Finally, students will develop a personal spirituality of nature and evaluate Christian perspectives to major environmental problems. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 3303 Ethics Seminar

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 3403 Prophetic Preaching and Social Ethics

*Scott C. Williamson*

This course wrestles with the moral quandaries that church leaders and preachers often face in contemporary social issues or conflicts. For example, What moral principles compete for our allegiance in social conflicts? What questions do we ask to clarify these conflicts, and can we answer them competently? How do we shape moral argument in preaching? We will utilize

ethical theory and methods of argument in exploring these questions. Ultimately, students will learn to identify and shape moral argument in their preaching on difficult social issues. Topics may include: racial and gender conflicts, questions of just war, resistance and militarism; biotechnology; economic and class conflicts, and ecological issues. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

## Contemporary Theological Topics

### TH 3243 Ethics in Economic Life

*Scott Williamson*

This course studies Christian economic ethics. Students will read classical and contemporary resources in order to evaluate the relationship between Christian social teachings and Neoliberal theory. Neoliberalism is committed to: (1) an unregulated market; (2) cutting public expenditures for social services; (3) deregulation; (4) privatization; and (5) individual responsibility. On the other hand, Christian social teachings include: (1) an economy that serves people by protecting their basic human rights to productive work and decent and fair wages; (2) social institutions that promote family and community, and that protect the poor and vulnerable; (3) human rights and responsibilities; (4) life and the dignity of the human person; and (5) the common good. The task for students is to assess the coherence of their religious beliefs, moral values and standards, and participation in the global economy.

### TH 3513 Doctrine of Revelation

*Amy Plantinga Pauw*

Does God still speak to us? If so, how? This course will examine the role of Scripture, Spirit, and Church in discerning God’s revelation and consider what views of revelation should guide inter-religious dialogue. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### TH 3523 Christology

*Amy Plantinga Pauw*

This course examines contemporary perspectives on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Readings will come from a variety of confessional perspectives and cultural contexts. In a final paper students are asked to articulate their own Christology. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3533 Ecclesiology***Shannon Craigo-Snell; Amy Plantinga Pauw*

This course examines the church as a community of practice and surveys a variety of contemporary ecclesial perspectives.

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3613 Process Theology**

This course attempts to rethink Christian theological doctrines through the perspective of the organic and dynamic (non-sexist) concepts of Whitehead's philosophical system. The relationships between faith and reason are explored. Students focus on the task of providing a Whiteheadian reinterpretation of the biblical approaches to God, Christ, human existence, church, and the kingdom of God. Course work includes readings from process theologians, such as John Cobb, Schubert Ogden, Norman Pittenger, Daniel Williams, Marjorie Suchocki, etc., lectures, and discussions.

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3623 Black Theology***Shannon Craigo-Snell; Scott C. Williamson*

This course engages primary texts in Black theology, both historical and contemporary. Issues addressed include the social construction of race, the role of suffering in Christianity, and the relationships between religion and politics in the United States. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3653 Contemporary Theology***Shannon Craigo-Snell*

This course focuses on lively theological conversations that are currently taking place within both church and academy. Students will engage three overlapping themes: Christianity in relation to empire, new forms of process theology (sometimes referred to as Polydoxy), and the functions of race in the landscape of twenty-first century theology. Readings for this course include primary texts by contemporary theologians. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3663 Theologies of the Global South***Amy Plantinga Pauw; Clifton Kirkpatrick*

Christianity is a global religion whose population is increasingly centered south of the equator. This course will examine recent

theologies coming from the "Global South," especially from Christians of Africa and Asia. What can North American Christians learn from these new theological voices? **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3703 Christians and Others***Christopher Elwood*

This course explores resources within the Christian theological tradition for interpreting and addressing the challenge of religious diversity. Classic and contemporary contributions to debates about the nature and value of religion, proper ways to conceive of the relations between Christian faith and human religiousness in general, and the place of Christianity in relation to other religious traditions will be examined. Particular attention will be given to the contributions of modern consciousness in the wake of the Enlightenment, Neo-Reformation perspectives on Christian faith and human religion, the ecumenical movement, and liberal and post-liberal responses to religious pluralism. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics and History of Christian Experience I*

**TH 3713 God and Globalization***Scott C. Williamson*

The purpose of this course is to explore the theological and ethical dimensions of globalization as a contemporary phenomenon marked by a massive expansion of global economic and technological networks. The course seeks to engage in a critical reflection and analysis of the theological, ethical, cultural, political, and economic impact of globalization in today's culture. Radical shifts from an industrially centered economy to an informational and technologically driven economy has signaled new theological realities that urge creative responses and approaches to questions of justice, reconciliation, public policy, domestic and international trade policy, and fundamental issues of identity and difference. Students will reflect on the ways in which globalization emerges as a religious reality with its own distinctive rituals, practices, symbols, and deities. The class will also examine the church's teachings on economics and the persistent realities of poverty—from the ghettos of Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and Detroit to the slums of Nairobi, Soweto, Tegucigalpa, Mexico City, the Chiapas, and the Balkans. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3743 Biblical Theology and the Wisdom Literature***Amy Plantinga Pauw*

Come and sit at the feet of Woman Wisdom and Qohelet. Explore riches of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, texts that are frequently neglected in the world of biblical theology. We will consider the connections between this literature and Reformed understandings of revelation, Christology, and the Christian Life, among others. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3803 Black Ecclesiology in Public and Pastoral Ministry***Scott C. Williamson*

This course will review the theological foundations and praxis origins of black ecclesiology. Scholarship from the fields of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology provide the resources and methods for this critical inquiry. Beginning with an evaluation of early preaching and pastoral care in black churches, we will examine the public debates over the traditional scope of pastoral ministries and the more radical voices of social justice. The course will trace the major movements within this controversy, extending from the antebellum period through the post-Civil Rights era of Black Theology. Students will be able to identify the major thinkers and themes comprising both the traditional development of black ecclesiology and the prophetic appeals of religious ethics. Ultimately, students will develop a practical theological critique of this historical debate.

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3813 Faith and Money**

This course is designed to provide biblical, theological and practical understanding of money in the lives of congregations and individuals. Stewardship will be an important theme, but the course will focus on how understanding theology and money can strengthen the life of the church. Attention will be given to practical concerns – raising money, budgets and managing money. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3823 Theology and Preaching***Debra J. Mumford; Amy Plantinga Pauw*

One of the great needs in the church today is for theologically informed preaching.

This apparently simple homiletical quality is notoriously difficult to achieve. In this team-taught course students will be asked to locate their own theology and integrate it with text and life. The method will be dialogical and collegial.

**Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics and Basic Preaching*

**TH 3833 Practicing Our Faith***Amy Plantinga Pauw; J. Bradley Wigger*

This course examines Christian practices in historical and contemporary settings and encourages students to relate the study of practices to their own ministry and spiritual formation. This team-taught course is a dual requirement course, fulfilling both Area B elective and Teaching Ministry requirements.

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 3843 Faith, Film and Culture***Christopher Elwood*

This is a course designed to introduce the student to ways of thinking critically and theologically about contemporary popular film and the messages about religion and values films convey. We will begin by examining a variety of theoretical approaches to film interpretation and then turn to a number of recent films to explore the ways in which such themes as human nature, evil and suffering, transcendence, moral and religious redemption, and religious and cultural difference are portrayed. We will give special attention to the contributions of this popular visual and narrative medium to public debate on moral and religious issues in the church and in society. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics and History of Christian Experience I*

**TH 3863 Sacred Silence, Sacred Song***Shannon Craigo-Snell*

In the presence of divine mystery, people of faith have often found that silence is the only possible response – no adequate words can be found. So central is silence to many religious traditions that the 2013 Louisville Festival of Faiths took “Sacred Silence” as its entry into an interfaith examination of compassion. This course will look at silence in Christian theology and practice, with particular attention to Catholic and Quaker traditions. At the same time, there is something about the life of faith which cannot “keep from singing.” Sacred song unites communities in thanks and praise; it evokes hope and strength in the face of oppression. This course will look at

the theology and practice of singing in a range of Christian traditions, including singing the Psalter, hymnodies of Reformation churches and the Methodist movement, spirituals and songs of resistance. During this intensive course, words will be surrounded by silence, and silence will be embraced by song.

*Satisfies the M.Div. requirement for an Area B Elective. Class sessions will include a visit to Gethsemani Abbey and Shaker Village.*

*Enrollment Limit: 20*

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### **TH 3873 Formation for Religious Experience**

*Shannon Craigo-Snell*

This class helps students to recognize traditional categories and descriptions of religious experience, identify formation techniques used by individuals and communities, analyze the theological underpinnings of such techniques, and integrate practical and theological approaches to religious experience.

### **TH 3893 Theater and Theology**

*Shannon Craigo-Snell*

This course looks closely at Christianity through the lens of theatrical performance, as both have developed in Western traditions. This includes study of performance theory, theoretical approaches to theatre, liturgical theology, and dramatic texts. Topics addressed include the construction of the self through communal performance, embodied interpretation of texts, conventions of normativity and liminality, and creation of communal hermeneutics.

## **Theology and Christian Mission**

### **TH 4013 Paradigms For Christian Mission: Historical And Theological Perspectives**

*Clifton Kirkpatrick*

This course will survey the development of Christian missions using a combination of historical and theological approaches. Students will trace changes in conceptions and practices of mission beginning with biblical and early church models, moving through historical paradigms of Christian mission, and exploring

relevant approaches to mission today.

**Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### **TH 4203 The Ecumenical Movement**

*Clifton Kirkpatrick*

This course will begin with an overview of the history and theology of the ecumenical movement, then examine in some depth four contemporary developments and their underlying themes: reclaiming the legacy of the Reformation for the renewal of ministry in the twenty-first century, understanding the changing context and enduring gospel values for mission, shaping our witness for social justice and peace, and moving us forward in more positive relationships with neighbors of other faiths. This course will also provide students with an opportunity to experience the life and worship of a Christian community other than their own and to share with one another what they learn from that encounter and what perspectives they might develop in their own ministry for relating ecumenically. This course is designed to share the fresh insights from the ecumenical movement and current ecumenical developments and to understand their implications for the ministry of our congregations in a religiously diverse world. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### **TH 4413 Brazil Travel Seminar: Religions, Cultures, and Liberation in Brazil**

*Christopher Elwood*

With a focus on the colonial history of Brazil, this interdisciplinary seminar will engage race, class, gender, and the particularities of Brazilian religious experience, as we visit Roman Catholic, mainline Protestant, and Pentecostal churches as well as Afro-Brazilian religious sites in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador. Students will spend time with Brazilian people, gaining insights into elements of culture and the rhythms of daily life. We will visit seminaries and confer with native theologians and biblical scholars. Social location and religious experience will inform our conversations around theological, biblical, and liturgical themes. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics, History of Christian Experience II*

**TH 4423 South Africa Travel Seminar**

South Africa was the site of one of the most powerful political and theological movements of the late twentieth century. Home of the historic unfolding of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, proving ground for Mohandas K. Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence, and countless missionary and colonial explorations among the Dutch and British, South Africa is ideal for critical study, reflection and missions work. The Seminar will involve a 10-14 day excursion from Louisville, Kentucky, to South Africa, along with brief preparation sessions leading up to the trip. The instructors will lead a group of students, faculty, pastors, and alums to explore themes of reconciliation, human rights, political theology, and forgiveness. The pilgrimage will involve a theological reflection and missionary component, building a constructive understanding of the relationship between the two. Students are strongly encouraged to participate. What is happening in the life of the church in a post-apartheid South Africa? What can we learn from South Africa about the Christian language of hope, salvation, justice, and community? Capetown, Pretoria and/or Johannesburg will be among the primary geographic regions for reflection and travel during the journey. Through the seminar and missions project, students will be empowered to be agents of reconciliation and to discover the ways in which public theology and missions is an essential component of faithful Christian witness. Drawing on a number of resources, including interviews, readings, documentary films, and first-hand experiences, students and participants will learn what it means to combine theology and praxis, and recognize the significance of lived theology in reflections on doctrine, scripture, and the history of the Church. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**Non-Christian Traditions****TH 4503 Judaism**

The transition from Israelite religion, as depicted in the Hebrew Bible, to Rabbinic Judaism, which unfolded from the second century before the Common Era to the sixth century of the Common Era, was revolutionary.

This course will explore the dominant values and practices of what became traditional Judaism. This exploration will be conducted primarily through encounters with primary texts such as the Talmud, Jewish philosophy and biblical commentary. After an examination of the innovations of Rabbinic Judaism as it developed through the Middle Ages, we will focus on contemporary expressions of Judaism. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 4603 Islam**

The goal of this course, which is introductory in nature, is to enable the student to broaden and enrich his/her understanding of Islam as a religious tradition. It presupposes an interest in Islam and a desire to learn about and explore the doctrinal, ethical, ritual, socio-economic, political, cultural and experiential dimensions of this way of life. It also raises critical questions about the study of Islam, and attitudes toward Muslims and Islam in the West. A primary concern is to understand not only the origin and fundamentals of Islam but also its role in the contemporary world. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**TH 4703 Hinduism-Buddhism**

This course offers a study of the background and sources of Hinduism and Buddhism. An overview is provided of their historical development, as well as their impact upon each other and upon adherents. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

**Special Studies**

*These courses do not satisfy the requirement for an Advanced course in Area B.*

**TH 5103 Independent Study in Theology, History, or Ethics**

This independent study provides an opportunity to concentrate on a topic of theological, historical, or ethical interest after agreeing on a suitable subject with the instructor. The student produces a reading list from library research and meets with the instructor from time to time in individual conference to report on reading. A major paper on the chosen subject is required. *Note that independent study courses do not ordinarily fulfill elective requirements.*

**TH 5201 To Be Reformed***Christopher Elwood; Shannon Craigo-Snell*

This course introduces the student to the main theological ideas and emphases that characterize the Reformed Protestant tradition. Attention will be given to classic as well as contemporary formulations of doctrine so that students, through their encounter with the diversity and unity of the Reformed heritage, develop the capacity to contribute faithfully and creatively in its ongoing witness. Recommended for middlers preparing for the PC(USA) ordination exam in theology. *Note: This course does not fulfill the Area B elective requirement.*

**TH 5301 Readings in Religions, Culture, and Liberation in Brazil***Christopher Elwood*

This one-hour readings course is designed to prepare students for effective participation in the Brazil Travel Seminar through readings in and reflection on recent socio-cultural, ecclesiastical, and theological developments.

**AREA C — PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

*Faculty:* Carol J. Cook, Ashley A. Hicks White, Christine Hong, Marcus Hong, Clifton Kirkpatrick, Felicia LaBoy, Debra J. Mumford, Loren L. Townsend, J. Bradley Wigger.

In Area C, core requirements include:

1. Practical Theology in Congregations
2. Basic Preaching
3. Intro. to Worship
4. Teaching Ministry course
5. Pastoral Care & Counseling course
6. Mission/Evangelism course
7. For MAMFT candidates selected 200, 300, and 400 PC, PT courses are required.

**Christian Education****CE 3023 Ministry with Youth***J. Bradley Wigger*

This course examines congregational youth ministry. Issues include: growing up in today's world, the role of youth groups in nurturing

faith, and the relationship of youth ministry to the whole life and work of the church. Case studies will help identify ministry needs; and youth ministry resources will be surveyed. *This course fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

**CE 3043 Christian Education with Children***J. Bradley Wigger*

This course explores the church's educational ministry with children. Insights from the human sciences, theology, biblical studies, and the arts will be used to help address such questions and concerns as: How is the life of faith passed on from one generation to the next? What is a family's role in Christian nurture? What is a congregation's role? How do children think and learn? How do spirituality and raising children relate to one another? What is going on in childhood cognitively, developmentally, morally, socially, or culturally? These questions, among others, will be pursued with particular attention to the educational and formational dimensions of ministry. *This course fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

**CE 3053 Multiple Intelligences and Christian Education***J. Bradley Wigger*

This course is an opportunity to study theories of intelligence and learning that recognize multiple domains of human knowing and explore their significance in relation to the life of faith and educational ministries. We will explore theological, ethical, and cultural implications of multiple intelligence theory as well as themes of multiplicity in faith and church life. Great consideration will be given to imagining and implementing a multiple intelligences perspective in Christian education, both in Church school settings and beyond classrooms. *This course fulfills the teaching ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

**CE 3083/OT 3053 Teaching the Bible in the Church**

This is an interdisciplinary course concerned with the practice of teaching Bible in the congregation, particularly involving skills of biblical exegesis, interpretation methods, and teaching designs. Particular biblical texts

for focus will be determined at the time of scheduling. Past texts have included the Book of Jeremiah, Job, and Wisdom Literature. *This course fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program, or the Area A elective requirement. Prerequisite: Scripture I*

### **CE 3093 Growing in the Life of Christian Faith**

*J. Bradley Wigger*

This seminar focuses upon the intersection between the lifespan and the life of faith, doing so with an eye toward the church's educational ministry. It explores how intentional practices, rituals, and moments in individual and community life provide occasions for growing in the life of faith. At the same time the course will explore the power of reflecting upon experiences of grace and suffering throughout life. Students will design educational situations and teach in relation to critical moments in congregational life (such as baptism/dedication, ordination of leaders, or joining the church). *This course fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **CE 3123 Advanced Seminar in Christian Education**

*J. Bradley Wigger*

This course is designed especially for those students who are concentrating in educational ministry and have taken at least two courses in Christian Education. The goal is to extend, deepen, and integrate the work of those who have been preparing for placement in educational ministry positions in the church. Contact the professor before registration.

### **CE 3143 Teaching Theology in a Congregation**

This is a course intended to assist Pastor-Educators in teaching practical theological reflection in a local church. It is assumed that practical theology is the responsibility of the people of God and one for which seminary graduates need to have particular educational concern. This course will develop participants' skills for practical theological reflection and consider appropriate ways for teaching these skills to others. A case-study method will be used, employing, where possible, issues from student Field Education settings. *This course*

*fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **CE 3163 Formation in Home, Congregation, and Community**

*J. Bradley Wigger*

This course explores home and community life in relation to the church and its educational ministries. We will engage insights from a variety of sources such as the human arts and sciences, as well as students' own experiences, as we seek wisdom through theological and biblical reflection. We will examine general contextual and cultural issues that impact home and congregational life as well as the particularities of each family and each community. Throughout the course we will be exploring ways family life intersects with a larger formational ecology for the Christian life. The hope is to better understand human relationships in all their beauty, misery, power, and mystery. *This course fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **CE 3193 The Art of Teaching**

*J. Bradley Wigger*

In this course students will explore the practice of teaching in relation to the life of faith, including ways in which scripture is studied and learned, the traditions of the church are examined and put into contemporary practice, and children and adults are equipped to participate in baptism, the Lord's Supper, worship, and life together in the community of faith. The class will research the practice and art of teaching through historical review, contemporary contextual analysis, and examination of learning and teaching theory and practice. This course fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.

### **CE 3203/PC 3203 Children's Literature in Faith and Life**

*Carol Cook; J. Bradley Wigger*

This course exposes students to a sampling of books from pre-school age through adolescence that, through illustrations and stories, ask "big questions" related to the meaning of life, death, injustice, suffering, difference, danger, decision-making, relationships, love, wonder, and God. We will explore the ways children's literature is as an accessible and

imaginative resource for ministry, bringing fresh images and enlivening narratives to the arts of ministry such as preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. It also provides a powerful medium for understanding—voicing to adults the kinds of questions, delights, struggles, and concerns at work in the lives of young people, including their lives of faith. We will consider how children’s literature offers a rich resource for children and youth to better understand themselves and to better imagine others, especially those of different times, places, and cultures.

*The course is a general elective in either Pastoral Care or Christian Education (cross-listed in catalog), but the course does not fulfill the requirement in either field. Students choose which way to register. Students working toward the Concentration in Educational Ministry should register the course in Christian Education.*

### **CE 3833 Practicing our Faith**

*Amy Plantinga Pauw; J. Bradley Wigger*

This course examines Christian practices in historical and contemporary settings and encourages students to relate the study of practices to their own ministry and spiritual formation. This team-taught course is a dual requirement course, fulfilling both Area B elective and Teaching Ministry requirements. *This course fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **CE 4103 Writing for the Church**

*J. Bradley Wigger*

This seminar concentrates on the art and craft of writing for the Church (broadly understood). Students will be introduced to and practice various kinds of writing. This includes writing curriculum materials, Bible studies, devotional materials, children’s stories, poetry, pastoral letters, lyrics, essays, church newsletters, fiction, and writing for denominational magazines or newspapers. Students will explore the role and place of written words in the Church’s educational ministry, and consider the theological implications and possibilities of writing and words. *This course is a general elective and does not fulfill the teaching ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **CE 4153 Child Advocacy in the Church**

This intensive, one-week, field-based course takes place on the former Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, Tennessee (in conjunction with the Children’s Defense Fund’s Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry Conference). Students participate in worship, lectures, workshops, and small group discussions all relevant to ministries with children and child advocacy. Theological reflection is combined with practice-based strategies for congregational, family, and community ministries. The course requires attendance at the conference, outside assignments, and times of discussion with the teacher and other students. *This course is a general elective and does not fulfill the teaching ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program without prior permission from the instructor.*

### **CE 5103 Independent Studies in Christian Education**

*J. Bradley Wigger*

Students may focus in-depth on particular issues or problems of immediate concern in Christian education by personal contract with the professor. *This course does not fulfill the teaching ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

## **Congregational Ministry**

### **CM 1062 United Methodist Polity**

*Jean Hawxhurst*

This course provides an intensive introduction to the *Book of Discipline* and encourages students to think theologically about United Methodist polity as ecclesiology and to produce a body of material that can be used to interpret United Methodist connectionalism to peers and lay persons in the church.

### **CM2172 Presbyterian Heritage and Polity (and ET1044)**

*Shannon Craigo-Snell and Clifton Kirkpatrick* Presbyterian Heritage and Polity is a course that provides a comprehensive introduction to the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition through an exploration of its history, its theology and confessions, its polity and worship, and its interaction with contemporary culture and the wider church. Particular attention is devoted to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The heritage portion of the course assumes a basic knowledge of Christian theology and of church history as a prerequisite. The completion of *Introduction to Theology and Ethics (ITE)* and *History of Christian Experience I & II*, or equivalent previous course work in theology and history, is required to participate in this intermediate level of instruction and learning. This portion of the course surveys major figures and movements, recurring theological themes, and perennial and recent challenges to the life of the church. The course also provides for close and contextual readings of Reformed creeds and confessions.

The polity portion of the course follows an experiential approach. Students will learn to think theologically and systemically as they apply the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to specific issues and practices at the congregational, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly levels. Attention will also be given to ministry and administration in the Presbyterian tradition based on the theology of the church in the Book of Order.

### **CM 3183 Congregation-Based Christian Education**

*J. Bradley Wigger*

This course consists of seminars intending to engage faculty, students in Field Education placements, and their supervisors, in interpreting and planning for the teaching ministry needs of the congregations involved. This is a field-based seminar, using congregational studies methodology. *This course fulfills the Teaching Ministry requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **CM 4103 Faith and Money**

This course is designed to provide biblical, theological and practical understanding of money in the lives of congregations and individuals. Stewardship will be an important theme, but the course will focus on how understanding theology and money can strengthen the life of the church. Attention will be given to practical concerns – raising money, budgets and managing money.

### **CM 4183 Leaders in the Connectional Church**

*Lee Hinson-Hasty; Clifton Kirkpatrick*

Explore the structure, program and mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its impact on

local congregations and presbyteries. With the Presbyterian Center in Louisville as a learning laboratory, you will have the opportunity to experience various Presbyterian program areas, learn from our national leadership and explore in depth one area of interest related to the resources and programs provided by our denomination. Required coursework, including reading and written assignments, have been designed to help you reflect theologically and practically on what you learn about the work of our denominational offices and its significance in local congregations.

### **CM 4193 Leadership and Administration: A Seminar in the Theology and Practice of Congregational Ministry**

In this course, participants will reflect theologically on the practice of leadership and administration in congregational ministry, begin the formation of effective approaches to administrative leadership in the church, and build a spiritual, intellectual and pastoral repertoire for addressing the practical issues of the organizational life of a congregation. Topics for research and reflection include: ethics of leadership, comparative analysis of leadership styles from various American cultures, adapting leadership style to the culture and size of a congregation. Hierarchies and networks as alternate structures for leadership, the ministry of the laity, personnel, financial, and program administration, and nurturing healthy structures in the church.

### **CM 4203 Church Conflict Utilization: Systems Assessment and Intervention for Congregations**

Handling conflict in the church is one of the more difficult tasks for the pastor. This course is designed to introduce students to a new systems approach to assessing the context and to provide skills and practice in joining the system, building a hypothesis, and planning systemic interventions based on the congregation's inner wisdom and desire for health. The systems approach will be compared with other approaches to church conflict utilization.

### **CM 4213 Emotional Intelligence and Human Relations Skills**

This course is a laboratory experience designed to develop and enhance personal, interpersonal, and group process skills for church leaders.

The content of the course will focus on the four areas of emotional intelligence, self awareness, self-management, social awareness, and relationship management, as they promote more effective leadership. The laboratory will provide opportunities for practical theological research and reflection on leadership and group process. The teaching methodology in this one-week intensive course is experiential learning in small groups of 10 to 14 people led by two experiential educators in each group. As group life unfolds, participants are offered feedback on the impact they have on others in the group. Each participant will receive information from personality and leadership instruments and will be assisted in interpreting the information by their small groups and their group leaders.

### **CM 4263 Practices and Skills to Support a Parish Ministry**

Ministry to a congregation requires the mastery of a variety of practical skills and spiritual understanding and depth in those who wield those skills. This course seeks to model the development of both these essentials for effective ministry by introducing students to the practice of *lectio divina* and to a set of skills that can supplement and support preaching, teaching and administration in the parish. Participants will be taught how to locate and use resources (both paper and electronic) for remaining current in contemporary theological reflection, for biblical exegesis, for sermon and worship preparation, for classroom instruction as well as for budgeting and the administration of a congregation and its church office. The focus here will be on resources available to church leaders after they have left seminary and no longer have easy access to a theological library. At the same time, students will be introduced to the practice of *lectio divina* and asked to maintain a daily schedule of spiritual nurture through this practice.

### **CM 5103 Independent Study in Congregational Ministry**

Upon presenting a viable plan of study in the area of congregational ministry, a student may enroll in this course with permission of the instructor.

## **Evangelism and Mission**

### **EM 3103 Introduction to Ecumenical and Interfaith Ministry**

*Clifton Kirkpatrick*

This course will serve as an introduction to the major theological issues and practical ministry concerns at the heart of Louisville Seminary's Doors to Dialogue (D2D) initiative. The course will introduce students to the diversity of the Christian community and the inter-religious context, the biblical and theological foundations for ecumenism and interfaith relations, the practical skills to engage in dialogue and cooperation with other Christians and people of other faith traditions, and the practices needed for ministry in an ecumenical and interfaith context.

### **EM 3163 Evangelism Today**

This course outlines theologies of evangelism that respond to situations encountered by North American congregations. Those theologies are rooted in diverse Christian traditions and combine numerous outreach strategies including dialogue, proclamation, presence, service, and liturgy. Students will devise practical ways in which congregations can revitalize their outlook and outreach.

*This course fulfills the Evangelism/Mission requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program or an Area B elective for the Master of Divinity degree program if Introduction to Theology and Ethics has been completed and can also fulfill the Methodist Studies requirement for evangelism.*

### **EM 3173 Paradigms For Christian Mission: Historical And Theological Perspectives**

*Clifton Kirkpatrick*

This course surveys the development of Christian missions using a combination of historical and theological approaches. Students will trace changes in conceptions and practices of mission beginning with biblical and early church models, moving through historical paradigms of Christian mission, and exploring relevant approaches to mission today. *This course fulfills the Evangelism/Mission requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program, or an Area B elective for the Master of Divinity degree program if Introduction to Theology and Ethics has been completed. It can also fulfill the Methodist Studies requirement for evangelism.*

### **EM 3193 Women Doing Mission Theology**

This course uses historical and theoretical tools to outline a pattern of theological reflection utilized by women in Christian mission. Students will participate in developing this contextual methodology, evaluating its usefulness, and discovering patterns of theological reflection appropriate to various contexts of women in mission. Learning methods will include lecture/discussion, journaling, small group interaction, and silent reflection. *This course fulfills the Evangelism/Mission requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program, or an Area B elective for the Master of Divinity degree program if Introduction to Theology and Ethics has been completed.*

### **EM 3353 Evangelism and Modern Society**

This course assesses the contemporary situation for Christian evangelism and mission in the United States. Through studying shifting paradigms of knowledge, the rise of relativism, secularization theories, religious pluralism, and individualism, students will equip themselves to understand the postmodern situation for evangelism in the West. Different cultural contexts will be explored, and students will develop strategies for evangelism that suit particular congregational contexts and leadership styles, developing goals for their future work in the church. *This course fulfills the Evangelism/Mission requirement or an Area B elective for the Master of Divinity degree program if Introduction to Theology and Ethics has been completed, and can also fulfill the Methodist Studies requirement for evangelism.*

### **EM 3363 Current Missiological Issues**

This seminar provides a study of current issues in the international missiological discussion and/or national and local mission contexts, focusing on their relevance for North American congregations. Human Rights as a mission issue, evangelism and redevelopment, Christian theologies of ecology, and post-modern issues for evangelism and mission are representative topics. *This course fulfills the Evangelism/Mission requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **EM 3373 Mission in Cross-Cultural Perspective**

This course focuses on cross-cultural communication and understanding, outlining

common misconceptions, experiences of culture shock, and ways to eliminate or reduce cultural barriers to communication. Attention is given to developing a theology of contextualization and appropriate interactive techniques for multicultural congregational settings and international networking with churches in other parts of the world. *This course fulfills the Evangelism/Mission requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program, and can also fulfill the Methodist Studies requirement for evangelism.*

### **EM 3383 Understanding Mission and Evangelism Through Biography**

Through studying biographies of historical and contemporary figures in mission and evangelism, students will learn about calling, motivation, contexts, and purposes of local and global mission. William Shepherd, Albert Schweitzer, Billy Graham, Sojourner Truth, Dorothy Day, Walter Rauschenbusch, Martin Luther King Jr., Jim Elliot, Charles Finney, Lucretia Mott, Susanna Wesley, and Julia Foote are representative figures. *This course fulfills the Evangelism/Mission requirement or an Area B elective for the Master of Divinity degree program, and can also fulfill the Methodist Studies requirement for evangelism.*

### **EM 3393 The Transformation of Mission in Cuba and the USA**

*Clifton Kirkpatrick*

Louisville Seminary and Seminario Evangelico de Matanzas offers an intensive J-term course in Cuba on The Transformation of Mission for Cuba and the U.S.A. for our students to study and learn with and from one another. The objectives of this course are to:

- 1) Explore together our different contexts for mission locally, globally, and historically (perhaps using individual contextual stories and changes in the global context and understanding of mission in the past 25 years from the Vatican and the World Council of Churches.
- 2) Examine together the violent evangelism that began our mission history in this hemisphere and analyze the theological issues that allowed it to happen.
- 3) Experience and analyze concrete mission and evangelism projects in the Matanzas, Cuba, area for missiological insights, particularly as the Cuban and U.S. churches do mission together. Projects will be focused on justice and development, evangelism and interfaith ministry.

4) Construct together steps toward the transformation of our mission practices that each side can apply to local mission and evangelism efforts AND to joint mission partnership activities.

### **EM 3403 Evangelism and Mission in the Black Church**

*Felicia LaBoy*

This course examines the scriptural, theological, and historical foundations for evangelization as well as current models, types, practices and debates as they pertain to the historical and contemporary black church. In particular, this course offers a basic framework and skills needed to help facilitate evangelism and mission with an emphasis on examining how cultural issues in the past and present have affected the local black church's evangelism and mission efforts.

### **EM 3433 Ecumenical Movement**

*Clifton Kirkpatrick*

See description of **TH 4203**

### **EM 4123 Encountering the World's Diversity of Religious Faith and Practice among our American Neighbors**

*Clifton Kirkpatrick*

This course and the public forums related to it will focus on understanding the burgeoning religious diversity all around us – with a concentration on relations with and among Christian communities and an invitation to draw into this conversation interested members of other religious communities as well. The course will invite to Louisville a number of leading scholars (Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Christian) who can share the deepest values of their own tradition and are also deeply committed to interreligious dialogue. We will also visit and dialogue with a range of local religious communities and also draw upon the resources of the faculty at Louisville Seminary to provide insights into the changing religious demography of the U.S.A., theological approaches to relating with people of other faiths, and pastoral insights into emerging issues in a multifait world like interfaith marriage, religion and public life, gender justice, and shared ministries of compassion and justice. This is not an “introduction to world religious traditions” but rather an exploration of living and ministering faithfully amidst religious diversity.

### **EM 4133 Multifait Perspectives on Global Displacement**

*Christine Hong*

This course brings together students around issues of displacement emphasizing both scholarship and activism through a multifait lens. The first half of the course encourages students to locate their narratives within and/or without contexts displacement and to hear the narratives of their peers. An integral underpinning to the first half of this course is an exploration of the intersections of displacement, religious traditions, and spirituality in the lived experiences of individuals and communities of faith. The second half of the course will focus on activism around issues of displacement. Students will learn about local organizations and agencies that serve and advocate for displaced peoples and deepen their knowledge of community organizing for issues of displacement. Students will undergo training to prepare them to teach and pursue grassroots community activism on issues of displacement our of personal narratives and through multifait partnerships.

### **EM 4423 South Africa Travel Seminar**

South Africa was the site of one of the most powerful political and theological movements of the late twentieth century. Home of the historic unfolding of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, proving ground for Mohandas K. Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence, and countless missionary and colonial explorations among the Dutch and British, South Africa is ideal for critical study, reflection and missions work. The Seminar will involve a 10-14 day excursion from Louisville, Kentucky, to South Africa, along with brief preparation sessions leading up to the trip. The instructors will lead a group of students, faculty, pastors, and alums to explore themes of reconciliation, human rights, political theology, and forgiveness. The pilgrimage will involve a theological reflection and missionary component, building a constructive understanding of the relationship between the two. Students are strongly encouraged to participate. What is happening in the life of the church in a post-apartheid South Africa? What can we learn from South Africa about the Christian language of hope, salvation, justice, and community? Capetown, Pretoria and/or Johannesburg will be among the primary geographic regions for reflection and travel

during the journey. Through the seminar and missions project, students will be empowered to be agents of reconciliation and to discover the ways in which public theology and missions is an essential component of faithful Christian witness. Drawing on a number of resources, including interviews, readings, documentary films, and first-hand experiences, students and participants will learn what it means to combine theology and praxis, and recognize the significance of lived theology in reflections on doctrine, scripture, and the history of the Church. **Prerequisite:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics*

### **EM 4233 Christianity and World Religions**

This course provides an overview of world religions inviting Christian responses to people of other faiths. Questions about the meaning of religion in the lives of adherents, historical and sociological issues of religion in society, and contemporary realities of pluralism and resulting tensions among religions will be addressed. A focus on practices and attitudes that foster understanding between Christians and people from other traditions will be emphasized. *This course fulfills the Evangelism/Mission requirement or an Area B elective for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **EM 5103 Independent Study in Evangelism and Mission**

Upon presenting a viable plan of study which is integral to a student's interest, but not covered by regular coursework, a student may enroll in this course.

## **Field Education**

### **FE 1140 Clinical Pastoral Education**

First unit of CPE.

### **FE 1410 Church Staff Position**

Education in a church setting is provided for the student in a congregation where there is an installed pastor trained in supervision and willing to partner with the faculty of the *Practical Theology in Congregations* (PTC) course. The congregational position provides experience in a broad range of pastoral work including worship leadership, preaching, pastoral care, mission, Christian education,

youth, and administration. Students who have completed two (2) units of congregational Field Education concurrent with PTC may earn additional Field Education units by working in a congregation without participating in PTC. Because such positions require biblical, theological, and pastoral understandings, these positions are open only to second- and third-year students.

### **FE 1420 Church Supply Position**

Students serving as full- or part-time pastors in a congregation are required to engage in a year of Field Education with supervision. Their place of ministry may be used as the site for *Practical Theology in Congregations*. They will be required to work with a supervisor approved by the FE Office. After successfully completing the two units of PTC and supervised ministry, the student may be given two additional Field Education units for previous ministry.

### **FE 1430 Social Agency Position**

Students work in various agencies such as retirement and nursing facilities, social agencies, and social issue related ministries. A limited number of Field Education placements are available with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Center where students work in various divisions and program agencies and gain a national perspective through working with experienced servants of the church.

### **FE 1440 Seminary Campus Position**

Each year several offices of the Seminary provide learning opportunities to a student, related to the work of that office. The President of the Student Body, the Worship Coordinator, the Women's Center Associate, and the "Campus Kids" Coordinator may choose to expand responsibilities to the typical 16-hour week for a unit of Field Education each semester. Supervision is provided by a member of the faculty or administration.

### **FE 1510 Summer Internship: Church Staff**

Summer internships, usually outside the Louisville area, on a church staff may be arranged after the student has completed two semesters of academic credit. All internships must meet the Seminary's criteria for internships. These include a broad base of

responsibilities and experienced supervision. With permission of the Director of Field Education, a summer internship may be used for the congregation work for *Practical Theology in Congregations*. Two units of Field Education are earned for ten weeks of full-time (36 – 40 hours) work.

### **FE 1520 Yearlong Internship: Church Staff**

Nine-, twelve- or fifteen-month full-time internships, usually outside the Louisville area, on a church staff may be arranged after the student has completed a Church Staff Position. All internships must meet the Seminary's criteria for internships. These include a broad base of responsibilities and experienced supervision. Students are required to do an independent study with a member of the faculty concurrently with the internship. Two units of Field Education are earned each semester.

### **FE 1530 Summer or Yearlong Internship: Agency**

### **FE 1550 Internship: Student Supply**

### **FE 2240 Clinical Pastoral Education** Second unit of CPE.

### **FE 3340 Clinical Pastoral Education** Third unit of CPE.

### **FE 4440 Clinical Pastoral Education** Fourth unit of CPE.

## **Methodist Studies**

### **MS 1054 History and Doctrine of Methodism**

*Charles Brockwell*

This course is designed to provide an overview of the history and doctrine of the Methodist movement. Significant time is spent on the life, work, and theology of John Wesley and the Wesleyan roots of Methodism as well as on the American Methodist experience. Close attention is paid to the institutional history of the predecessor denominations of the United Methodist Church, the evolution of Wesleyan theology in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and the role of doctrine in the church today. **Prerequisites:** *Introduction to Theology and Ethics, History of Christian Experience I.*

### **MS 1062 United Methodist Polity**

This course provides an intensive introduction to *The Book of Discipline* and encourages students to think theologically about United Methodist polity as ecclesiology and to produce a body of material that can be used to interpret United Methodist correctionalism to peers and lay persons in the church.

### **Methodist Studies Requirement Information**

The above courses are denominational requirements for ordination by the United Methodist Church. The History and Doctrine of Methodism course also meets the denominational heritage course requirements for students who trace their denominational roots to the Wesleys of England (African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Nazarene and Wesleyan churches). Jean Hawxhurst and Charles Brockwell are approved to teach these courses by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

A course in evangelism is also required for all candidates for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. Currently the following courses at Louisville Seminary have been certified as meeting this denomination requirement: EM3163 Evangelism Today, EM3173 Paradigms for Christian Mission, EM3353 Evangelism and Modern Society, EM3373 Mission in Cross-Cultural Perspective and EM 3383 Understanding Mission and Evangelism Through Biography.

### **Marriage and Family Therapy/ Pastoral Care**

### **PC 1003 Theological Method in Pastoral Counseling**

This course introduces pastoral counseling students to various theological methods that are useful in the integrative discipline of pastoral counseling. Students will explore the historical and theological foundations for the ministry of pastoral counseling, its grounding in congregational and specialized ministry and its critical relationship to behavioral and other sciences. The course will frame the approach to methodological issues historically, allowing

students to locate various methods in relation to the long history of this discipline including the current ferment in contemporary national and inter-cultural contexts. Methods for critical reflection and decision-making ministry will be presented and implemented through case studies and thoughtful examination of problems and procedures in counseling. MFT students will typically register for this course during their second year of study. Concurrent enrollment in Practicum is encouraged. *This course does not fulfill the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 1053 Pastoral Counseling**

This course provides a foundational orientation to pastoral counseling as a practice of ministry and as a theological bridge discipline connecting ministry and marriage and family therapy. The class will: (1) examine and critique the historical and cultural contexts that formed pastoral counseling; (2) explore contemporary, multicultural expressions and practices of pastoral counseling and (3) develop a beginning set of theological and counseling resources to guide practice and anchor a practical bridge between ministry and marriage and family therapy. *This course fulfills the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 2213 Group Dynamics in Marriage and Family Therapy and Congregations**

This course is an introduction to group counseling and therapy for those preparing for the practice of marriage and family therapy and for those preparing for leadership in congregations. Theories and literature from the group psychotherapy modality, from the field of systemic marriage and family therapy, and from practical theology will be interrelated. Systemic methods of understanding and treating human problems in group settings, specific concepts and techniques of group psychotherapy, psycho-education and family systems theories and approaches will be presented. Attention will be given to theological reflection and individual subsystems and how they operate in small group dynamics. *This course fulfills the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 2233 Assessing and Intervening in Abusive Family Systems**

This course acquaints participants with the current views in the theory and treatment of domestic violence, sexual abuse, drug and alcohol abuse from a family systems perspective. Faculty leadership is drawn from specialists in the community who work with problem-determined systems surrounding these problems. The aim is to arrive at a systematic perspective for the pastor/counselor who can make use of the knowledge available from various sources and models for treatment. The second goal is to develop a basic theological stance relevant to an understanding of abusive family systems. *This course fulfills the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 2433 The Assessment and Treatment of Chemical Dependency**

This course will provide theological and clinical foundations for the assessment and treatment of chemical dependency. It will explore chemical dependency in historical perspective, examine various assessment tools, describe the major treatment approaches and investigate the major issues in modern chemical dependency care. Readings, lectures and practical applications will be framed within a family systems context and grounded within reflective theological understanding of the human condition. Students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of assessment and intervention methods and begin the process of formulating a theological and personally integrated model of chemical dependency treatment. *This course fulfills the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 2813 Marriage and Family Therapy Research**

A study of empirical research methods and their application of the practice of marriage and family therapy. The course will acquaint students with statistics, data analysis techniques and foundational issues in quantitative and qualitative research design. Attention will be given to various theological and scientific epistemologies encountered by pastors who become marriage and family therapists. *This course does not fulfill the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

**PC 3013 Ritual and Pastoral Care**

This seminar is focused by several key concerns: how the behavioral sciences enrich our ritual practice; how the church's rich heritage in liturgy and ritual enlarges our possibilities to mediate the transformative healing of God's love; discerning occasions in human experience which need/require ritual observance and the public dimensions of ritual observance and care. *This course does fulfill the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

**PC 3033 Couples Therapy: Theory and Practice**

This course provides theological, theoretical and practical foundations for the practice of couples therapy. In this course, students will explore the development of marital therapy, foundations for assessment of couples problems and the practical application of current evidence-based methods for assessing and treating couples problems. Readings, lectures and practical applications will be framed within a family systemic context and grounded within reflective theological understandings of the human person in relationship. Students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of intervention methods and begin the process of formulating a theological and personally integrated model of marital/couples therapy. *This course fulfills the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

**PC 3043 Introduction to Family Therapy**

This course provides theoretical and practical foundations for beginning practice of family therapy. In this course, students will:

- 1) Explore the nature and development of family therapy as a field of study and professional practice;
- 2) Develop competence in systemic thinking and analysis as it applies to family organization, family processes and therapeutic intervention with family systems;
- 3) Acquire basic understanding of theory and procedures of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy and Structural Family Therapy, which provide theoretical foundations for clinical learning in Practicum 1;
- 4) Develop basic understanding of and competence in fundamental clinical logic and practices necessary for successful completion of Practicum 1;
- 5) Acquire a basic understanding of therapist formation, basic clinical competencies, and how one becomes an MFT.

**PC 3053 Professional Issues and Ethics in Marriage and Family Therapy**

This course contributes to the formation of a professional identity for the pastor as a marriage and family therapist. It addresses the ethical foundations for a professional conscience, an analysis of professional ethical codes, issues in the clinical practice and contractual arrangements of marriage and family therapy together with such common recurrent problems as sexual misconduct, dual relationships, confidentiality and physical and sexual abuse. Attention is given to core competencies established by COAMFTE, including family law and the legal system, the importance and procedures of reporting misconduct and the value of ongoing supervision and consultation in a clinical practice. This is a formative as well as a summative process. The MAMFT candidate is expected to acquire knowledge of AAMFT ethical codes and to integrate this knowledge into a practical philosophy of clinical practice. *This course does not fulfill the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

**PC 3063 Families in Culture and Context**

This class will explore historical, economic, sociological, theological and theoretical issues relevant to ministry with families in this North American cultural context. We will address changing forms and styles of family life and their implications. We will also consider issues of gender, race, and ethnicity as those are integrally related to issues of family norms and structures. Family life-cycle and generational issues will be presented. This course is designed to provide conceptual tools for those students who wish to pursue the professional specialty of Marriage and Family Therapy or ministries with families more generally within a theological perspective. *This course does fulfill the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

**PC 3073 Sexuality and Pastoral Practice**

Sexuality is central to our identity and a pervasive dimension of any human interaction. The influence of sexuality on the practice of ministry is equally significant though complicated by the church's ambivalence about or distrust of it as God's good gift. In this course we will consider representative views on

sexuality and develop theological perspectives concerning it. Special attention will be given to integrating these theological perspectives with skills for pastoral practice in pastoral counseling and congregational settings. *This course fulfills the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 3083 Theories of Change**

This course explores the epistemological foundations for the practice of Marriage and Family Therapy, especially as this is integrated in a theological context. The course is a graduate seminar and heavily focused on reading and class discussion. Course content centers on a deep understanding of how epistemological assumptions guide theory, models and practice, and critical evaluation of traditional and emerging models of family therapy. One primary goal is for students to develop skill in: (1) describing and discussing epistemological and theoretical foundations of primary models of family therapy; and (2) describe and discuss a personal theory of change that guides model selection and therapeutic choices in the practice of MFT.

### **PC 3093 Ministries of Care and Counseling**

In this course particular attention will be given to the theological and theoretical resources and clinical skills useful for ministries of care in congregational settings. Topics will include issues such as pastoral care as a systemic dimension of pastoral leadership, ethical aspects of pastoral care, care in relation to lifespan or developmental issues, crisis situations, ritual resources for ministries of care and counseling, developing congregational networks and strategies for caregiving and resources and skills for particular situations presented by various forms of abuse. Clinical skills will also be developed for an entry level of practice in congregational settings. *This course fulfills the pastoral care requirements for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 3103 Aging and the Life Cycle**

In this seminar, students will develop a basic knowledge of the bio-psycho-social-financial-spiritual issues facing the aging population of this country in the twenty-first century. Students will address the implications for ministry in society and in communities of faith.

They will also develop a theology of aging which informs ministry with persons concerning the experience of aging at every point in the life cycle. Attention is also focused on particular pastoral issues which arise in ministry with those who are older and elderly. Individual, systemic and congregational perspectives will be explored as these inform ministry. Readings will be drawn from biblical, theological and behavioral science resources. *This course fulfills the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 3113 The Practice of Pastoral Care: A Literary Approach**

This course attends to the basic dimensions of caregiving relationships: modes of communication, the importance of boundaries, pastoral authority and power dynamics, seeking healing and justice. Novels, memoirs, film and poetry will be used to facilitate learners' encounter with sameness and "otherness" and to provide resources for expanding capacities for empathy, care and reflection. Subjects covered revolve around the changing nature of intimate relationships and family dynamics as they are influenced by cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation and gender identity, experiences of grief and loss, family secrets, abuse, addictions, aging and the challenge of forgiveness. The course material utilizes a contextual, systemic and inter-cultural approach to pastoral theology and the practice of pastoral care. *This course fulfills the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program, however it does not count as an MFT elective.*

### **PC 3123 Brief Therapy: Theory and Practice**

This course focuses on counseling theory and skills to support short-term counseling in religious congregations. Participants will be introduced to a practical, integrated approach to assessment, intervention, and follow-up using Solution-Focused, Behavioral and Brief Strategic models of counseling. Constructing a theological frame for short-term counseling is an integral part of the class experience. Classroom time is divided between exploring essential theoretical foundations for short-term counseling and establishing practical intervention skills. This course is appropriate for both MDiv and MAMFT students. *This course fulfills the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 3133 Divorced and Remarried Families: Theory and Clinical Foundations**

Divorced and remarried families are becoming a North American cultural norm. This course focuses on understanding these complex systems in an interdisciplinary context. Attention will be given to understanding divorced and remarried families from sociocultural, developmental, theological and family process perspectives along with implications for pastoral care and family therapy. *This course fulfills the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 3143 Clinical Pastoral Education I**

This course offers supervised experience in caring for persons during crisis periods of hospitalization or rehabilitation. Training is available at institutions accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Students function as chaplains in the institutions, offering counseling and the services of pastoral care to people with profound needs. Clinical studies, personal supervision and inter-professional teaching form the basis of the educative method. One unit of CPE may be earned by fulfilling 16 work hours per week during both semesters, by 25 hours per week during a single semester, or full-time work for 10 weeks in the summer. Each unit of CPE earns three hours of academic credit for MDiv students, and two units of Field Education. *This course does not fulfill the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 3153 Clinical Pastoral Education II**

Advanced units in Clinical Pastoral Education are available for developing special competencies in pastoral care and accredited training toward supervisory status with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Continued training is provided in the institutions described in PCu 314-3. Students who register for PCu 314-3, the academic course, should also enter FE 114 on their registration form. Those in a second unit would register for PCu 315-3 and FE 224, and so on if additional units are taken. *This course does not fulfill the pastoral care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 3163 Therapeutic Care of Children**

This course provides theological, theoretical and practical foundations for a comprehensive exploration of the world of children. Assessment of children is seen through the lens of pastoral care and counseling utilizing a systemic approach. Developmental, pastoral, and clinical assessments are incorporated to determine possible individual, family and community interventions. This multidimensional framework provides awareness of societal, familial, cultural and theological implications for providing therapeutic and pastoral care for children in a variety of settings including church, school, home, agency and residential placements. Course materials and activities will focus on psychological and spiritual development of children from birth through pre-teen ages. Relevant theories of Marriage and Family Therapy for use in providing therapy with children such as solution-focused, narrative, structural, expressive and play therapy will be considered in an experiential format. *This course is an MFT elective and a general elective for the Master of Divinity degree program. It does not fulfill the pastoral care requirement.*

### **PC 3173 Gender, Race, and Class: Engaging Intersectionality**

To a large extent the construction of gender, the rules and practices of diverse racial and ethnic groups and the differences shaped by socioeconomic class demonstrate the cultural relativity of family life. In this course we will critique our own internalization of these “rules” and practices and pursue gender and multicultural perspectives that encourage and affirm respect for the diversity in various family systems. We will explore the way sexism, racism and classism function oppressively to limit possibilities for well-being in family systems and shaping the context for care. Using the lenses of gender, race and class we will examine eight racial groups in North America according to their patterns in the following areas:

- life cycle issues
- religion and ritual
- marriage norms
- values
- gender rules and roles
- mental illness/dysfunction
- family functions and processes
- attitudes for seeking help

We will consider the implications of such differences for appropriate interventions and continuing care in pastoral practice and family therapy. We will give particular attention to discerning the oppressive effects of racism, sexism and classism for our own lives and develop personal and professional strategies for resisting their destructive effects. This course will use seminar discussion of readings assigned, video presentations and experiential exercises. *This course fulfills the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 3203/CE 3203 Children's Literature in Faith and Life**

*Carol Cook; J. Bradley Wigger*

This course exposes students to a sampling of books from pre-school age through adolescence that, through illustrations and stories, ask “big questions” related to the meaning of life, death, injustice, suffering, difference, danger, decision-making, relationships, love, wonder, and God. We will explore the ways children's literature is as an accessible and imaginative resource for ministry, bringing fresh images and enlivening narratives to the arts of ministry such as preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. It also provides a powerful medium for understanding—voicing to adults the kinds of questions, delights, struggles, and concerns at work in the lives of young people, including their lives of faith. We will consider how children's literature offers a rich resource for children and youth to better understand themselves and to better imagine others, especially those of different times, places, and cultures.

*The course is a general elective in either Pastoral Care or Christian Education (cross-listed in catalog), but the course does not fulfill the requirement in either field. Students choose which way to register. Students working toward the Concentration in Educational Ministry should register the course in Christian Education.*

### **PC 3223 Psychopathology and Pastoral Diagnosis**

Diagnosis refers to an evaluative process which intends to discern and understand dysfunctional relationship patterns in persons, couples, families and groups, including those in which mental disorders are involved. Effective assessment leads to the selection of appropriate

and helpful responses. Pastoral diagnosis places this process of discernment in a theological context and is an exercise in practical theological reflection. In this course students will become familiar with current psychiatric diagnostic categories through the use of the DSM-IV-TR and their differential treatment strategies as well as systemic approaches to assessing dysfunctions in family relationships. The diagnostic process will be critically and theologically examined as it applies to marriage and family therapy and pastoral counseling in a variety of contexts. *With permission of the instructor, this course may fulfill the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 4043 Graduate Colloquium in the Psychology of Religion**

Research and reading are shared and appraised with other graduate students in a continuing colloquium for students working at the DMin level in the field of pastoral care.

### **PC 4083 Human Growth and Transformation**

Various perspectives on the developmental process will be examined from the fields of theology, psychology, sociology, marriage and family therapy, and literature. Attention is given to the growth of cognitive structures; psychosocial, moral and faith development through the life span; issues surrounding the family life cycle; and various models of transformation, both personal and systemic. The course encourages students to reflect on their own developmental experiences in light of their religious heritage as well as to explore the implications of course content for their ministries of pastoral care and counseling. *This course fulfills the Pastoral Care requirement for the Master of Divinity degree program.*

### **PC 4161 Supervised Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy**

Participants receive supervised clinical practice in marriage and family counseling over a period of at least three semesters, engaging in a minimum of 500 hours of direct client contact. This course provides a minimum of 100 hours of supervision, 50 percent of which focuses on raw data from clinical work by means of direct observation, video tape, or audio tape. Fifteen hours are expected per week, 8-10 in counseling

individuals, couples, and families in conjoint and group settings, the balance in individual and group supervision, clinical staff meetings, and record keeping. **Prerequisites:** *Family Therapy: Theory & Practice; Microtraining*

### **PC 4171 Supervised Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy**

Participants receive supervised clinical practice in marriage and family counseling over a period of at least three semesters, engaging in a minimum of 500 hours of direct client contact. This course provides a minimum of 100 hours of supervision, 50 percent of which focuses on raw data from clinical work by means of direct observation, video tape, or audio tape. Fifteen hours are expected per week, 8-10 in counseling individuals, couples, and families in conjoint and group settings, the balance in individual and group supervision, clinical staff meetings, and record keeping.

### **PC 4182 Supervised Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy**

Participants receive supervised clinical practice in marriage and family counseling over a period of at least three semesters, engaging in a minimum of 500 hours of direct client contact. This course provides a minimum of 100 hours of supervision, 50 percent of which focuses on raw data from clinical work by means of direct observation, video tape, or audio tape. Fifteen hours are expected per week, eight to ten in counseling individuals, couples, and families in conjoint and group settings, the balance in individual and group supervision, clinical staff meetings and record keeping.

### **PC 4192 Supervised Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy**

Participants receive supervised clinical practice in marriage and family counseling over a period of at least three semesters, engaging in a minimum of 500 hours of direct client contact. This course provides a minimum of 100 hours of supervision, 50 percent of which focuses on raw data from clinical work by means of direct observation, video tape, or audio tape. Fifteen hours are expected per week, eight to ten in counseling individuals, couples, and families in conjoint and group settings, the balance in individual and group supervision, clinical staff meetings and record keeping.

### **PC 4413 Practicum 1**

Practicum 1 is an entry-level supervised clinical experience during which the student will learn basic counseling skills and procedures. Through classwork, structured exercises and closely supervised counseling, students will learn basic attending skills, establish therapeutic relationships, develop a beginning sense of self as therapist and learn appropriate use of supervision. This course includes but is not limited to a range of 50-75 hours of counseling at a ratio of 5 client hours to 1 supervision hour.

### **PC 4423 Practicum 2**

Practicum 2 builds on the entry-level skills of Practicum 1. Practicum 2 is designed to assist students in developing the foundation for more autonomous functioning as Marriage and Family Therapy interns at an intermediate level. This includes focus on theoretical understanding of the therapeutic process, assessment, treatment planning and development of specific intervention skills in therapy. Practicum 2 includes, but is not limited to, a range of 150-175 hours of counseling at a ratio of 5 client hours to 1 hour of supervision.

### **PC 4433 Practicum 3**

Practicum 3 is advanced supervised clinical experience during which the student integrates learning and achieves entry-level skills for professional practice as a Marriage and Family Therapy Associate. Advanced students are expected to display a solid sense of self as therapist and pastoral counselor, demonstrate expertise in the basic procedures of marriage and family therapy and establish an integrated theoretical and theological framework for clinical practice. This final year of practicum includes the accumulation of a minimum of 500 total clinical hours with a minimum of 250 relational hours at a ratio of 5 client hours to 1 supervision hour. In the second semester of Practicum 3, students will complete the Senior Integration Experience required for graduation.

### **PC 5001 Senior Integration Experience (SIE) Seminar (1 semester hour)**

This seminar is designed to guide students through the MFT program's Senior Integration Experience. Students expecting to graduate will meet for one session in the semester prior to graduation for a general orientation to the SIE process. Three seminar sessions will be

scheduled for the semester in which a student expects to graduate and will focus on integrating case studies with clinical supervision, spiritual and theological integration, writing an effective integrative case study, and skills to communicate effectively in an interdisciplinary case review. The final SIE project must be completed and ready for committee action by November 1 (for December graduates) or April 1 (for spring graduates).

### **PC 5103 Independent Study in Pastoral Counseling**

Upon presenting a viable plan of study in the area of pastoral counseling, a student may enroll in this course with permission of the instructor.

### **PC 5153 Clinical Pastoral Education III**

Advanced units of clinical training are available for special competencies in the field of pastoral care.

### **PC 5253 Clinical Pastoral Education IV**

Advanced units of clinical training are available for special competencies in the field of pastoral care.

### **PC 5313 Supervising Pastoral Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists: Principles and Practice**

Good supervision is the foundation for training effective pastoral counseling and marriage and family therapists. This course introduces prospective supervisors to the research, theory, literature and methods of effective supervision. The course is designed to meet AAMFT standards for Approved Supervisor and to motivate students of supervision toward beginning to formulate their own personal model of supervision. This three-semester hour course includes both didactic and interactive components as required by AAMFT. Students enrolled in the course will also participate in group supervision of pastoral counselors specializing in marriage and family therapy. Minimum enrollment: four participants. **Prerequisites:** *Students admitted to this course must have completed a master's degree in Pastoral Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy or a related discipline. Advanced master's-level students may register for the master's-level course with their supervisor, instructor, and MFT Program Director's approval. Advanced master's students must have completed at least the 500 hours of clinical experience required by the MAMFT degree program and be in their final year of academic work. Dual*

*degree students who have completed all MAMFT requirements and are awaiting the concurrent award of both degrees may also apply for admission to the course.*

### **PC 5373 Honors Research**

This course is designed for second- or third-year MAMFT students who have shown superior academic performance in their first year of study, who demonstrate an aptitude for research and who may be considering PhD work in the field. This class provides firsthand experience in designing, managing, and disseminating empirical or theological research. Students will participate in original research projects with faculty. Placement and design of an individual's course of study will be determined by student learning goals and faculty assessment of need. Participants should expect the class to span 12-18 months of their academic residency. Honors Research students may be eligible for stipends financed through research grants. Successful completion of the course includes a publishable paper resulting from research. In some instances, students will be granted co-authorship of faculty research reports and articles as negotiated with their instructor/research mentor.

## **Preaching and Worship**

### **PW 1003 Preaching 101**

*Debra J. Mumford*

This course provides students a general introduction to the art of preaching while concentrating on different books of the Bible (such as the Pauline corpus, apocalyptic texts, and Hebrew Bible prophets) in different semesters. Students receive essential tools to facilitate the preaching task including: a method of biblical exegesis for preaching, useful sermon forms and structures, and a heightened awareness of the importance of theology and culture for any preaching context. In small groups students practice and receive feedback on oral presentation skills and sermon effectiveness. **Prerequisites:** *Old Testament or New Testament Exegesis*

### **PW 1053 Introduction to Worship**

This course is an introduction to worship that explores biblical, historical and theological issues that compromise worship in today's

Christian churches. Emphasis will be on forming pastors as liturgical theologians who can work like jazz musicians in their particular context, knowing how to improvise within the trajectories of the traditions' structures for vital worship today.

### **PW 3053 Sacraments and Globalization**

This course intends to make connections between the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and historical processes of globalization. Questions such as "What does the rite of baptism have to do with issues of colonialism, ecology, inclusion, justice and the poor?" and "How the celebration of the Eucharist is associated with notions of international power, land-food, world migration and non-documented immigrants in the USA?" will be engaged. Students will study relations between theories of globalization, immigration, hospitality, sacramental theologies and local churches. This class will have international guests and will create celebrations of the sacraments in different spaces.

### **PW 3113 Prosperity Preaching in North America**

*Debra J. Mumford*

This course will survey the evolution of prosperity gospel in the context of North American capitalistic culture. Students will learn basic teachings, hermeneutical approaches and preaching styles of Word of Faith preachers and visit a Word of Faith congregation. Each student will preach one sermon on a text used by Word of Faith preachers using her/his (the student's) own theology and method.

### **PW 3123 Worship and the Arts**

Through readings, lectures, discussion, artistic expression, workshops with professional artists and creative worship experiences, participants will explore the biblical, liturgical and theological relations between worship and the arts, each year focusing on a specific theme/issue through a variety of media, including dance, drama, writing, music and visual arts. *This is a general elective course.*

### **PW 3133 Women and Worship**

We will study the experiences of women as resources of worship, with particular attention given to voices from groups that are marginalized in multiple ways in U.S. culture

and religion. We will consider biblical texts with particular relevance to women and how these could interact with worship ritual; we will review the history of women's ritual traditions in the Bible and the church. We will also take into account notions of the sacred and how they fit or do not fit with women's bodies. How does the construction of gender interact with worship and are ideas of purity still influential in current thinking about the presence of women in worship? Through engagement with story, presentations, development of ritual, and reflection on liturgical practices, we hope to address situations of exclusion and attempt to redraft alternative forms of worship in ways which both male and female are both fully present in worship of the Holy.

### **PW 3153 Preaching Biblical Narratives**

Interpreters have long noted that biblical narratives, far from being simple Sunday school tales, have been shaped as complex, rich and engaging stories of struggle. In these stories divine and human characters take on life through actions and words. By doing so, they invite audiences to reflect on the dilemmas they present, to explore multiple perspectives on what it means to be humans in a complex world of goodness and evil, judgment and grace. The stories explore human meaning with subtlety that is difficult to sustain in other genres. This is a course about reading and preaching biblical narratives. Students will learn from biblical narratives how to better preach, and learn how to better preach biblical narratives. Students will explore "poetics" of biblical narrative to sharpen their interpretive senses, and examine the narrativity of theology and human experience. The second half of the course will be devoted to two rounds of sermon presentation and critique. **Prerequisites:** *Basic Preaching, Greek or Hebrew, Scripture I and II*

### **PW 3163 Prophetic Preaching and Social Ethics**

*Scott C. Williamson; Debra J. Mumford*

This course wrestles with the moral quandaries that church leaders and preachers often face in contemporary social issues or conflicts. For example: What moral principles compete for our allegiance in social conflicts? What questions do we ask to clarify these conflicts, and can we answer them competently? How do we shape moral argument in preaching? We will utilize

ethical theory and methods of argument in exploring these questions. Ultimately, students will learn to identify and shape moral argument in their preaching on difficult social issues. Topics may include: racial and gender conflicts, questions of just war, resistance and militarism; biotechnology; economic and class conflicts, and ecological issues. **Prerequisite:** *Basic Preaching*

### **PW 3183 Preaching For Tomorrow**

*Debra J. Mumford*

This course will explore the influence of the student's eschatology on her/his preaching. During the course, students will identify their current views while engaging multiple views (Conservative Evangelical to Liberating Eschatologies). Students will be assigned readings in preaching, biblical studies and theology; submit written responses to chosen readings; evaluate sermons for their eschatological content and write and present one sermon in class.

### **PW 3193 Exegesis of Congregations for Effective Preaching**

*Debra J. Mumford*

In any preaching moment, there exist the preacher and the hearers with all of their inherent complexities. The greater the preacher's knowledge of the hearers and their contexts, the more effective can be the preaching moment. This course highlights the importance of culture for preaching by teaching students to begin sermon preparation process with exegesis of the congregation. Exegesis of the congregation is the process of analyzing the culture of the congregation by understanding congregational rituals, symbols, events, activities, worldviews, values and demographics. This knowledge of the congregation can then be used to more effectively engage biblical exegesis, theology and homiletic strategies. In this course, students will engage homiletic readings from various cultural contexts and perspectives.

### **PW 3203 African-American Prophetic Preaching**

*Debra J. Mumford*

During the decades of African/African-American enslavement, biblical preaching was often used to justify and maintain the institution of slavery. African-American prophetic preaching evolved from the experiences of enslaved Africans who chose to believe in a

God of liberation - who loved them for who they were and who created them to be a free people. Black rhetorical traditions will be delineated and identified through study of African-American preachers and sermons from the nineteenth through twenty-first centuries. Unique characteristics such as call and response, celebration in preaching and black hermeneutics will be explored. Each student will be required to preach one sermon using African-American preaching traditions as a model. **Prerequisite:** *Basic Preaching*

### **PW 3213 Worship and Pastoral Care**

*Loren L. Townsend*

This course will explore connections between worship and pastoral care. The class will examine alternatives to the modern notion that pastoral care is universally best expressed through a private, client-centered psychotherapeutic paradigm. During the semester, we will explore a communal-contextual approach in which care is expressed through multiversal liturgies designed to construct ecclesial contexts to sustain and strengthen community practices of care, expand care to include public, structural and political dimensions of personal and relational experience, and generate an expanded theology of care. Congregational, chaplaincy, and other contexts for worship will be discussed. *This course is a Worship or Pastoral Care general elective.*

### **PW 3223 Theology and Preaching**

*Amy Plantinga Pauw*

One of the great needs in the church today is for theologically informed preaching. This apparently simple homiletical quality is notoriously difficult to achieve. In this team-taught course, students will be asked to locate their own theology and integrate it with text and life. The method will be dialogical and collegial.

### **PW 3233 Preaching Contextually**

*Debra J. Mumford*

This is an advanced preaching course which provides an overview of principles for developing and delivering sermons beyond the purview of Basic Preaching. Sermons the students will learn to create include: doctrinal, social justice, wedding, funeral, Advent and Lenten sermons. The basic premise of the course is that in order for preaching

to be effective, the preacher must take time to understand the preaching context which includes the people to whom/for whom the message is being developed and circumstances in which they find themselves (or the occasion).

### **PW 3253 Ritual Theory, Performance and Liturgical Practices**

This interdisciplinary course will work toward the development of ritual theory and performance studies in relation to liturgical practices. Students will engage in close readings and analysis of a variety of texts, observe different performances around the city and interact in ritual/performative/liturgical practices within class and chapel.

### **PW 3303 Performance in Preaching**

*Debra J. Mumford*

This workshop-style course provides a supportive setting for students to prepare and perform sermons, focus on performance skills and explore various homiletical models. Performance will be considered as an exegetical tool as well as a discipline which undergirds the creative process and the preaching moment. In order to preach lively, textual sermons, students will develop their abilities to interpret Scripture and create sermon forms that foster movement and coherence.

### **PW 4003 Church Music for Pastors and Educators**

Functions of music in the church are explored in this course. Students will study effective roles for music ministry, historical applications of church music, possibilities for music in worship and education today and developing a music ministry.

### **PW 4021 Choir**

*Louie Bailey*

Weekly practice and participation in the chapel choir over the course of a year is required.

### **PW 4081 Advanced Preaching Practicum**

Class sessions are devoted to the hearing and evaluation of student-preached sermons in this practicum. Each student preaches several times, and, with one or two faculty members, joins in evaluating the sermons of other students.

**Prerequisite:** *Basic Preaching*.

### **PW 4203 Exegesis for Preaching**

Reading material, lectures and discussions are used to increase exegetical skills designed to assist in preaching. Students learn how to move from a particular text to preaching, practice various exegetical skills, and deal with a variety of different types of biblical material. The goal of the course is to discover ways to improve the use of exegesis for the preparation of sermons. **Prerequisites:** *Scripture I, Scripture II, The Elements of Biblical Hebrew, The Elements of New Testament Greek, Introduction to Old Testament Exegesis, Basic New Testament Exegesis, Basic Preaching*.

### **PW 4223 Preaching the Genres of the Bible**

This course will examine the various literary genres of the Bible with an eye toward how best to preach such texts. We will explore the distinctive features, history of interpretation, ideological presuppositions and ethical implications of each genre studied. These will include historical and narrative, poetic, wisdom, parable, prophetic, apocalyptic, gospel and epistolary literature. This course will be taught in a seminar format, with students giving a class presentation of the distinctives of each genre, followed by a sermon from a representative text and evaluative class discussion of the sermon. Thus, students will gain experiential knowledge of the biblical genres, hermeneutics of both text and situation, forming a homiletic shape appropriate to each genre, and the various tasks involved in preaching the Word intended by a text today.

### **PW 4431 Worship Practicum**

This course prepares students to be effective worship planners and worship leaders. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to plan worship liturgy for worship services, lead others in worship services with confidence and competence, pray and lead others in prayer, plan and lead in the sacraments of Baptism and The Lord's Supper, and plan and lead in wedding services and funeral services.

### **PW 4463 Liturgy and the World: Borders and Beyond**

*Liturgy and the World* is a series of Travel Seminars to different places around the globe as we engage ourselves to understand cultures, situations, issues and the world liturgically, i.e.,

from an undivided connection between how and what we pray, believe and practice (*lex orandi, credenda and agendi*). Participants will be prepared in advance with readings, lectures, class presentations and media about the place of visit, its cultural, economic and religious history, including inter-religious and Christian presence in that place. The group will visit places and be in contact and conversation with local people, social institutions and visit religious centers such as churches, mosques, shrines and temples and make connections between the liturgical practices, theological constructions and ways of experiencing God, faith and daily life.

### **PW 5103 Independent Study in Preaching and Worship**

Upon presenting a viable plan of study in the area of preaching and/or worship, a student may enroll in this course with the permission of the instructor.

## **Practical Theology**

### **PX 2003 Practical Theology in Congregations (fall)**

Practical Theology in Congregations is a yearlong course taken in conjunction with a Field Education placement in a congregation, intentionally combining field-based learning with classroom learning. The course is designed to encourage participants to benefit from the shared wisdom gained from communal reflection on the practice of ministry. In order to discipline this reflection and deepen practice, the course will draw upon various biblical-theological and anthropological resources, field-based and life experiences, as well as the arts and multiple forms of intelligence. At the heart of the course is a basic theological question: How is God's grace known and lived in the life of congregations and in the practice of ministry?

*Prerequisites: Supervised, congregation-based field placement is ordinarily required concurrent with the classroom portion of the course.*

### **PX 2013 Practical Theology in Congregations (spring)**

Practical Theology in Congregations is a yearlong course taken in conjunction with a Field Education placement in a congregation, intentionally combining field-based learning

with classroom learning. The course is designed to encourage participants to benefit from the shared wisdom gained from communal reflection on the practice of ministry. In order to discipline this reflection and deepen practice, the course will draw upon various biblical-theological and anthropological resources, field based and life experiences, as well as the arts and multiple forms of intelligence. At the heart of the course is a basic theological question: How is God's grace known and lived in the life of congregations and in the practice of ministry?

*Prerequisites: Supervised, congregation-based field placement is ordinarily required concurrent with the classroom portion of the course.*

### **PX 3261.5 Theological Reflection in the Practice of Ministry I (fall)**

This two-semester course is designed to challenge third-year students to continue engaging in intensive theological reflection on their practice of ministry in a supervised Field Education setting. The student will design with a faculty member a theological reflection paper of approximately 10-12 pages related to their practice of ministry in the Field Education setting. The faculty member may suggest bibliographic material for the student to read.

### **PX 3271.5 Theological Reflection in the Practice of Ministry II (spring)**

This two-semester course is designed to challenge third-year students to continue engaging in intensive theological reflection on their practice of ministry in a supervised Field Education setting. The student will design with a faculty member a theological reflection paper of approximately 10-12 pages related to their practice of ministry in the Field Education setting. The faculty member may suggest bibliographic material for the student to read.

### **PX 5103 Independent Study in Practical Theology**

Upon presenting a viable plan of study in the area of practical theology, a student may enroll in this course with permission of the instructor.

## DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

All seminars are taught by a Louisville Seminary Professor and an Adjunct Professor with considerable experience and proven skills in ministry practice.

### **DM 6461 Seminar I (6 cr.) Theology of Ministry—the Minister in Context**

*Louisville Seminary Professor (Area C) and the  
Adjunct Professor in Ministry*

This seminar will help students clarify their pastoral identity and will provide them with perspectives to interpret both their contexts of ministry and the particular situations that arise there. Students and faculty will engage in group and individual discernment of how God's transforming grace is present in their practice of ministry, in the church and in the world. Two weeks.

### **DM 6462 Seminar II (4 cr.) The Minister as Biblical Interpreter**

*Louisville Seminary Professor (Area A) and the  
Adjunct Professor in Ministry*

This seminar will introduce students to current topics in biblical studies as a means of helping students develop skills in biblical interpretation related to situations in ministry. In this seminar, students will begin to identify and give shape to their project in ministry. One week.

### **DM 6463 Seminar III (4 cr.) The Minister as Theological Interpreter**

*Louisville Seminary Professor (Area B) and the  
Adjunct Professor in Ministry*

This seminar will introduce students to current topics in theology, history, and ethics as a means of helping students develop skills in theological reflection in ministry. In this seminar, students will continue to develop and refine their plans for a ministry project. One week.

### **DM 6464 Seminar IV (6 cr.) The Minister as Practical Theologian; Research Methods and Prospectus Writing**

*Louisville Seminary Professor in Practical  
Theology*

A seminar focused on interpreting situations in ministry, and developing a Prospectus for the project in ministry. Students will present and discuss with peers their ministry situation, identifying the critical questions it raises for

ministry practice and discerning creative ways of responding to them in light of biblical and theological reflection. Students in the seminar will benefit from peer learning, opportunity for research and writing in the Seminary library, and seminar time for discussing means of moving from Prospectus to project and completion of the degree. By the end of the seminar, students may expect to have completed a near final draft of their prospectus in hand. During the seminar, students will identify their choice of a faculty advisor and arrange time to consult with them. Two weeks.

### **DM 6103 (3 cr. each course) Advanced Professional Courses**

These courses draw on the master's-level courses offered at the Seminary from which are developed advanced courses that address the learning goals of the DMin degree.

### **DM 5103 Independent Studies on Doctor of Ministry topics**

(For guidelines for proposing independent studies, see the Registrar.)

### **DM 6470 Doctor of Ministry Project (7 cr.)**

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## ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Louisville Seminary, as an institution dedicated to learning, upholds the following academic standards:

- Students are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of the courses they take, except for illness or other valid reasons.
- All master's-level academic work is graded as follows: A = superior, B = good, C = satisfactory, D = marginal, F = failure.

The Registrar records grades as follows:

A = 4 quality points, A- = 3.68 quality points, B+ = 3.34 quality points;

B = 3 quality points, B- = 2.68 quality points, C+ = 2.34 quality points;

C = 2 quality points, C- = 1.68 quality points, D+ = 1.34 quality points; and

D = 1 quality point. Under special circumstances, a course may be graded Pass/Fail with approval by the Academic Committee of the Seminary Council.

The work of students in Field Education is evaluated as pass, marginal or fail.

- Individual instructors use their own grading scale for coursework, which is indicated in course syllabi or provided by the instructor.
- Students are expected to finish all coursework within the semester or term of registration. In extraordinary circumstances (death in one's family, serious illness, accident or disability), a student may file a written petition for an extension to complete the coursework. The petition must be submitted to the Registrar, with all required signatures, no later than 5 p.m. on the last day of classes of the semester or term of registration. In Field Education, if the submission of the required semester Evaluation Form and other required work exceeds the deadline by more than two weeks, the student will automatically receive a failing grade for the semester's Field Education.
- An Incomplete is a temporary grade and is changed to the appropriate letter grade at the end of an extension period, mutually agreed upon by professor and student, which shall be no later than eight weeks after the last day of classes of the semester or term of registration. If a grade is not received in the Office of the Registrar or an appropriate explanation from the course professor by the due date, the grade will be changed from an I to an F. The F grade is cause for review for probation or termination. For lengthy illnesses or similar reasons, another extension may be granted, but ordinarily with a reduction of load in the following term and upon approval of the professor, the student's advisor and the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Students with more than one Incomplete grade may not be enrolled for more

than six credits in the succeeding term or semester. Incomplete coursework may have serious implications for financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans, as well as VA and other government benefit programs. Students should confer with the financial aid coordinator.

- When a student's grade point average in any semester falls below the "B-" level (2.68), whether this leads to academic probation or not, a conference with his or her Faculty Advisor becomes mandatory. A brief summary of that conference will be prepared, signed by both student and advisor, and filed with the Dean of the Seminary in the student's confidential file. Further consultation may be required, as directed by the Faculty Handbook.
- When a student's evaluation for a unit of Field Education is marginal or failing, a conference with the Field Education Director becomes mandatory. A student receiving two failing evaluations is terminated as a degree candidate.
- Students are placed on probation if they fall behind on pace, maximum time frame or if their cumulative grade point average falls below 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. A student on probation will not be permitted to register for more than nine credit hours per semester and is required to have an academic plan while on probation. Academic probation is removed when satisfactory academic progress is met. Students will be granted no more than two semesters of probation, and failure to remove probation results in loss of candidacy and separation from the Seminary. Students on academic probation are not permitted to interview for a Field Education position.
- Students receiving Federal Financial Title IV aid (loans) should refer to the Student Handbook concerning satisfactory academic progress.
- Students who are enrolled in the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy degree program and who are placed on academic probation will meet with a faculty review committee to determine whether they will be allowed to begin or continue to participate in Practica while on probation.
- Students dropping courses during the first two weeks of the semester will have no notation of the courses entered on individual transcripts. After the first two weeks, the student may withdraw and receive a "W" notation on their transcript. Withdrawal from a course during the last four weeks of class will result in a failing grade; withdrawal for medical reasons may be an exception. Students seeking a withdraw-medical (WM) must file a formal written request with the Dean of the Seminary no later than 5 p.m. of the last day of classes of the term in which the

course is taught. In the case of medical or psychological causes, a student who received a withdraw-medical will be required to submit to the Dean of the Seminary certification from the treating physician or therapist of the student's ability to resume academic and professional work before being readmitted to classes in the following term or semester. Late registration for a course is allowed only during the first two weeks of a semester and must be approved by the instructor. In the January term, students dropping courses during the first two days of the semester will have no notation of the course entered on individual transcripts. Students may drop a course (WP or WF) before the eighth class day of the interim. Withdrawal after the eighth class day will result in a failing grade.

- Only students who have a B average or better in the preceding semester may register for more than 13.5 credit hours. Those on probation may not carry more than nine credit hours except by special permission of their advisor and the Dean of the Seminary.
- Students in a supply Field Education position, preaching each Sunday, must have the permission of their Faculty Advisor and of the Director of Field Education to enroll for more than 10.5 hours. Students on academic probation may not interview for placement in a supply field placement.
- All courses must be completed by 5 p.m. on the final day of the term (summer reading courses by the opening of the fall semester). All grades shall be based on the student's achievement as of that hour unless an incomplete has been approved.
- Graduating seniors may take a course during their last semester without additional tuition, if the required hours for the degree have been met. This must be indicated at the time of registration and may not be changed after the second week of the semester.
- Once a student matriculates, active enrollment is expected. If a student cannot be enrolled in a given semester or year, a leave of absence is required. Students who fail to notify the Seminary are administratively withdrawn from their degree program.
- Students may ordinarily secure a leave of absence from the Seminary by filing a request with the Associate Academic Dean, stating the purpose of the leave and their plans for resuming theological study, and by indicating that they have consulted with their advisor and have secured his or her approval. A student taking a leave of absence must complete a clearance form. Leaves may be renewed for up to two years, after which a student must apply for readmission.

- Students who have been separated from the Seminary for academic or other reasons and who wish to be readmitted must demonstrate that the problems related to their withdrawal or separation have been resolved. In the case of academic cause, this will ordinarily include a record of satisfactory academic work in an accredited seminary adequate to bring the student's grade point average above 2.5. In the case of medical, psychological or financial causes, comparable certification of the student's ability to resume academic and professional work will be required. Satisfactory resolution of such problems must be demonstrated before, or in connection with, the student's filing of a new application. Such new application ordinarily will not be reviewed by the Seminary's admissions committee sooner than the date that is one year after the date the student withdrew or was separated from the Seminary. Such new application shall follow the Seminary's standard application form, and shall be supported by other documents (e.g., transcripts, recommendations, and the like) required by such form. In addition, the application should fully update the student's Seminary record and (as described above) should support the request for readmission. The application will be processed in the usual manner. Students readmitted to the Seminary will be subject to the requirements for graduation and all other regulations prevailing at the time of their readmission.

## GRADUATION STANDARDS

Students who receive degrees dated in May or December must complete all academic, practicum and Field Education, etc. work by one week before the graduation date with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50. There is no exception to the policy.

Occasionally, a student may have some incomplete work for a May graduation. With the approval of the faculty (officers of instruction), a student may walk in the May graduation ceremony (yet receive a degree dated the following December) if the following criteria are met:

- (1) Student lacks no more than six credit hours.
- (2) Student's Statement of Faith and Ministry or Senior Seminar has been completed and has been awarded a Pass grade.
- (3) Student lacks fewer than 50 practicum hours or two Field Education units by the end of the spring semester.
- (4) Student reasonably expects this work to be completed on or before August 30 following the May graduation ceremony in which the student is asking to participate. A student who is completing Practicum hours during this time must have the approval of their clinical supervisor.

A student with incomplete work who wants to walk at graduation in May is responsible for requesting and obtaining the approval of the faculty. Normally, this request should be made through the student's academic advisor and the Associate Academic Dean, and should be made by the March faculty meeting unless there are reasonable grounds for delay. Faculty may grant or reject the student's request based upon the student's academic record and/or other reasonable grounds.

## FINANCIAL STANDARDS

No student will be allowed to register for any term at Louisville Seminary if he or she has an outstanding balance and has not made satisfactory arrangements with the Business Office for payment of all financial obligations for the prior term. No transcript shall be issued until these arrangements have been completed. Students will be allowed to graduate only after their financial obligations have been paid or after satisfactory arrangements have been completed.

## RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Trustees has approved a Bill of Rights and Responsibilities for faculty, students, administrators, staff and directors. Community and individual rights and responsibilities and the provision for due process are fully described in this document and the Code for Student Conduct.

Certain standards of integrity need to be stated explicitly for self-discipline as well as for the support of one's colleagues. Each may expect from the other: (1) intellectual honesty in academic and ministerial tasks and relationships, both in the Seminary and in the church-at-large; (2) integrity, responsibility, and good stewardship in all financial obligations and dealings; (3) conscientious concern in the matter of personal habits for one's witness to and influence upon others; and (4) attitudes and actions in all situations which exemplify Christian integrity and express the biblical concept of love for God and human beings.

In the discharge of its responsibility in relation to personal conduct, the Seminary relies primarily upon pastoral procedures by students and faculty. Evidence of conspicuous or persistent failure in moral responsibility will lead to disciplinary action which may involve suspension or dismissal from the Seminary. In such action, all the rights of due process will be observed.

In 1977, the Seminary Council became concerned about the use of words which seem by implication to demean some persons or exclude them from Christian fellowship. As a result, the Council adopted a resolution asking members of the community to be conscientious in their use of language.

The resolution affirms the view that the church is the Body of Christ, which does not exclude any persons because of age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race or ethnic origin. Recognizing the power of language to shape culture and perceptions of reality, it urges concern for others in language used in publications, chapel services, classrooms and lectures. The Council recommends that all persons in the Seminary community seek to use language which is inclusive rather than exclusive, avoiding forms which seem to exclude or demean others because of age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race or ethnic origin.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY

**Intellectual Property**, as used in this policy, is defined as the tangible or intangible result of scholarship, research, development, teaching or other intellectual activity. The term, for the purposes of this policy, does not include traditional products of scholarship prepared for dissemination outside the Seminary Community, such as books, monographs, articles, reviews, works prepared for worship or use by a church or denomination, and works of art, unless Louisville Seminary commissioned the product.

**Commissioned Work**, as used in this policy, is defined as work prepared by an employee within the scope of his or her employment or work specifically ordered or commissioned by the institution, if the parties understand and agree in a signed agreement before commencement of the work that the work shall be considered commissioned work.

**Intellectual Property and Rights** to institutional works are retained by the Seminary. Institutional Works include works that are supported by specific allocation of Louisville Seminary funds; that are created at the direction of Louisville Seminary for a specific Seminary purpose; that are developed in the course of a project arranged, administered or controlled by Louisville Seminary; or that were created over an extended time by multiple authors, such as the Catalog or the Seminary Mission Statement.

**Application.** This policy is binding on Louisville Seminary faculty, staff and students as a condition of their participation in Louisville Seminary research, teaching, and service programs and for their use of Louisville Seminary funds, facilities or other resources.

**Faculty.** In keeping with our long-standing practice, members of the faculty retain intellectual property rights to the work created during the course and scope of their employment, including but not limited to copyrightable works such as books, articles and artistic creations, unless the work is specifically commissioned by the Seminary. If a work is specifically commissioned by the Seminary, ownership of the intellectual property rights will be retained by Louisville Seminary unless negotiated otherwise by the faculty member and the Seminary on a case-by-case basis.

**Students.** Students shall retain intellectual property rights to all works created while enrolled at Louisville Seminary unless the works were specifically commissioned by the Seminary or are institutional works as defined above.

**Staff.** While Louisville Seminary acknowledges that staff members may create intellectual works outside the scope of their employment, all works created by non-faculty employees during the course and scope of their employment are considered commissioned works. The Seminary retains ownership of all intellectual property rights to such works.

**Binding Nature of the Intellectual Property Policy.** This Policy is binding on Louisville Seminary faculty, staff and students as a condition of their participation in Louisville Seminary research, teaching and service programs and for their use of Louisville Seminary funds, facilities or other resources.

## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Official announcements are published on the Seminary website; in the *Louisville Seminary Catalog*; in the campus newsletter, *The Seminary Times*; and in e-mail using Seminary e-mail addresses. Such publication is considered due notice to all members of the Seminary community. *The Seminary Times* and the “community” e-mail group can provide information and other announcements of interest to the community without Seminary endorsement. Regularly scheduled academic and governance meetings are listed on the annual Governance calendar.

## TRANSCRIPTS

Louisville Seminary maintains a permanent transcript of all students that includes classes taken, and grades received. Transcripts may be requested in writing:

Registrar

1044 Alta Vista Rd. | Louisville, KY 40205

A link to a transcript request page can be found on the Seminary website.

The cost is \$5 per copy. Current students are not charged.

## LOUISVILLE SEMINARY’S NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Louisville Seminary is an equal opportunity employer. It is the policy of the Seminary to comply with applicable employment laws. The Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (except as religion may be a bona fide occupational qualification for certain positions at the Seminary), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, veteran status or disability.

Louisville Seminary has established a policy of treating all students and student applicants equally without regard to ethnic and national background, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age or physical disability. This is in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1972, Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

Louisville Seminary has been approved for attendance by nonimmigrant alien students by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

### **POLICY REGARDING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Louisville Seminary does not discriminate against applicants with disabilities. The Seminary will make reasonable accommodations, as required by federal law, to provide appropriate access so that students with documented disabilities are able to study and live at the Seminary. While the Seminary does not maintain academic programs specifically for persons with disabilities, it does provide support services and accommodations to all students in all programs who need those services and have a legal entitlement to them. Enrolled students who have questions about the Seminary's policies on students with disabilities should refer them to the Office of the Dean of the Seminary. Prospective students should refer such questions initially to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

Students with complaints regarding disability issues should follow the usual policy for dealing with complaints and grievances as described in the Student Code of Conduct.

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## LOUISVILLE SEMINARY COMMUNITY

God created human beings to live in community, in grateful obedience, serving God and one another. The staff and students at Louisville Seminary desire to live in such a way. While sharing a common purpose—facilitating or being equipped for the ministry of Jesus Christ—members of this community are not all the same. The Seminary affirms these members to be a community of diverse people of all ages, races and circumstances. Each person on the campus is important to the unique character and ethos of the Seminary. As a result of interaction within the classroom, small groups, and social and worship experiences, the faith story of each individual informs the faith stories of others and becomes part of the learning.

Louisville Seminary practices an inclusive policy concerning the admission of students and the employment of faculty, administrators, and staff. The Seminary seeks to treat all persons in the Seminary community equally, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. As an academic community that serves the ministries of different denominations and congregations, we recognize and support the responsibility of denominational judicatories to define and enforce ordination standards. We also affirm that, in the atmosphere of freedom and openness that is essential to the life of an academic community, persons should not be forced or encouraged to disclose more personal information than they desire.

## WORSHIP

Worship is central to community life at the Seminary. On Thursdays and Fridays, the community gathers in Caldwell Chapel to encounter God—individually and corporately—through Word and Sacrament. On special days during the liturgical year, additional services of worship, such as the Service of Lessons and Carols, are held. Spouses, children and the larger community are especially encouraged to participate in these special services. Regular participation in worship is essential to students' spiritual formation.

Worship is developed by students, which provides them the opportunity for a worship leadership experience, including opportunities for senior students to preach. The community is able to explore new and traditional forms of worship that honor the diversity of worship traditions on the Seminary campus.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

The pursuit of competence in theological/clinical studies is a rewarding yet difficult experience. Students will engage in academic discoveries that may present spiritual, mental, social and possibly physical challenges. In addition, the discipline and rigors of Seminary experience may impact the student's availability to or attentiveness in their

family's usual way of life. Louisville Seminary, through the office of the Dean of Students, offers a space where students and their families can receive pastoral and spiritual support during times of increased personal/family stress.

Foremost among the responsibilities charged to the Dean of Students is to serve as pastor to students and their families. The Dean of Students is available to provide spiritual counsel, explore spiritual formation, assist in discernment of call, provide student advocacy among seminary constituents and denominational judicatories, and aid in spiritual direction and growth. Appointments are set at times that are most convenient for the student/family, with the focus on spending whatever time is needed to provide appropriate support.

Along with the nurture, support and counsel offered to students, Louisville Seminary is committed to helping students obtain a more sophisticated level of care for issues that fall beyond the ethical responsibility of the office. The Dean of Students will assist students in making arrangements for therapeutic services among a list of recommended licensed counselors and/or mental health facilities. Financial resources are available to help ease the cost burden of those services.

### **LOUISVILLE SEMINARY COUNSELING CENTER (LSCC)**

The Louisville Seminary Counseling Center provides an opportunity for Marriage and Family Therapy student interns to work with the Greater Louisville Community in a therapeutic role. Counseling is offered at a reasonable sliding-fee scale with financial assistance provided to those clients unable to pay the session cost. Referrals are accepted from a number of sources including pastoral care providers, practicum placement sites, former clients, and the Jefferson County Courts. Student interns are supervised by members of the Clinical Staff who are all American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) approved and Kentucky Board of Licensure approved Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisors. Student interns maintain student membership in the AAMFT. The Counseling Center is located in Nelson Hall and can be reached by phone at (502) 894.2293.

### **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE**

The manner in which the Seminary community governs itself exhibits the importance of each person's contribution to the interdependent working of the community. Constitutional authority for the governance of the Seminary rests with the Board of Trustees, which has delegated certain governance responsibilities to the faculty. The oversight of the immediate operation of the Seminary is provided by the faculty and various offices of the administration. The faculty exercises some of its responsibilities through a Seminary Plan of Governance, which includes members from all parts of the

community, including students' spouses or partners, who meet in standing committees to take on community, church, and wider world issues and offer recommendations to the decision-making body called the Seminary Council. The Council includes members of the faculty, some administrators, staff representatives and students elected by the student body. The Seminary Council has approximately one student member for every two faculty members. There are five standing committees that help the community remain faithful to God's call in the community and the world: the Academic Committee; Christian Life Committee; Community Affairs Committee; Committee on Cultural and Religious Diversity; and the Gender and Ministry Committee. These committees and their task forces are responsible for the many social activities and learning experiences that bind together the people of God at Louisville Seminary.

### **FRANK H. AND FANNIE W. CALDWELL CHAPEL**

The chapel was constructed under one major directive given by the 1962 Seminary Building Committee, that it "must be the dominant symbol on the new campus to clearly show that this is a theological seminary dedicated to the worship and service of God." The chapel crowns the campus like a jewel.

Built in the style of "Modern interpretation of Perpendicular Gothic" by architects Hartstern, Louis and Henry, the chapel's exterior is also graced by a 65-foot campanile with an electronic carillon. Traditional and contemporary symbols of faith are blended together within the chapel. Its beautiful stained glass windows were designed by William Schickel of Loveland, Ohio.

In 1964, the Board of Trustees named the chapel in honor of the Seminary's fourth president (1936-1964), Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Caldwell, as evidence of the Seminary's love and deep appreciation for all that the Caldwells had done for the institution.

### **ALBERT AND GRACE WINN CENTER**

The heart of activity on campus is the Winn Center, named in honor of Grace W. and Dr. Albert C. Winn, president of the Seminary from 1966 to 1973. The building, constructed in 1963, was renovated in 1999 including a new roof to match the new roof lines of other campus buildings surrounding the academic quadrangle. Recognizing the importance of the Winn Center as the campus "gathering space," renovations were made possible by numerous private donations and gifts from Seminary alums who committed to raise \$750,000 towards the \$1.8 million total renovation cost.

## THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Established in 1992, the Women's Center at Louisville Seminary was nearly 20 years in the making and grew out of the collaborative efforts of

- Women's groups during the 1970s;
- A task force of faculty, administrators, students, and Board members in the 1980s;
- The Gender and Ministry Committee of the Seminary Council in 1990; and
- A generous endowment of designated space on the campus.

The Center exists to work for equality and dignity of women in all communities, including religious professions, for the unveiling of the continuing oppression of women of all races and nations, and for the building of community locally, nationally, and globally. To this end the Center seeks to:

- Discern new ways of being and living into these realities by support and advocacy for women and other disenfranchised groups;
- Supplement the academic program of the Seminary and provide a prophetic voice on the Seminary campus;
- Celebrate and affirm the gifts and contributions of women in all spheres of life in the past and present;
- Provide a safe space to discuss and hear one another's stories and supply resources for information and edification.

The Women's Center is located in White Hall and provides a large meeting space, a reading room and space for arts and crafts. Annual programs include participation in the Louisville AIDS Walk, presentations on gender identity, workshops on arts and crafts, and regular discussions related to concerns relevant to the mission of the Center. Every other year the Center offers learning occasions for the campus and locally through its Artist-in-Residence program, and hosts the Katie Geneva Cannon lecture.

Currently the Center is staffed by a Director, a student Coordinator through the Field Education program, and a Faculty Liaison, and provides an opportunity for many students to be involved in hands-on planning and execution of events.

## SCHLEGEL HALL

In 2007, Schlegel Hall, formerly a 30-room dormitory, was renovated into a facility for academic programs, offices, and student fellowship. The building is home to faculty offices, Field Education, the Academic Support Center, the Black Church Studies office and Doctor of Ministry and Continuing Education offices. As part of the renovation, a one-story classroom section was added onto the west side of the building. It houses four

classrooms that can be converted into large and small spaces. The building, including break-out rooms, is equipped for wireless internet connection, and there are electrical outlets in the floor for laptop computers. The lower level is a designated student lounge, equipped with a small kitchenette, lockers, study carrels, flat screen television and space for student gatherings.

## **GARDENCOURT**

Gardencourt is an historic mansion on campus that was purchased and renovated by the Seminary, with the generous support of the Seminary's friends and members of the community. Faculty offices, the Louisville Institute and classrooms occupy the upper floors. Downstairs, beautifully decorated meeting rooms are available for rental by members of the Seminary community and the public.

Built in 1906 by George Norton, a well-known industrialist and financier at the time, Gardencourt is an example of the Beaux Arts style of architecture. After the Norton family sold the home it was used by other educational institutions including the University of Louisville. An arts school and then an urban studies center were housed there through the 1970s. In 1987, Louisville Seminary purchased the home and renovations were completed in 1989. The Seminary received an Historic Preservation Alliance Award in 1991 in recognition of the renovation.

## **THE LAWS LODGE**

Short-term accommodations are available at the William R. and Ellen Laws Lodge for graduate students, visitors and attendees at numerous conferences and continuing education events. The facility is also suitable for retreats and group gatherings. With 48 private sleeping rooms, meeting space, and close proximity to the Seminary's library and classrooms, the Laws Lodge is an affordable and convenient alternative to using local hotels. Contact the Laws Lodge, (502) 992.0220, to make reservations.

The Lodge is named for William R. Laws who was a 1943 graduate of Louisville Seminary. He pastored churches in Kentucky, Iowa, and Indiana, including 26 years as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Indiana. Rev. and Mrs. Laws made their mark in the Columbus community in the pursuit of social justice, peace, and civil rights. Rev. Laws also served as Moderator of the 182<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly in Chicago. He died in 1985.

## **CAMPUS COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE (TRI-C)**

The Tri-C was established by students who needed more space for personal and social activities. Located between Love and Sherrill Halls, this room is available free of charge to anyone in the community who reserves it. It has a small, but fully functional kitchen,

television, tables for potlucks, good lighting, and tables for study. Community members have used the space for kids' overnights, potluck dinners, wedding and baby showers, fellowship times, and for simply "hanging out."

## **MARKETING AND SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT**

The primary goal of the Marketing and Special Events Department is to assist with the planning process for Seminary classes and events. The department works with Seminary faculty, administrators, and staff to determine, schedule, and fulfill event and space planning needs and helps to establish systems for effective planning and monitoring which eliminate the possibilities of scheduling conflicts.

The Marketing and Special Events Department is responsible for marketing, scheduling, and managing the use of Seminary properties to the outside community for private functions. By coordinating the planning process for rental clients and working with the Seminary's exclusive caterer Upper Crust Catering, event planners, security, florists, maintenance, and equipment rental firms, we ensure the success of each event.

Along with marketing the Seminary's rental facilities, the Marketing and Special Events Department develops new marketing strategies and promotions and assists Upper Crust Catering with marketing their catering services to prospective clients.

## **GARDENCOURT/LAWS LODGE CATERING**

No matter what your taste and preference, the Seminary's exclusive caterer, Upper Crust Catering, can create delightfully inspired menus tailored to your desires in one of our many private dining facilities located in Gardencourt and/or Laws Lodge Conference Center. The experience and imagination of our professional caterer ensures that you and your guest will have a memorable and enjoyable event.

Catered functions may be booked by calling Upper Crust Catering at (502) 896.6114.

## **BLESSED DAY CAFÉ DINING/CATERING**

Located in the Winn Center building, Upper Crust Catering offers cafeteria-style lunch meal plans Monday-Friday with a variety of options for complete, well-balanced food and beverage arrangements. Additional services are offered for catered functions in the main quadrangle buildings of the campus. Arrangements for food service can be made through Upper Crust Catering at (502) 895.3411, ext. 388.

Please note: Upper Crust Catering must supply all food and beverages required for events being held in Laws Lodge Conference Center, Gardencourt and all other main quadrangle

buildings. Event host(s) or their guests are prohibited from providing food and/or beverages of any kind for events being held in campus facilities.

## **CAMPUS KIDS**

The mission of the Campus Kids program is to offer a place of fun, fellowship and learning for children in the Louisville Seminary community. This program offers a variety of activities suitable to the differing ages of the children in the community. The Campus Kids program usually includes children from two to 12 years of age.

## **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Louisville Seminary borders two beautiful public parks. Both parks have golf courses, tennis courts and biking and jogging trails. Students also have the option of privileges at the Health and Recreation Center at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, one-half mile from campus. The fee is \$650 per year. Facilities include regulation-size basketball and volleyball courts, racquetball courts, an indoor walking/running track, a 25-yard indoor pool and a children's pool, jacuzzi, sauna, and a state-of-the-art fitness room. Fitness assessments and training by qualified personnel are also available. Special classes, such as aerobics, swimming, scuba diving and CPR are offered throughout the year.

## **HEALTH CLINIC**

Included in the Recreation Center fee, students and their families have access to the H. Hart Hagan Health Clinic at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The clinic provides a variety of services, including immunizations and school physicals, allergy shots, and treatment of minor health problems. A physician is available daily to attend to the health needs of students and their families.

## **THE LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN FURLOUGH HOME**

The Louisville Presbyterian Furlough Home, located on the Louisville Seminary campus, provides comfortable accommodations for four families on home assignment from overseas service to the church. The Furlough Home was built with support from various women's groups in the Presbyterian Church. The present home was opened in October 1964 and is owned and operated by the Louisville Presbyterian Furlough Home, Inc., on the property of Louisville Seminary. It affords to the Seminary community an opportunity for dialogue with experienced missionaries, fraternal workers and international visitors.

## **PRESBYTERIAN CENTER—MAIN OFFICES FOR SEVERAL ENTITIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

The Presbyterian Church (USA) moved its home to Louisville, Kentucky, in the summer of 1988. Several entities of the General Assembly, including the General Assembly Council, Investment and Loan Program, Office of the General Assembly, and the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, have their main offices located at Presbyterian Center in downtown Louisville. Staff persons of various programs have joined with the Louisville Seminary faculty for ongoing theological discussions and reflections, offering significant exchanges for students as well. General Assembly staff persons serve as personal interpreters of the entities and the programs they lead, while members of the Seminary community contribute to the theological foundations of those programs. Students from the Seminary often serve part of their Field Education requirements in offices at Presbyterian Center. In addition, Christian leaders from all over the world are able to share insights with members of the Louisville Seminary community when they are in the city for denominational and ecumenical meetings. In addition to the General Assembly entities located at Presbyterian Center, the main offices of the Presbyterian Foundation are just across the river in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

## **METROPOLITAN LOUISVILLE**

Metropolitan Louisville is a vibrant setting for the Seminary. Louisville and the smaller towns within an 80-mile radius of the Seminary provide the supervised settings in which students live and practice theology. In addition, the area provides opportunities for cultural enrichment: the Louisville Orchestra, Actors Theatre, the Kentucky Opera Association, organizations sponsoring Broadway productions, community theater, and other fine arts. The Seminary is set between two major parks, which offer facilities for golf, tennis, and other recreation. Louisville is an exciting city in which to live and learn.

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## FACULTY

**Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos**

*Dora Pierce Professor of Bible and Professor of Old Testament*

*Leiden University, The Netherlands, MDiv and MPhil.; Union Theological Seminary, NY, MPhil and PhD*

Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos, professor of Old Testament, is the first professor installed to a chair in Bible, which is named in honor of the Seminary's first woman graduate, the Rev. Dora Emma Pierce (BD 1961).

The senior member of the faculty, Bos teaches Hebrew Bible, Hebrew language and electives in liberation theology. She has become widely known as a feminist biblical scholar and theologian with an emphasis on the participation of women in the Bible and the life of faith. She has taught in multi-racial and multi-cultural settings in Montpellier, France, with students from across the French-speaking world, and in Salvador, Brazil, with black and native Brazilian women. She conducts workshops and seminars in the wider church on a frequent basis. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), she engages herself with issues of justice for women and disadvantaged groups locally and in the global arena.

Bos writes regularly for both scholarly and popular publications. Some of her books include *Making Wise the Simple—The Torah in Christian Faith and Practice* (Eerdmans, 2005), *Reformed and Feminist—A Challenge to the Church* (Westminster John Knox, 1991), *Reimagining God—The Case for Scriptural Diversity* (Westminster John Knox, 1995) and *Called Out With: Stories of Solidarity in Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Persons* (Westminster John Knox, 1997).

Bos was born in the Netherlands where she earned two degrees in theology at the University of Leiden. A pioneering woman in theological teaching, she is the only woman in 1976 to receive a doctorate from Union Theological Seminary in New York and the first woman to receive academic tenure at Louisville Seminary.

*"As I teach, I try to be aware constantly of how much it is a process of listening. I need to be reminded often of the words of Jewish Scholar Franz Rosenzweig: '... those who know how to listen to real wishes may also know how to point out the desired way.'" ~Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos*



### **Matthew S. Collins**

*Director of the Ernest Miller White Library, Associate Professor of Bibliography and Research*

**Michigan State University, BA, with honor; Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, MDiv.; Vanderbilt University, MA, Ph.D.; Florida State University, MLIS.**

Matthew Collins joined the Louisville Seminary faculty and staff in 2013 as the director of the library and as associate professor.

He came to the Seminary from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where he served as a reference librarian and taught courses in technology for ministers and in research skills. Prior to serving at Emory, Collins worked for twelve years at the Society of Biblical Literature as the Director of Congresses and was responsible for developing and managing the Annual Meeting and International Meeting programs for the SBL.

Collins completed his doctoral work in New Testament at Vanderbilt University, under the direction of Mary Ann Tolbert, focusing on the rhetoric of the deuterio-Pauline letters. His primary research interests are on the use of language to shape understandings of reality, both in the context of the New Testament church and in the context of modern digital technology. In addition to active research in the Gospel of Luke, Collins writes programs and applications for use in the library.

Collins is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He is also active in the American Theological Libraries Association, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Federation of Kentucky Academic Libraries.



### **Carol J. Cook**

*Harrison Ray Anderson Professor of Pastoral Theology*

*Hope College, BA cum laude; Michigan State University, MA; Princeton Theological Seminary, MDiv and PhD; Rutgers University, MSW.*

Carol J. Cook joined the Louisville Seminary faculty in 2000, having been an adjunct instructor at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and served as a teaching fellow at

Princeton Theological Seminary as a doctoral student. Her teaching interests include the integration of psychology and theology, exploration of gender issues in church and society, utilizing literature and the arts in theological education, and engaging interfaith diversity.

She is a marriage and family therapist, a licensed clinical social worker, and a certified pastoral counselor. While her clinical experience is broad-based, Cook has a special interest in the challenges that adults face as they differentiate from their families of origin.

As a part of the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Cook has published articles in *Pastoral Psychology* over the past few years. Other publications include a chapter entitled "The Practice of Marriage and Family Counseling and Liberal Protestant Christianity" in *The Role of Marriage and Family Counseling* (2008); "How childhood sexual abuse affects adult survivors' images of God: A resource for pastoral helpers," co-written with Louisville Seminary alum, Cindy Guertin-Anderson, LMFT (MAMFT '06), in *Sacred Spaces: The E-Journal of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors* (2010); and "Growing in Faith through the Life Cycle: A Literature Review" in *Family Ministry: Empowering Through Faith* (Spring 2004).

Cook is a member of the Reformed Church in America. She serves as a contributing editor for *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*; is a fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors; an Approved Supervisor and Clinical Member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists; and a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for Pastoral Theology.

*"In teaching, and in pastoral care and counseling settings, I seek to provide a safe space for people to explore and deepen their participation in the mysteries of the Christian faith and life. These encounters can offer comfort, challenge, or simply companionship, as together we question, grow and ultimately embrace our respective sacred journeys." ~Carol Cook*



### **Shannon Craigo-Snell**

*Professor of Theology*

*Guilford College, BA, with honors; Yale Divinity School, MDiv, summa cum laude; Yale University, MA, MPhil, PhD*

Shannon Craigo-Snell joined the Louisville Seminary faculty in 2011 as a constructive systematic theologian. She earned degrees (PhD, MPhil, MA, and MDiv) at Yale University and Yale Divinity School. From 2001 to 2011 she taught in the Religious Studies department at Yale University, where she also earned several Yale fellowships and professional research grants. Her students have included undergraduates with diverse religious backgrounds in the secular context of the University; denominationally diverse Divinity School students and doctoral students in religious studies. These varied contexts have been part of her formation as a constructive theologian.

Her writing spans a similar scope of interdisciplinary diversity. In addition to several articles for journals such as *The Ecumenist*, *Quaker Religious Thought*, *Jump Cut* and *Modern Theology*, she has written *The Empty Church: Theatre, Theology, and Bodily Hope* (Oxford University Press, 2014); *Silence, Love, and Death: Saying Yes to God in the Theology of Karl Rahner* (Marquette University Press, 2008) and *Living Christianity: A Pastoral Theology for Today* (Fortress, 2009) with Shawnthea Monroe.

*"My own calling is to be a theologian of, in, and for the church. I am called to teach and write in service to the church, thus I am excited about teaching in the seminary setting. Louisville Seminary is a place where I can bring the interdisciplinary scholarship and attention to religious diversity that I have honed in the university into the work of preparing Christians for ministry."*

~Shannon Craigo-Snell



## Christopher Elwood

*Professor of Historical Theology*

**Davidson College, AB; The Divinity School, Harvard University, MDiv, ThD**

Christopher Elwood is a historian of Christianity, with particular expertise in the early modern period and broad interest in other periods, who thinks of himself as a historical theologian.

Teaching courses in theology and the history of Christianity, with a concentration on the period from the Reformation to the present, Elwood maintains research and writing interests in the history and theology of the Reformation period, the theology of John Calvin, theological interpretations of the body, gender and sexuality, and the intersections of theology and culture.

As the child of a diplomat, Elwood grew up in many places, including Brazil and Trinidad. He spent two years following his undergraduate studies serving as the headmaster of Shiveye Secondary School in western Kenya. He was the pastor of two Congregational churches in Massachusetts and is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He joined the Louisville Seminary faculty in 1996, having taught previously at Harvard Divinity School and Davidson College. He is active in his local congregation and is a member of several organizations including the American Academy of Religion, the American Society of Church History, the American Historical Association, and the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference.

Elwood is author of *The Body Broken: The Calvinist Doctrine of the Eucharist and the Symbolization of Power in Sixteenth-Century France* (Oxford University Press, 1999) and *Calvin for Armchair Theologians* (Westminster John Knox, 2002) which has been translated and published in German and French. He is currently working on a study of understandings of embodiment, sexuality and death that emerged from Christian cultures of the Reformation era.

*"I think it is important that members of our churches become aware of the connections between what they believe and the social and political commitments they hold. This concern influences my efforts to encourage seminary students to see the way theological ideas 'live' in particular historical environments and how this has application to our own reflection on the beliefs we hold and the way we express them theologically." ~Christopher Elwood*



### **Susan R. Garrett**

*Dean of the Seminary and Professor of New Testament*

*Duke University, BA; Princeton Theological Seminary, MDiv; Yale University, MA, MPhil, PhD; Fulbright Fellow, University of Tübingen, West Germany.*

Susan Renninger Garrett is Professor of New Testament with a specialized interest in the Gospels and how they reflect the worldview and theology of biblical authors. Early Judaism, including apocalyptic thinking, is also a particular specialty.

In 2012, Garrett (along with Dr. Carol J. Cook) was recipient of a Grawemeyer Award for Outstanding Instructional Design for the course "Transforming Seminary Education," which approaches several challenging issues from a variety of disciplines and encourages a practice of "generous listening" when encountering persons whose views differ from one's own.

Garrett joined the faculty at Louisville Seminary in 1995 and welcomed its atmosphere of collegiality and sense of purpose among its faculty. She says that her years at the Seminary have influenced a shift to writing for the church as well as for the academy. Some of her published works include *The Demise of the Devil: Magic and the Demonic in Luke's Writings* (Fortress, 1989), *The Temptations of Jesus in Mark's Gospel* (Eerdmans, 1998), *Making Time for God: Daily Devotions for Children and Families to Share* (Baker Book House, 2002; co-authored with LPTS professor Amy Plantinga Pauw), and *No Ordinary Angel: Celestial Spirits and Christian Claims about Jesus* (Yale University Press, 2008). Garrett also serves as a Bible consultant for Oxford Press.

Garrett became Dean of the Seminary in June of 2012.

She recently led grant writing efforts that resulted in a \$375,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to support Louisville Seminary's Doors to Dialogue program, and a \$200,000 grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations to support the Black Church Studies program, and a \$250,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment to address economic issues facing future ministers.

*"I try to help students to explore their own understanding of what the Bible is, and of what are the sources of its authority and the means by which it exercises that authority in the life of faith. I also want to show students that such critical thinking can go hand-in-hand with a deep passion for the Scriptures and for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Further, I am deeply concerned to help students learn to recognize the differing patterns of biblical interpretation used in various communities of faith and to engage persons in those interpretive communities with respect." ~Susan R. Garrett*



### **Ashley A. Hicks White**

*Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy*

*The Ohio State University, BA (dual degree), MS, PhD*

Ashley Hicks White is a specialist in couples/family therapy, a licensed marriage and family therapist, and an AAMFT Approved Supervisor Candidate. She joined Louisville Seminary's faculty in 2016.

Hicks White has worked in a number of clinical settings serving clients from diverse backgrounds including racial/ethnic minorities, LGBTQ populations, homeless and low socio-economic individuals and families. Her current research focuses on bullying in Ohio schools, family-based approaches of adolescent eating disorder treatment, and the relationship between trauma and eating disorder symptomology in adolescence. Her other research interests and teaching experience include risk and resilience in adolescent development, trauma exposure and trauma informed care, and culturally-informed care of African American, Hispanic and immigrant youth and families.

In addition to her teaching and research experience, Hicks White maintains an active commitment to congregational ministries and social action to change the circumstances in which families live. Most recently she served in the Women of Power Human Trafficking Ministry and the Take 2 College Discipleship Ministry at New Salem Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. She is also a member of the Ohio Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and the Ohio Department of Education's Anti-Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Initiative.

*"As a teacher, it is my privilege to help students develop critical thinking skills and provide an atmosphere that facilitates personal development and self-reflection. I believe that culture is an important aspect of the educational process and aim to encourage students to consider how culture influences one's worldview and the way they interact and operate within larger society."* –Ashley A. Hicks White



### **Christine J. Hong**

*Assistant professor of worship and evangelism and Chapel Worship Coordinator*

***Univ. of Washington, BA; Princeton Theological Seminary, MTh and MDiv; Claremont School of Theology, PhD***

Christine Jean Hong is Associate Professor of Worship and Evangelism. Her current research interests include de-colonial approaches to worship and the critical examination of historical and contemporary forms of evangelism within the context of a multi-religious world. As a practical theologian, her interests also include interreligious learning, Asian American spiritualities, and the spiritual and theological formation of children and adolescents among communities of color. Her broad interests help her to emphasize an intersectional approach to the classroom.

Prior to joining Louisville Seminary's full-time faculty in 2015, Hong served as the Associate for Theology: Interfaith Relations, in the Theology and Worship ministry area of the Presbyterian Mission Agency at the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Her office focused on promoting interreligious learning among Presbyteries and congregations and facilitating interreligious relationships on behalf of the PC(USA).

Hong is a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has spent time as both as a religious educator and young adult minister in New York and Southern California. She continues to serve the wider church outside of the Academe and is currently the co-convenor for the Interreligious Table of the National Council of Churches of Christ and co-convenor of the NCCC's Muslim Christian dialogue. In addition to ecumenical service, Hong is committed to national interreligious efforts and serves on the Advisory Council for the Institute for Diversity and Civic Life.

Hong's first book, *Identity, Youth, and Gender in the Korean American Church* (Palgrave Pivot) was released in July of 2015.

*"Religion and faith play a huge role in how people and communities remain resilient through the trauma of displacement. Religion can also become operationalized in ways that add to the trauma of displaced persons and the communities. Studying and understanding this is crucial to the future ministry of seminarians who will face these issues and narratives in their own neighborhoods." ~Christine J. Hong*



## Marcus Hong

*Director of Field Education, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology*

***Alma College, BA; Princeton Theological Seminary, MACE, MDiv, PhD (anticipated 2017)***

Marcus A. Hong joined Louisville Seminary's faculty in 2016. He previously served as a teaching assistant at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he also sat on the editorial board of *The Weekly Forum* for the seminary's Institute for Youth Ministry (IYM).

Hong's service of Christian ministry has taken multiple forms: as a college student in the Midwest, planning Sunday night chapel for peers from a broad range of Christian traditions; as an intern in three very different PC(USA) churches; as the music director, interim high school co-director, and curriculum consultant for a 200-person youth ministry program; as worship leader for a 1001 New Worshiping Communities ministry at the intersection of university, seminary, and town in Princeton, New Jersey; and most recently as lay pastor for two micro United Methodist churches in rural New Jersey.

He has developed courses and curricula for church use including the IYM's Foundations Curriculum Series on Youth and Worship (<http://iym.ptsem.edu/resources/foundations/worship>) and *UWorship*, a UKirk Worship Resource (Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, 2015), which was written with a team of UKirk campus ministers. He curates CANTICLES, a weekly arts-based lectionary resource that can be found online at "<http://iym.ptsem.edu/category/lectionary/>." His editorial and research contributions are seen in such publications as *How Youth Ministry Can Change Theological Education - If We Let It* (Eerdmans, 2016) and *With Piety and Learning* (Lit Verlag, 2011). His current research interests include the Psalms, spiritual formation, and the ways in which poetic and musical forms can transform how we enrich our faith, particularly during difficult seasons of life.

*"From my background in a variety of ministries, I imagine that the future of field education lies not only in congregational or medical contexts, but also in more creative ventures. Collaboration must take into account students' passions. The work we do in field education may enable us to be a part of reimagining how church looks." – Marcus A. Hong*



## Michael Jinkins

*President and Professor of Theology*

*Howard Payne University, BA; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, MDiv; Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, DMin; University of Aberdeen (Scotland), PhD*

The Rev. Dr. Michael Jinkins was called as President of Louisville Seminary in 2010. Jinkins previously taught at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where he served as a professor, an administrator and as Dean between 1993 and 2010. Jinkins has been ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for 30 years and joined the Austin Seminary faculty following 12 years in pastoral leadership in congregations in the State of Texas and in Scotland.

Throughout nearly two decades of seminary teaching and leadership, Jinkins has contributed to the life of the church and the academy with a vigorous and dynamic integration of professional and academic research, writing, consultations, grant development, publishing and editorial responsibilities. He is the author of 13 books, including: *Christianity, Tolerance and Pluralism: A Theological Engagement with the Social Theory of Isaiah Berlin* (Routledge, 2004), *Letters to New Pastors* (Eerdmans, 2006), *Invitation to Psalms* (Abingdon, 2007) and *Called to be Human: Letters to My Children on Living a Christian Life* (Eerdmans, 2009). His most recent book, *The Church Transforming: What's Next for the Reformed Project?* (Westminster John Knox, 2012), and was edited and includes an introduction by Louisville Seminary Dean Susan R. Garrett. Jinkins also has written more than 100 articles, essays, chapters, reviews and papers in academic, professional, and ecclesial publications. Jinkins is a regular contributor to *Faith & Leadership: Call & Response*, the online publication of Duke Divinity School, *Presbyterian Outlook* online and *The Huffington Post* and has written for a variety of journals, including *The Christian Century*, *Presbyterians Today*, *Lectionary Homiletics*, Alban Institute's *Congregations* and the (London) *Times Supplement for Higher Education*.

Jinkins is passionate about theological education and preparing men and women for practical, public and pastoral leadership in a world of cultural and religious difference. His experiences and contributions as a pastor, scholar, teacher, theologian and academic administrator have earned him the respect of his students, his colleagues, his peers, denominational leaders, the academy and the church. He is excited about serving as Louisville Seminary's ninth president and for the future of Louisville Seminary, particularly its vision for building an inclusive seminary community in which people can gain theological education to prepare them to serve God in an increasingly pluralistic world.



### **Clifton Kirkpatrick**

*Professor of World Christianity and Ecumenical Studies and William A. Benfield Jr. Professor of Evangelism and Global Missions*

*Davidson College, BA; Yale University, MDiv and McCormick Theological Seminary, DMin; Merrill Fellowship for post-graduate study at Harvard University; honorary doctorates from Westminster College (Pennsylvania), Hannam University (Korea), Silliman*

*University (Philippines), and Davidson College (North Carolina).*

Clifton Kirkpatrick teaches courses on the ecumenical movement, world mission and evangelism, and Presbyterian and Reformed theology and polity. He serves as advisor to Presbyterian students and is co-chair of "Doors to Dialogue," a Seminary-wide effort to ensure that all graduates are equipped to minister in a world of religious difference.

Kirkpatrick is a leader in the global ecumenical movement having completed a six-year term as President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), and having served in leadership roles in the National and World Council of Churches and in the U.S. Conference of Religions for Peace.

Kirkpatrick is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). From 1996-2008 he served as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and, at the conclusion of his term of service in 2008, was elected by the General Assembly as Stated Clerk Emeritus. As Stated Clerk, Kirkpatrick served as the Chief Ecclesiastical Officer of the denomination and its primary spokesperson and leader in the ecumenical movement. Among other leadership roles in the Presbyterian Church, he serves as Co-moderator of the General Assembly Special Committee on the Belhar Confession and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians.

His service as Stated Clerk was preceded by fifteen years of service as the Director of the Worldwide Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) guiding the Presbyterian Church's ministry in partnership with churches in over 80 nations.

In addition to numerous published articles, he is the author of *Is There a Future for the Presbyterian Church (USA)?* and *Presbyterian Leadership*. He is co-author with Louisville Seminary alum William Hopper of *What Unites Presbyterians: Common Ground for Troubled Times*. His latest book, *Race and Reconciliation: The Confessions of 1967 and Belhar*, was published in 2015 and is part of the "Being Reformed" book series (Congregational Ministries Publishing).



### **Felicia Howell LaBoy**

*Associate Dean of Black Church Studies and Advanced Learning, and Assistant Professor of Black Church Studies*

*Lehigh University, BA; Duke University, MBA; Indiana Christian University, MA; Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, MDiv, Ph.D*

Felicia Howell LaBoy is the Associate Dean of Black Church Studies and Advanced Learning which includes the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) and non-degree/certificate programs. She is also Assistant Professor of Black Church Studies. A scholar, teacher, pastor, and community developer, LaBoy believes that the ultimate goal of theological education is to always educate, equip and empower leaders to respond to and transform creatively the church and world, while equipping others to do the same. She is often described as one who moves from the "seminary to the street, from the pulpit to the pavement." LaBoy interweaves her academic, pastoral and business education and experience to bring together diverse groups to develop shared vision and work in concert to achieve better churches, communities and organizations.

An Elder in Full Connection with the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, LaBoy has 14 years of urban and multicultural pastoral ministry. Most recently, she served as the Assistant Professor of Evangelization in the Heisel Chair at United Theological Seminary. In this capacity, she taught in the areas of evangelism, church renewal, black church, urban and women's studies. Her forthcoming book *Table Matters: The Sacraments, Evangelism and Social Justice*, published by Wipf and Stock, will be released in 2016.

*"I understand my call to the ministry of theological education as an extension of my call as an ordained elder of the church engaged in the formation of hearts and minds for Christian ministry. As Associate Dean of the Black Church Studies (BCS), I believe the program must help students, share and live out the Gospel in ways that demonstrate how the historical and contemporary Black Church serves as a resource for the church universal and a catalyst for societal change that recognizes diversity as God's gift, not as threat.*

*"As one who considers herself scholar-priest, I understand my responsibility toward our doctoral students as empowering, equipping and exposing them to the best theological education and practical leadership training possible so that they might be stretched to lead and renew the Church. As a United Methodist who believes in the critical partnership between lay and clergy, the untapped potential of those who are in our pews, as well as the ongoing need for pastors to be exposed and trained in new models for ministry, as well as in best-in-class congregational administrative practices, I believe there are numerous opportunities for our Non-degree/Certificate programs to be of invaluable service to the church." ~Felicia Howell LaBoy*



## **Tyler Mayfield**

*A.B. Rhodes Associate Professor of Old Testament*

*Faculty Director of the Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion*

***Samford University, (Alabama), BA; Yale Divinity School, MAR;  
Claremont Graduate University, PhD***

A native of Town Creek, Alabama, Tyler Mayfield previously taught at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Claremont School of Theology in southern California, and the University of California, Riverside.

At Louisville Seminary, he teaches introductory courses in Old Testament, Hebrew and exegesis as well as electives in violence in the Old Testament, Isaiah and ethical readings of Scripture. Mayfield leads a travel seminar to Israel and Palestine to explore the ancient biblical sites as well as contemporary Judaism, Islam and Christianity. In addition, he recently returned from a travel seminar to India focused on interfaith spirituality and justice.

Mayfield writes regularly for the websites WorkingPreacher.org and GoodPreacher.com and is the author of *Literary Structure and Setting in Ezekiel*, published in 2010. He is currently writing a book titled *Unto Us a Child Is Born: Isaiah, Advent, and our Jewish Neighbors*, which focuses on reading and preaching Isaiah through the lenses of Advent and the love of our Jewish neighbors. He is also working on a book that introduces the theologically troubling topic of divine violence to seminarians and undergraduates.

Mayfield is faculty director of the Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion, a \$100,000 annual prize given jointly by Louisville Seminary and the University of Louisville for creative ideas that best illuminate the relationship between human beings and the divine.

Mayfield is married to the Rev. Lauren Jones Mayfield, who serves on the pastoral staff at Highland Baptist Church in Louisville.

*"Joining the Louisville Seminary community provides a unique opportunity for me, as a scholar and teacher, to engage with future and current ministers concerning the intersection of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and the critical needs of the Church and world. I look forward to learning much from my students and faculty colleagues as well as contributing my own insights as a biblical scholar and member of the United Church of Christ." ~Tyler Mayfield*



## Debra J. Mumford

*Frank H. Caldwell Professor of Homiletics*

*Howard University BS; American Baptist Seminary of the West, MDiv; Graduate Theological Union MA and PhD*

Debra J. Mumford, is ordained in American Baptist Churches, USA and is a recognized clergy of the Alliance of Baptists. She joined the Louisville Seminary faculty in 2007 to teach Homiletics. She majored in mechanical engineering at Howard University and worked in engineering before answering her call to ministry. Mumford served on the pastoral staffs of several churches in the Bay Area. She also served as church administrator. Her scholarly interests include African American prophetic preaching, prosperity preaching, eschatology and the reign of God, and preaching and health.

Mumford's publications include *Exploring Prosperity Preaching: Biblical Health, Wealth, & Wisdom* (Judson Press); "Rich and Equal in the Eyes of Almighty God! Creflo Dollar and the Gospel of Racial Reconciliation" for *Pneuma, The Journal for the Society of Pentecostal Studies*; "Preaching on Homosexuality in the Black Church" for the *African American Lectionary*; "Preaching and Plagiarism" for *The Presbyterian Leader*; "Prosperity Preaching and African American Prophetic Preaching" for *Review and Expositor: A Consortium Baptist Theological Journal*; "Trayvon Martin: A Tragic Catalyst for Change" and "Obamacare: the Good, the Bad, and the Hope for the Future" for *The Thoughtful Christian*.

Since 2008, Mumford has served as a mentor for the Louisville Youth Group, a grassroots organization that provides resources and a safe space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning young people ages 14 to 20.

*"The world in which we live is desperately in need of prophetic voices: voices that speak against injustice and demand both personal and communal accountability. In my classroom, I help students think critically not only about biblical texts, theology and homiletic theory, but about the living texts of their lives, their communities and their world so they might find and develop their prophetic voices for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ." ~Debra J. Mumford*



## Amy Plantinga Pauw

*Henry P. Mobley Jr. Professor of Doctrinal Theology*

*Calvin College, BA; Fuller Seminary, MDiv; Yale University, PhD*

Amy Plantinga Pauw majored in philosophy and French at Calvin College in Michigan. She also studied at Calvin Seminary before completing her MDiv at Fuller Seminary in 1984. In her doctoral studies at Yale she became particularly interested in the writings of Jonathan Edwards. Since joining the faculty at Louisville Seminary in 1990, she has taught a variety of courses including Christology, ecclesiology, feminist and womanist ethics and the theologies of Jonathan Edwards, Karl Barth and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. She has a growing interest in theologies of the global south and in the theological interpretation of Scripture.

Pauw is general editor for the *Belief* theological commentary series, published by Westminster John Knox Press, and serves on the board of the Louisville Institute. Her books include *Proverbs and Ecclesiastes; The Supreme Harmony of All: Jonathan Edwards' Trinitarian Theology; Making Time for God: Daily Devotions for Children and Families to Share* (with Susan Garrett); and *Essays in Reformed Feminist and Womanist Dogmatics* (with Serene Jones).

Pauw received a Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology for 2012-2013 for a project on Wisdom Ecclesiology.

*"The excitement of teaching theology is at least two-fold for me. One part is conveying to students a sense of the diversity and elasticity of the Christian tradition on the perennial issues of the faith: How do we know God? Who is Jesus Christ? How is God involved in the world's suffering? What do we hope for? The other part is to encourage students to be theologians themselves, to join the church's ongoing conversation about how to be faithful to God and each other in our time and place." ~Amy Plantinga Pauw*



### **Marion L. Soards**

*Professor of New Testament Studies*

***Furman University, BA; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, MDiv;  
Union Theological Seminary, New York, STM, MPhil, PhD***

Marion “Marty” Soards, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), joined the Louisville Seminary faculty in 1990 to teach New Testament. Publishing more than 60 articles in theological dictionaries and professional journals, he is the author of over 20 books including *The Passion According to Luke: The Special Material of Luke 22* (JSOT Press, 1987); *The Apostle Paul: An Introduction to His Writings and Teaching* (Paulist Press, 1987); the 12-volume set, *Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary* (Abingdon, 1992-1994), which he co-authored with T. B. Dozeman and K. K. McCabe; *The Speeches in Acts: Their Context, Content, and Concerns* (Westminster John Knox, 1994); *Scripture and Homosexuality: Biblical Authority and the Church Today* (Westminster John Knox, 1995); and *I Corinthians* (Hendrickson Publishers, 1999). He has also been an editor of *The New Interpreter's Bible Project*, *Mercer Library of Biblical Studies*, *the Journal of Biblical Literature* and *the Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.

Soards has been a Fellow of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada, the Catholic Biblical Association of America, and the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation in Germany. He is active in the Society of Biblical Literature, the Catholic Biblical Association of America, and the international society for New Testament studies, *Studiosum Novi Testamenti Societas*.

He has recently been involved in teaching during the summers at Justo Mwale Theological University College in Lusaka, Zambia. He works there teaching courses on the New Testament for second-year students in a degree program designed to prepare men and women for work in local church ministries.

*“In the testimony of Scripture to the grace of God and the lordship of Jesus Christ, the church has the essential resource for the revitalization of Christ’s body in the world today. Scripture study will impart vital vision and firm commitment to the church as we seek to live faithfully doing Christ’s work.” ~Marty Soards*



## Loren L. Townsend

*Henry Morris Edmonds Professor of Pastoral Ministry, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, and Director of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program*

*East Texas Baptist College, BA; East Texas State University, MS; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, MDiv; The Graduate Theological Union, PhD*

Loren Townsend, a native of the Pacific Northwest, joined the faculty of Louisville Seminary in 1996. His experience includes parish ministry and 14 years directing pastoral counseling and marriage and family therapy training programs in Arizona and Georgia. As a teacher and supervisor, he has focused on the integration of behavioral sciences, spirituality, and theology as these intersect in clinical practice. This is reflected in his journal articles, professional papers, active leadership in professional organizations and philosophy of teaching in his field.

Townsend is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Church (USA). He is a Diplomate in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC), an approved supervisor by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) and a licensed marriage and family therapist.

He has published several articles on religion and psychotherapy, supervision and integrational method. His books include *Introduction to Pastoral Counseling* (Abingdon Press, 2009); *Pastoral Care in Suicide* (Abingdon Press, 2006); and his book, *Pastoral Care With Stepfamilies: Mapping the Wilderness* (Chalice Press, 2000), is one of the first of its kind to address the myriad issues of ministering to stepfamilies. He regularly leads workshops in ministry to stepfamilies, counseling with divorced and remarried families, supervision and theological integration for counseling professionals.

*“When a person or family asks for help managing life, we are on holy ground. It is not a question of IF theology will be involved in any caring action, but HOW. To be grounded theologically means that counseling is rooted in intentional, critical dialogue within a convictional community about how to interpret, change and rearrange relationships with self, others and God.” ~Loren Townsend*



### **J. Bradley Wigger**

*Second Presbyterian Church Professor of Christian Education*

***Southeast Missouri State University, BS; Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, MDiv; Princeton Theological Seminary, PhD***

J. Bradley Wigger, a minister ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), has served churches in Colorado, Wisconsin, and Mexico.

He was a social worker working in a school of special education, and taught at Princeton Theological Seminary and Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wisc., before joining the faculty at Louisville Seminary in 1997.

In addition to serving on the Seminary's faculty, Wigger directed the Seminary's Center for Congregations and Family Ministries for a decade before turning to full-time teaching. As Center Director, he edited the journal *Family Ministry*, co-edited the *Families and Faith* Book Series (Jossey-Bass), provided leadership educational opportunities through conferences and workshops, and taught and continues to teach courses focused upon children and families, child advocacy, practical theology, writing, and the church's teaching ministry.

Wigger has authored several articles and books. His most recent publication is a picture book for children, *Thank You, God* (Eerdmans, 2014), preceded by *Original Knowing: How Religion, Science, and the Human Mind Point to the Irreducible Depth of Life* (Cascade, 2012). He has also written a book of table, devotional and bedtime prayers, rooted in the Psalms, called *Together We Pray: A Prayer Book for Families* (Chalice, 2005); a book for parents called *The Power of God at Home: Nurturing Our Children in Love and Grace* (Jossey-Bass, 2003); and a book based on his doctoral research in epistemology, *The Texture of Mystery: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry into Perception and Learning* (Bucknell University Press, 1998). In 2009, he began conducting research in children's cognitive development as part of Oxford University's Cognition, Religion, and Theology project, and has since interviewed over 500 children in five countries about invisible friends, deities, ancestors, angels, and more.

*"Homes and congregations are crucial to the Church's teaching ministry; they are realms that potentially form and transform our ideas about life, our patterns of relationship, notions of who we are, our sense of vocation and purpose, as well as our ways of being with others. For most, homes and congregations are the realms in which our sense of God emerges or not." ~J. Bradley Wigger*



### Scott C. Williamson

*Robert H. Walkup Professor of Theological Ethics; Associate Academic Dean*

*Bates College, BA; Yale Divinity School, MDiv; Yale University, PhD*

Scott C. Williamson, a New York City native, joined the Louisville Seminary faculty in 1997 to teach theological ethics. Reflecting on that first year, Williamson jokes that he had to be “the least expensive faculty hire” in LPTS history, costing the Seminary only \$420 to ship his belongings to Louisville, Kentucky from Hamden, Connecticut. In addition to humor, a penchant for storytelling in teaching, and a talent for building community, Williamson also brought a passion for social justice. This passion has shaped his research interests, service to the Seminary community, and civic commitment.

Williamson’s research on the moral thought of Frederick Douglass was published by Mercer University Press (2001), and his research on resistance ethics was published as a chapter in *Resistance and Theological Ethics*, by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2004). Williamson has also published for the church. Notably, he contributed to *Preaching God’s Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary*, published by Westminster John Knox Press (2011).

The Seminary’s Black Church Studies Program is Williamson’s great joy. He was one of three professors who first discussed the possibility of a BCS program at Louisville Seminary and, in the years that followed, he championed the cause and shared in the hard work of building a strong program. The BCS program is now a signature feature of the Louisville Seminary curriculum.

Service to the city of Louisville has been a longstanding commitment for Williamson. Shortly after joining the faculty, he was selected by Leadership Kentucky as one of forty future leaders in the Commonwealth under the age of forty. More recently, Williamson was selected as a member of the Leadership Louisville Class of 2015. In the years between, Williamson has served the city as a Big Brother, a commissioner on the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission, a Fern Creek volunteer firefighter, and a member of the Home of the Innocents Ethics Committee. He currently volunteers as a court appointed special advocate for children, and as an advisor for the Jefferson County Public School Board of Education, and he hopes to become a Restorative Justice Louisville facilitator.

*“I came to Louisville Seminary with the intention to build an inclusive, residential community for theological education. Now, I intend to build that community in an inclusive city. The city of Louisville is a wonderful resource for a residential learning community. It is our home and playground, our largest classroom, our public square, and the social location of our formation for ministry. Working for the good of the Seminary has led me to work for the good of the city.” ~Scott C. Williamson*

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Orientation/Registration for New Students .....	August 11-12
Transforming Seminary Education.....	August 15-26
Money Matters.....	August 29-September 1
Labor Day .....	September 5
MFT Orientation .....	September 6
Classes Begin (Fall) .....	September 8
Fall Convocation .....	September 8
Exploratory Weekend .....	October 7-8
Research and Study .....	October 17-21
Fall Board of Trustees Meeting.....	October 27-29
Last Day to Withdraw, WP, WF .....	November 11
Registration .....	November 16-17
Thanksgiving Recess .....	November 24-25
Last Day of Class .....	December 9
Research and Study .....	December 12-13
Final Exams.....	December 14-15
End of Semester .....	December 16
Christmas Recess (Offices Closed) .....	December 26-30
New Year's Day Holiday .....	January 2
January Term .....	January 3-23
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.....	January 16
Classes Begin (Spring).....	February 2
Spring Convocation.....	February 2
Exploratory Weekend .....	March 3-4
Research and Study .....	March 13-17
Alum Reunion/Festival of Theology.....	March 26-28
Last Day to Withdraw, WP, WF .....	April 7
Easter Recess .....	April 13-14
Registration .....	April 19-20
Spring Board of Trustees Meeting .....	April 28-29
Last Day of Classes.....	May 5
Research and Study .....	May 8-9
Final Exams.....	May 10-11
End of Semester & Last Day Field Ed.....	May 12
Graduation .....	May 14

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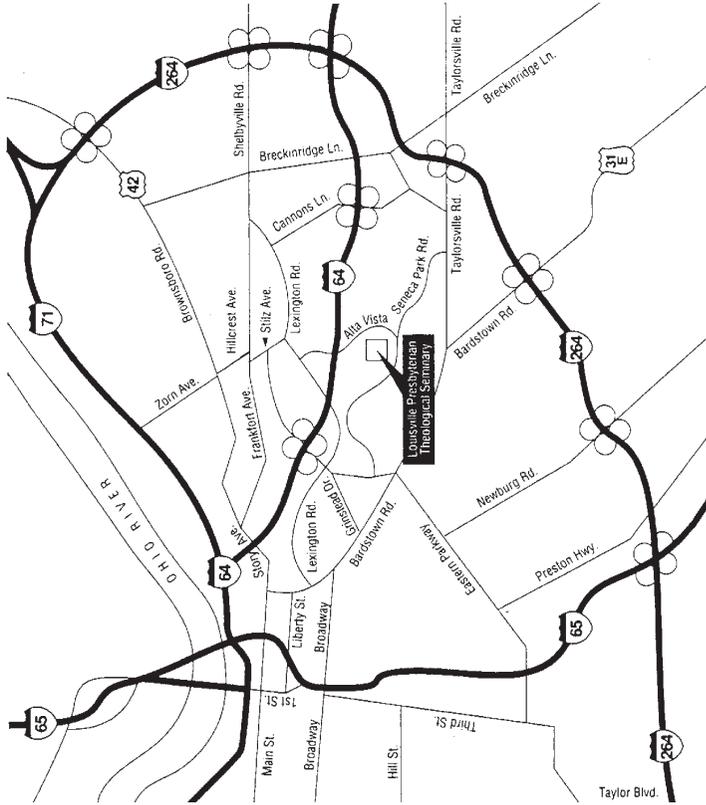
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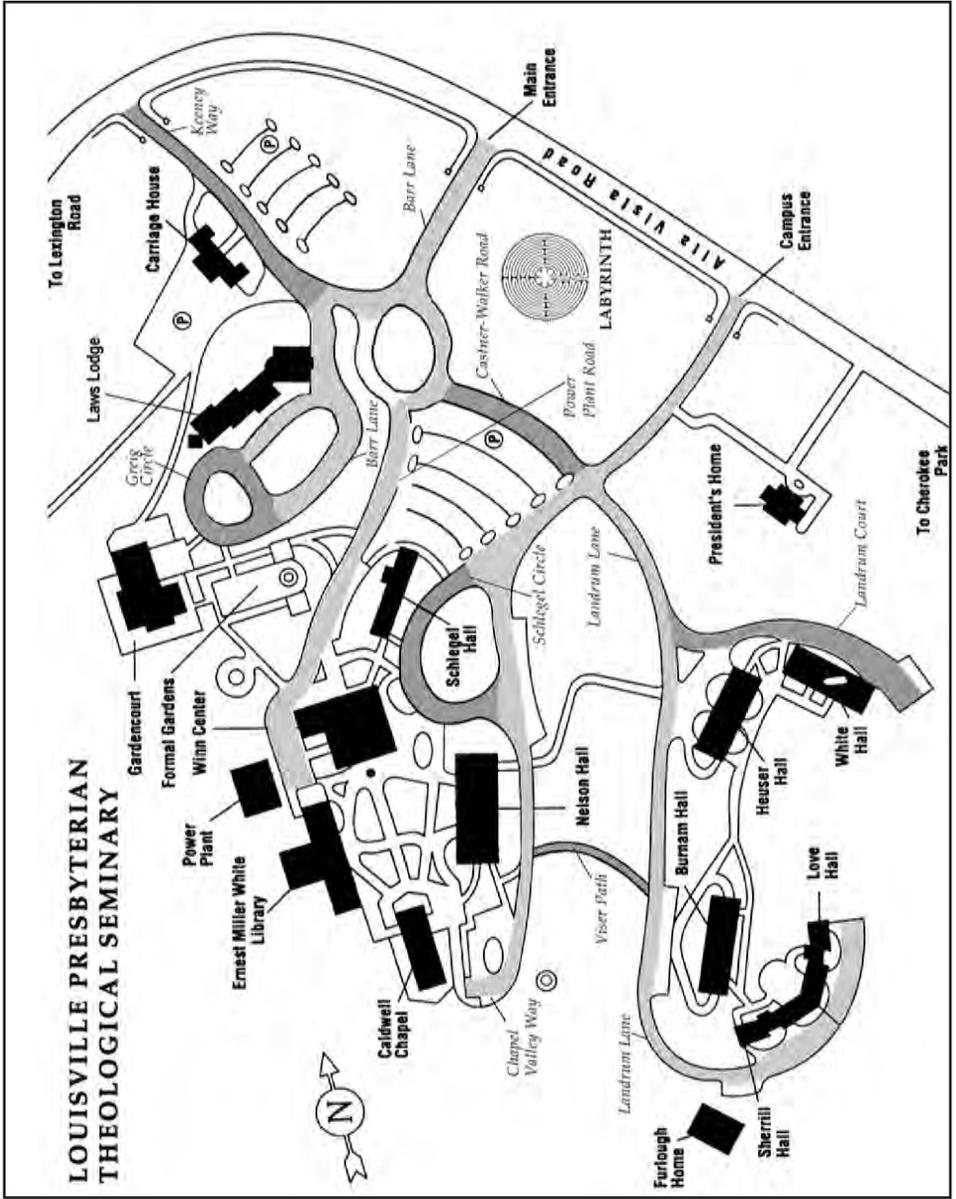
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