

Summer 2019 - Master Level Courses

HT249 Christianity in African Contexts (Vince Bantu)

May 20-31; Mon-Fri; 9:00a - 1:30p (no class 5/27)

This course will offer an advanced, interdisciplinary study in the development of various Christian traditions across the African continent. The fields of Church history, missiology and theology will be deployed in order to attain a more rich understanding of the relationship between Christianity and its African social contexts across time and space. Special emphasis will be given to African-initiated churches, especially those with origins in the pre-colonial era. This course is designed to furnish students of theology with a deeper appreciation of the theological imagination of the world Christian movement as well as equip ministry practitioners with a broader appreciation of ministerial contextualization.

Bio: *Vince Bantu is the President of the Meachum Theological Institute, an African-American school for biblical, theological education based in St. Louis. Vince holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in Semitic and Egyptian languages from The Catholic University of America, Th.M. in Church history from Princeton Theological Seminary, an M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's Center for Urban Ministerial Education, and a B.A. in theology from Wheaton College. Vince's primary research interests include theological contextualization, especially in pre-colonial Africa and Asia which is the subject of his forthcoming monograph with InterVarsity Press. Vince serves on the leadership council for the AND Campaign and is a member of the North American Patristics Society, the American Society of Missiology and the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies. Vince has served as a pastor in St. Louis, Newark and Washington D.C. and has taught at various seminaries including Covenant Theological Seminary, New York Theological Seminary, North Park Theological Seminary and Western Theological Seminary. Vince, his wife Diana and their two daughters enjoy traveling, martial arts and are huge movie fans.*

Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry (Sanders)

July 15 - 19

Graduate Intensive

Dale P. Andrews Freedom Seminary at CDF's Proctor Institute

Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry

This conference/course takes place in Clinton, TN

This course offers an immersion experience for students who wish to engage and cultivate necessary prophetic voices with communities on the margins - communities contending against systemic injustices that directly impact children and youth. Biblical and theological assumptions justifying institutional complicity with oppressive systems will be challenged. Theological education in collaboration with public theology and contextual practice allow for direct engagement in communal struggles for social justice. This course will include contextual learning to facilitate collective organizing of churches and communities for justice-making.

Please note: In order to receive credit for this course, you will need to pay conference costs which include \$200 for registration and all meals. Participants should arrange for lodging at nearby hotels (averages \$50/night if you share a room) and your transportation to and from the conference. See CDF's website: www.childrensdefense.org