

## Summer 2020 - Master Level Courses

### **HT345 Christian Theology for a Religiously Plural World (Niles) \*\*pre-req: HT103**

*This course will meet synchronously via ZOOM on the days/times listed below.*

June 15 - 26; Mon - Fri; 9am - 1pm

*This class will explore the theological reasons for Christians to participate in interfaith conversations. All too often we participate in such a conversation because it is the "right" thing to do, or we wish to put to end hostility with our neighbors of other faiths. This class will ask what is the theological grounding that compels us to interfaith conversation because it is our raison d'être as Christians. In other words to study Christian theology doctrine in a manner that allows us to take pluralism seriously. **This course meets the Interfaith Collegiality Focused Elective requirement.***

### **HT253 Isolation and Spiritual Growth: The Desert Fathers and Mothers (Ployd)**

*This is a SELF-PACED asynchronous course that will run from May 18 - June 30*

*As we find ourselves social-distancing, bereft of human contact, yearning for community, let us take the opportunity to turn inward, to contemplate the gift that isolation can offer to our souls. In this class we will journey with the Desert Fathers and Mothers, early Christians who left the busy world of the city for the solitude of the desert. There they fought with their own demons and passions in order to cultivate the virtues that allow us to love God and neighbor. This class will be taught entirely online with daily reading and writing assignments as well as video lectures published routinely in response to students' work.*

### **M284 Reclaiming our Democracy: Faith Base Community Organizing (Wise-Baker)**

*This is a hybrid course that will run from June 1 - July 27 with a 2-hour per week synchronous component*

*This course explores the theology, practice and history of faith-based grassroots community organizing as a method for building community power and social justice. We will develop skills for 1-on-1 relational meetings, power analysis, and strategies organizing across racial/ethnic difference. And we will contextualize these through local justice movements to better understand how organizing is being used to engage communities in the process of social change.*

## Summer 2020 - DMIN Elective

### **B513 Biblical Interpretation for Welcoming Ministries\* (Moore)**

*This course will meet synchronously via ZOOM on the days/times listed below.*

Fridays; May 22 and 29; June 5 and 12; 9am - 3pm

*Biblical Interpretation is a vital practice in the ongoing lives of our congregations and communities. This course will examine and respond to challenges and opportunities to engage biblical texts and communities of faith in the contexts in and through which they live together. Biblical interpretation has often been, and continues to be a site of marginalization and oppression for many - often constructing barriers of communal and ecclesial exclusion across socio-economics, gender, ability, sexuality, race, and ethnicity. We will work collegially to explore the ways in which interpretive practices and community life have been exclusive, and to engage our texts, traditions, and contexts to more fully welcome all people.*

\* open to upper level master students; see registration notes for qualifications