CHET 60013 Introduction to Contemporary Theological Ethics  
(3 semester hours)  
Fall 2014

Instructor: Dr. Keri Day  
Email: k.day@tcu.edu  
Office Hours: By appointment only

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:  
This course analyzes the nature of moral discourse, examines central Christian ethical theories, and looks at contemporary moral issues through the lens of these theories. This course maintains a central thesis, namely that ethics is a process of moral discernment. Understanding ethics as a process of moral discernment enables students to appreciate the diversity and plurality that characterizes the Christian moral life.

Course Objectives:  
This course has three objectives and learning outcomes: 1) to enable students to see difference and ambiguity as central to the moral life; 2) to help students analyze major moral issues from a variety of Christian ethical perspectives; and 3) to help students understand that the process of moral discernment is central to the Christian life.

Class Procedures: Lectures, Readings, and Student Presentations.

Required Texts:  
Course Reading Packet (TBA)  
James Cone, God of the Oppressed/ISBN: 1570751587/$11.00

Course Requirements & Grading Procedures:

1. Student presentation (33% of grade)  
   Socratic Questioning – What critical questions do you pose to the text (in terms of its assumptions, claims, ideas, values, etc.)? You may use these to lead the class in meaningful dialogue.
2. 2 Analytic Papers (33% of grade)
3. Final Exam (33%)