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Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

Examining Christian political thought from the late 20th century to contemporary debates, this course analyzes the relationship between Christian faith and political life. Some questions the course will focus on are: 1) Is there a necessary and important relationship between Christianity and democracy?; 2) What is the role of the public theo-ethicist (as well as faith communities) in political debates?; and 3) In what ways do theological assumptions and claims impact public life? This course will give particular attention to Social Gospel, Christian Realist, Liberation, Catholic Social Thought, Womanist, and Fundamentalist approaches.

Course Objectives:

1) To enable students to see the plurality of Christian approaches to questions of political life; and  
2) To help students analyze historical and contemporary social realities as they craft their own public theologies.

Class Procedures: Lectures, Readings, and Student Presentations.

Required Texts:  
Emilie Townes, *Womanist Ethics and the Cultural Production of Evil*/ISBN: 1403972737/$31.00  
Course Requirements & Grading Procedures:

1. 1 Socratic Seminar Leadership Presentation (33% of grade)
2. Seminar Notebook/Weekly 500 Word Entry (33% of grade)
3. Final Seminar Paper (33% of grade)
   b. D.Min. students, a 20-25 page paper analyzing selected themes related to the course title. Students must use no fewer that three selected secondary sources in addition to primary texts.
   c. For Th.M. and Ph.D. students, a 20-25 page paper analyzing a selected concept related to the course title, using no fewer that ten selected secondary sources in addition to primary texts.