Instructor: Lance Pape

Prerequisites: none

Description of Content:
This course examines the role of imagination in preaching. Beginning with the claim that the human imagination is the “field of action” for preaching, the course explores the ways the biblical text functions to energize and constrain such imagination. The course introduces formational practices to nurture the preaching imagination, engages cognitive forms of imaginative discourse (e.g., short stories), and probes the role of metaphor in proclamation.

Class Procedures:
The course is structured as plenary lecture/discussions interspersed with student sermon presentations with instructor and peer feedback.

Requirements:
1. Attendance at all classes.
2. Timely completion of all readings, reading response papers, sermon preparations, and other assignments as described in the syllabus. All written work must be completed in order to earn a passing grade.
3. The preaching of three sermons, as assigned.
4. Active and responsible participation in class discussions and the evaluation of student sermons.
5. For advanced degree programs (80970), an additional paper (12-14 pages) engaging Garrett Green’s Imagining God: Theology and the Religious Imagination.

Texts:
ISBN: 9780385480017
Retail: $15

ISBN: 9780800623135
Retail: $18
ISBN: 978-0800698973
Retail: $25

Grading Procedures:
- Sermons: 60%
- Sermon Preparation materials: 30%
- Short reading response papers: 5%
- Class Participation: 5%