

PROSPECTUS

THEOLOGIES OF MILITARIZATION

CHTH 80313 (D.Min.)

October 14-18, 2019

M-F 9am—5pm

3 Credit Hours

Instructor: Ed Waggoner

Prerequisites: None

Description of Content:

The purpose of this course is to create public theologies about U.S. militarization. We will rely on anthropologists, political scientists, activists, military authorities, and journalists for a broad introduction to several aspects of militarization in the United States (e.g., geography, environment, politics, economics, education, media and entertainment, gender, and race). Readings for the second part of the course will explore contemporary Christian views about national power. Students will develop their own theological positions and strategies for engaging in public conversations about the role of the U.S. military in American society and in the world.

Class Procedures: Seminar format: discussions, student presentations, brief lectures.

Requirements:

1. Daily attendance, active and informed contribution to discussions
2. Reading reports (1/2 page each, single-spaced)
3. Two class presentations (20 mins. each)
4. Seminar Paper (18-20 pages)

Texts (available through the TCU Bookstore):

1. [Books to be announced.]
2. Articles and chapters available as PDF files on the course website.

Grading Procedures: Passing the course requires completion of *all* assignments. A 4-point grading and point system is used, as described in the Brite *Bulletin*.

1. Reading Reports (20%)
2. Class presentations (20%)
3. Seminar Paper (60%)