

BRIT 60013 Thinking Theologically in Context:
Thinking Theologically about Preaching and Economic Justice

3 Semester Hours
Spring 2022

Instructor: Lance Pape

Prerequisites: none

Course Description:

This course explores biblical, theological, philosophical, and rhetorical resources for preaching that addresses economic injustice. The course proposes close readings of biblical texts as an essential grounding for prophetic preaching that empowers concrete action on behalf of the impoverished for whom God shows special concern. This course fulfills Brite's Thinking Theologically in Context requirement.

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 to earn a passing grade.
3. The preaching of two sermons, as assigned.
4. Active and responsible participation in class discussions and the evaluation of student sermons.

Texts:

Brueggemann, Walter. *The Practice of Prophetic Imagination*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012. List: \$25 ISBN: 978-0800698973

Evans, Joseph. *Reconciliation and Reparation: Preaching Economic Justice*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2018. List: \$18.99 ISBN: 978-0817017965

McCracken, Vic, ed. *Christian Faith and Social Justice: Five Views*. New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2014. List: \$29.95 ISBN: 978-1623568184

Resner, Andre Jr. *Just Preaching: Prophetic Voices for Economic Justice*. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2006. List: \$29.99 ISBN: 978-0827217157

Thomas, Frank A. *How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2018. List: \$17.99 ISBN: 978-1501856839

Grading Procedures:

Sermons: 50%

Sermon Preparation materials: 20%

Reading response papers: 20%

Class Participation: 10%