

PROSPECTUS

DOMI 80053: Transforming Practices: Spirituality, Leadership, and Justice

Three (3.0) semester Hours, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX

May 9-13, 2022

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Natalya Cherry, MDiv, PhD n.cherry@tcu.edu

Prerequisites: None (other than admission to DMin program)

Description of Content: This is the foundational seminar for Brite's Doctor of Ministry Program. The course will introduce students to Brite's ethos and to the core concepts of the program—spirituality, leadership, and justice—and how Brite faculty understand them. Students will explore models for integrating theology and practice, and for doing research and writing in ministry and theology. Students will also establish provisional individual learning goals for the program.

Class Procedures:

Discussions, presentations (both by students and guests, such as library orientation with Brite's Theological Librarian and DMin Handbook review with program Director), group work including Reflective Structured Dialogue

Requirements:

1. Philosophy of Leadership paper (first draft to be completed before arrival on campus; to be revised after time on campus and due by July 1).
2. Class attendance and participation (including one brief, synchronous online session over Zoom prior to May 9, mutually convenient date and time to be determined by poll emailed from instructor well in advance)
3. Case study on a leadership challenge (to be presented in class; needs to be ready upon arrival on campus)
4. Analysis of an in-context leadership/justice issue integrating course learnings (to be completed after time on campus, due by July 1)

Texts:

- Cahalan, Kathleen and Gordon Mikoski, eds. *Opening the Field of Practical Theology: An Introduction*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2014. ISBN 13: 978-0742561267. Retail Price: \$48.00 (paperback).
- Cherry, Natalya. *Believing INTO Christ: Relational Faith and Human Flourishing*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2021. ISBN 13: 978-1481315432. Retail Price: \$39.99 (hardcover...contact Dr. Cherry for BUP discount code; also available for Kindle and other e-readers at a lower price)
- Epperly, Bruce and Katherine Gould Epperly. *Four Seasons of Ministry: Gathering a Harvest of Righteousness*. Lanham, MD: Rowman &

- Littlefield/Alban, 2008. ISBN 13: 978- 1566993661 Retail Price: \$26.00 (paperback).
- McCracken, Victor, ed. *Christian Faith and Social Justice: Five Views*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2011. ISBN 13: 978-1623568184 Retail Price: \$36.95 (paperback).
 - Sheldrake, Philip. *Spirituality: A Guide for the Perplexed*. London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2014. ISBN 13: 978-1441191335 Retail Price: \$30.95 (paperback).
 - Warnock, Raphael. *The Divided Mind of the Black Church: Theology, Piety, and Public Witness* New York: NYU Press, 2020 (original hardcover & e-book 2013). ISBN 13: 978-1479806003 Retail Price: \$19.95 (paperback – please get this version)
 - Wheatley, Margaret *Who Do We Choose to Be? Facing Reality, Claiming Leadership, Restoring Sanity*. Oakland, CA: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2017. ISBN 13: 978- 1523083633 Retail Price: \$26.95 (paperback).

Other readings as assigned & supplied

Grading Procedures:

Philosophy of Leadership paper: 35%

Class Participation: 10%

Case Study: 20%

Integrative Analysis paper: 35%