

## PROSPECTUS

### NETE 95093/85093/75093: The New Testament, Gender, and Sexuality Three Semester Hours

Instructor: Shelly Matthews

Prerequisites: (for the 95093-level) : Enrollment in Advanced Programs at Brite. For the 700970/85093 level: NETE 6003

Description of Content: This course will engage both classic and more recent scholarship on the New Testament, Gender and Sexuality. Topics of special focus will include interpretations framed by feminist, womanist, and queer theory.

Class Procedures:

The class will operate as a seminar, with discussion of assigned readings as our primary work. Students will alternate in leading discussion of common reading, and will also make presentations related to their research papers.

Requirements: 90970

1. Attendance and informed participation in the class sessions, including presentations, discussion leading, and occasional, short writing assignments
2. Research Paper (20 - 25 pages)
3. Final Take-home Exam

Requirements: 70970/85093

1. Attendance and informed participation in the class sessions, including presentations, discussion leading, and occasional, short writing assignments
2. Mid-term paper (5 – 7 pages)
3. Final paper (7 – 10 pages)
4. Final Take-home Exam

Required Texts:

- 1) Hoke, Jimmy, *Feminism, Queerness, Affect and Romans: Under God?* SBL Press, 2021. ISBN 9781628374124. List Price \$62.
- 2) Schaberg, Jane, *The Resurrection of Mary Magdalene: Legends, Apocrypha, and the Christian Testament.* Bloomsbury Academic, 2004. ISBN: 0826416454. List Price \$87 [please note: multiple used copies of this book, paper and hardcover, are available via Amazon].
- 3) Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, ed., *Feminist Biblical Studies in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Scholarship and Movement.* SBL Press, 2014. ISBN: 1589835832. List Price \$54.
- 4) Smith, Mitzi J. *Womanist Sass and Talk Back: Social (In)Justice, Intersectionality and Biblical Interpretation.* Wipf&Stock, 2018. ISBN 9781498288866. List Price \$20

Recommended Texts: (Note: common readings from these texts will be available via PDF's, but students may wish to purchase for their own library collections).

- 1) Dunning, Benjamin, ed. *The Oxford Handbook of New Testament, Gender and Sexuality*, ISBN: 9780190213398. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.
- 2) Marchal, Joseph. *Appalling Bodies: Queer Figures before and After Paul's Letters* (Oxford University Press, 2019): **note: a (more affordable) paperback version may appear over the summer, 2022.**
- 3) Marchal, Joseph, ed. *After the Corinthian Women Prophets: Reimagining Rhetoric and Power*. SBL Press, 2021.
- 4) Martin, Dale. *Sex and the Single Savior*. Westminster John Knox, 2006.
- 5) Moxnes, Halvor. *Putting Jesus in his Place: A Radical Vision of Household and Kingdom*. Westminster John Knox, 2003.
- 6) Reaves, Jayme, David Tombs and Rocio Figueroa, ed. *When did We see you Naked?: Jesus as a Victim of Sexual Abuse*. SCM Press, 2021

Grading Procedures: 95093

Class Participation: 20%

Research Paper: 60%

Final Exam: 20%

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Class Participation: 20%

First Paper: 25%

Final Paper 35%

Final Exam: 20%