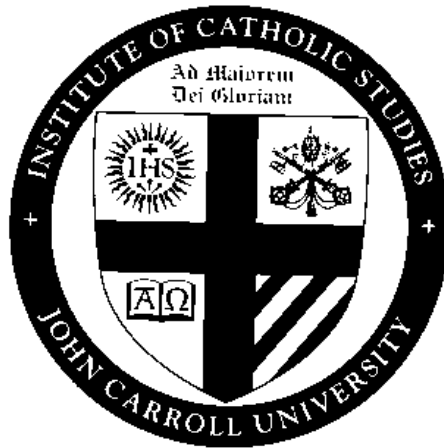


# The Institute of Catholic Studies



Spring Courses 2019

# The Aim of the Catholic Studies Program

The mission of the Institute of Catholic Studies is to provide students, faculty, and the larger community with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of how Catholicism and Catholics have interacted with the world, both shaping and being shaped by culture and society in the past and in the present. As Catholic and Jesuit, John Carroll University is an ideal home for such an undertaking.

Through an interdisciplinary Catholic Studies Program, the Institute provides opportunities for encounter with and formation in the Catholic intellectual tradition as expressed in many scholarly disciplines from philosophy to science. It offers courses and public events that highlight the contributions of Catholic intellectuals and scholars that explore the current conditions in which Catholics find themselves in the first decade of the twenty-first century.

By these undertakings the Institute offers students a solid interdisciplinary foundation for understanding the interaction of faith and culture in the past as well as for navigating their way in the future.

# Catholic Studies Courses

## Spring Courses 2019

### **AH 304-51: Baroque Art**

Dr. Linda Guest (TTH 3:30PM – 4:15PM)

Fulfills HUM requirement in the Core

This course will cover paintings, sculptures, prints, and drawings, and architecture of 17th-century Europe from the Catholic Reformation through the reign of Louis XIV of France, including artists such as Caravaggio, Bernini, Rembrandt, Rubens, Velazquez, and Poussin.

### **EN 311-51: Old English Language and Literature**

Dr. Emily Butler (MF 2:00PM-3:15PM)

Fulfills HUM requirement in the Core

This introductory course will provide a foundation in the grammar and vocabulary of Old English, as well as the culture and history of Anglo-Saxon England in its early medieval milieu. We will confront the challenges of a language that is both uncannily familiar and astonishingly foreign to modern English speakers, arming students for further study of medieval and more recent literature.

### **IC 263: Rome and World of Wonder**

Dr. Santa Casciani (M 6:30PM-9:15PM)

Fulfills HUM requirement in the Core

Study of the imagination in Ignatius's Spiritual Exercises and its reception in Baroque literature, art, and music. Includes an intensive, on-site learning tour. Travel fee required

**IC 360: Dante's Divine Comedy**  
Dr. Santa Casciani (T6:30PM-9:15PM)  
Fulfills HUM requirement in the Core

Study in Modern English translation of Hell, Purgatory, and paradise focusing on theological issues and literary content. Dante is examined as both a supreme poetic craftsman and a Church Reformer.

**HS 217-51: Prophecy and Order**  
Dr. Paul Murphy (TTH 9:30AM-10:45AM)  
Fulfills HUM requirement in the Core

Introduction to the history of Christian religious communities through an examination of the contributions of ascetic and apostolic figures who have acted as prophetic critics and strong supporters of the Church and the social and political structures of the world in which they lived. Study of the "desert fathers" and "desert mothers," Western monasticism, the mendicant movement of the high Middle Ages, apostolic groups in the modern world, religious communities of women.

**HS 414-51: SPTP: The Catholic Experience**  
Dr. Paul Murphy (MW 3:30PM-4:45PM)  
Division II

This capstone course for the Catholic Studies minor seeks to assist the student in synthesizing the learning across their courses of studies in the Catholic Studies Program. As a history course it seeks to analyze various issues in Catholic thought and culture in historical context and as subject to historical development. Topics that will be addressed include the Catholic University and intellectual activity, the development of doctrine, current ethical issues in the areas of

bioethics, war and peace, and issues confronting family life, and ministry.

**LT 375-51: Topics in Latin Literature**

Dr. Emily Butler (MWF 11:00AM-11:50AM)

Fulfills HUM requirement in the Core

Prerequisite: LT 201 or higher

After an introduction to the differences between classical and medieval Latin, we will read a wide range of Late Antique and medieval Latin texts. Authors we will sample include Egeria, Prudentius, Gregory of Tours, Isidore of Seville, Bede, Dhuoda, Hrotsvit, Abelard and Heloise, Hildegard of Binger, and others.

**PL 225-41: Medieval Philosophy and Logic**

Dr. Joel Johnson (TH 9:55AM-11:10AM)

Old Core V; New Core PLKR, JH-PL

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary

Permission to take this course must be granted by the department chair

This lecture and discussion-driven course explores central themes and problems in medieval philosophy. In particular, we consider medieval thinkers' attempts to address questions pertaining to faith and reason, the problem of universals, and human knowing. We pursue our examination of medieval philosophy mainly through reading and discussing primary texts. Additionally, this course includes a unit on basic Aristotelian logic.

**PL 246-41: 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy**

Dr. Joel Johnson (TH 2:55PM – 4:10PM)

Old Core V; New Core PLKR, JH-PL

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary

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This lecture and discussion-driven course will explore seventeen contemporary philosophers (Hegel, Schopenhauer, Kierkegaard, Marx, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus, Ricoeur, Derrida, Stein, Weil, Arendt, de Beauvoir, Wojtyla, and Pieper) who have left an important mark on culture in the areas of religion, art, economics, politics, human sexuality, and general human existence. Students will be engaged with a general theme or original contribution of each philosopher and explore his or her impact on the history of philosophy as well as contemporary culture.

**PL 304-41: Philosophy of the Human Person**

Dr. Beth Rath (TH 1:30PM-2:45PM)

Old Core V; New Core PLVS, JH-PL

This course meets a Borromeo Seminary

Permission to take this course must be granted by the department chair

Philosophy of human person, or philosophical anthropology, may be understood as the study of what human persons are, who human persons are, and, perhaps, what human persons are for. A central point of debate within the Western intellectual tradition is whether humans are teleological kinds of beings or more like machines. In other words, do human beings body and mind directly interact and express rational purposiveness and self-directedness, or are humans merely packages of genes and neuropsychological processes? How one answers this question and other questions pertaining to who and what human persons are have implications for one's conception of the self, human freedom, immortality, and many social and ethical

issues, These sorts of questions will be taken up in this lecture and discussion-driven course.

**PL 308-41: Philosophy of God**

Dr. Beth Rath (TH 9:55AM – 11:10AM)

Old Core V; New Core PLKR, JH-PL

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary

Permission to take this course must be granted by the department chair

This lecture and discussion-driven course uses philosophical reasoning to make sense of central tenets of the Nicene Creed. We will explore questions pertaining to God's existence, God's attributes, the Incarnation and Atonement, and the problem of evil. Our strategy, in part, will be to put pressure on central tenets of the Creed and then attempt to respond to these objections using philosophical argumentation. We will not prove Christian beliefs to be true; rather, we will aim to see what light philosophical argumentation can shed on them. The course includes readings from historical and contemporary philosophers.

**PL 368-41: Ethical Theory**

Dr. Joel Johnson (TH 11:20AM-12:35PM)

Old Core V; New Core PLVS, JH-PL

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary

Permission to take this course must be granted by the department chair

Detailed examination on ethics of some of the major philosophical theories about the nature and justification of moral principles of rightness, obligation, and value. Special emphasis is given to the contemporary developments of such theories.

### **TRS 130-51: World of Grace**

David Buhrow (MWF 10:00AM-10:50AM)

Exploration of the Christian vision of the entire world as grace-filled, resonant with the Holy. Humanity is innately attuned to this Transcendent Mystery; the hallmark of the Christian spiritual life is finding and honoring “God in all things” (St. Ignatius Loyola). This world of grace grounds the possibilities of human freedom, trust, and hope, fostered by life in the community of graced seekers (i.e., the church), and flowing into a life of compassion and justice in the world today.

### **TRS 205-41: New Testament Introduction**

Fr. Anthony Marshall, SSS (TH 8:30AM-9:45AM)

Old Core Division V; New Core JH-TRS

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary

Permission to take this course must be granted by the department chair

### **TRS 205-51: New Testament Introduction**

Fr. Anthony Marshall, SSS (MW 2:00PM – 3:15PM)

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Old Core Division V; New Core JH-TRS

A survey course introducing the scholarly study of the New Testament. As a course in the Catholic Studies curriculum and taught at the Borromeo Seminary Institute, it will be grounded in the biblical scholarship and teachings of the Catholic Church. Specifically, it will explore the historical and cultural milieu that shaped the New Testament, its nature and composition, its religious and theological developments, and its significance for Catholics today.



**TRS 233-51: Saints and Society**

Dr. Edward Hahnenberg (MWF 1100AM-11:50AM)  
New Core TRS

The theological significance of saints in the Roman Catholic tradition. Topics include the origins of the cult of the saints, changing models of sanctity, ritual and devotional practices, the process and politics of canonization, and the implications of the veneration of saints for a theological treatment of God, the church, and the human person.

**TRS 268-41: Catholic Moral Theology**

Fr. Joseph Koopman (Sec 41 T 1120-1235, R 1330-1445)  
Old Core V; New Core JH-TRS

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary

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chair

Methods for making informed and prudential moral decisions grounded in experience, Scripture, church teaching, and rational discourse. Addresses contemporary interpersonal and social problems in light of moral theory within the Catholic tradition.

**TRS 271-51: Christian Spirituality**

Joan Carney, MA (TR 8:00AM-9:15AM)  
New Core TRS

The interior life studied from the perspective of spiritual freedom and transformation grounded in the life and teaching of Jesus. Probes the deepest longings of the heart and their relationship to human and spiritual fulfillment

**TRS 274-51: Artful Spirituality**

Ms. Mary Coffey (MF 2:00PM-3:15PM)

Old Core V; New Core CAPA

Exploration of the intersection of spirituality and creative expression, the evolution of Christian spirituality, and its expression through the arts. Imaginative expression through art-making can enrich spirituality, facilitating deep, authentic encounters with God.

**TRS 329-51: Dying for God**

Dr. Nat Morehouse. (TR 9:30AM-10:45AM)

Old Core V; New Core JH-TRS

This course seeks to discuss and explore the history of martyrdom in early Christianity, as well as the various ways in which martyrs were used (post mortem) to influence the development of the Church. The course will focus the majority of its attention on the activities of (and surrounding) martyrs from the early third century through the late fifth century.

**TRS 337-51: Globalization, Theology and Justice**

Sec 51 MW 1530-1645 Krista Stevens, PhD

Sec 52 TR 1530-1645 Deborah Zawislan, PhD

Analyzes contributions of contemporary Catholic theologians and Roman Catholic tradition on issues related to globalization, such as economics, ecology, consumerism, migration, human trafficking, and interreligious conflict. Approaches these issues through Catholic social teaching and evaluates responses based on the principle of the common good and the potential impact upon the most vulnerable members of society. Involves service learning.

**TRS 338-51: Catholicism in the Digital Age**  
Dr. Edward Hahnenberg (M 5:30PM – 7:45PM)

This course studies the theological significance of the digital revolution for Catholic experience of faith. We will explore several theological topics currently being rethought in light of technological change, including: the nature of religious practice and ritual, new forms of religious authority, and new ethical questions arising out of an increasingly interconnected world.

**TRS 364-51: Christian Sexuality**  
Ms. Jessica Meruga (MWF 11:00AM-11:50AM)  
Old Core V D; New Core SLC

The study of human sexuality, its meaning and mystery, and ethical issues related to sexual behavior and attitudes, all from a Christian perspective. Christian wisdom and wisdom of the ages in light of human experience and contemporary theories of the meaning and significance of sexuality. Special attention to the inherent relationship between spirituality and sexuality.

**TRS 366-51: Social Justice & the Economy: Morality & Money**  
Ms. Megan Wilson-Reitz (MWF 12:00PM-12:50PM)  
Old Core V D; New Core ISJ SLC

Explores the relationships between religious ethics and economics by critically examining the religious, moral, and ethical assumptions underlying various economic systems. Employs the liberation hermeneutic of “human flourishing” as a lens to read and interpret relevant economic and theological texts. Involves service-learning.

**TRS 461-51: Catholic Social Teaching**  
Krista Stevens, PhD (T 5:00PM – 7:45PM)

Examination of Catholic social teachings that contribute to a social ethics. Special focus on political, economic, and cultural problems, including war and peace, poverty, and prejudice

# Minor in Catholic Studies

Students who wish to pursue the *Minor in Catholic Studies* must complete 18 credit hours in approved Catholic Studies Courses distributed as follows:

- 1 course in Religious Studies
- 1 course in Philosophy
- 1 course in Humanities
- 2 electives in Catholic Studies
- 1 required capstone seminar

In fulfilling these requirements, three courses must be at the 300-400 level. If you are interested in pursuing the *Minor*, please call or e-mail Dr. Paul V. Murphy. Leave your name, phone number, e-mail address, and class year.

Students who have questions about the Catholic Studies Program or who would like more information, should contact the Director of the Institute of Catholic Studies.

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