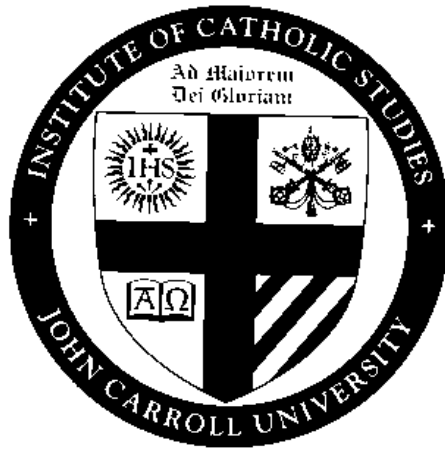


The Institute of Catholic Studies



Fall 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

Summer Courses 2019

PL 220: Medieval Philosophy

Dr. Sharon Kay (Online Course)

Medieval Philosophy, including the thought of Augustine, Aquinas, and other major figures

TRS 101: Introduction to Theology

Dr. Sheila McGinn (Online Course)

Learn the academic approach to the study of religion by exploring various ways individuals and communities articulate their experience of the divine, from a general consideration of the nature of religious experience to the ways this experience take shape in various sacred scriptures, traditions, theologies and moral claims.

TRS 306: Jesus in Film & History

Dr. Edward Hahnenburg (Online Course)

An introduction to the historical person, Jesus of Nazareth, especially through material from the recent “quest” for the historical Jesus. The course will focus on the words and deeds of Jesus as they would have been understood by his own contemporaries, and at new attempts to write a biography of Jesus of Nazareth. We will further ask whether such attempts are truly valid, given the factual knowledge at hand. Finally, we will investigate the relevance of such work for the Christian of the late twentieth century. Comparisons will be made to how Jesus was later understood and portrayed by his followers and in popular media (e.g., art, literature, cinema).

TRS 309: Engaging Romans
Dr. Sheila McGinn (Online Course)

St. Paul's final extant letter was written ca. A.D. 58 to the Jesus-believing communities in the city of Rome, capital of the Roman Empire and center of the Roman world. The course uses a simulation of the Roman house churches as a key vehicle for discussion and appreciation of the theological themes and ethical guidelines presented in this letter.

TRS 369: Race, Privilege, and Social Justice
Dr. Krista Stevens (Online Course)

Race, Privilege and Social Justice delves deeply into the challenging realities of race, racism, white privilege and the effects of all three realities. The class looks at racism through a theological lens that includes US Catholic Church history, social ethics, and the vocation of the theologian. Course resources include scriptural, historical and theological texts, novels, movies, and music. Special attention will be given to the problems of race and racial injustice in Cleveland, Ohio.

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AH 318: Gothic Art (HUM)
Dr. Gerald Guest (TR 2:00-3:15pm)

An exploration of major European Gothic churches from roughly 1140 to 1400 focusing on their architectural design as well as their multimedia environments created in stained glass, sculpture, textiles, and liturgical furnishings. A consideration of both formal and material qualities as well as ritualistic functions and expressions of political and social power.

HS 218: Saints and Scoundrels: The Jesuits from Renaissance to Revolution (ISJ)

Dr. Paul Murphy (MWF 9:00-9:50am)

Will examine the Society of Jesus, one of the most prominent, notorious, talented, and despised groups in the modern world. We will seek to clarify the historical and cultural significance of the Society of Jesus, the largest religious order in the Catholic Church. This will include study of their founder, Ignatius of Loyola, their place in the world of Renaissance and Reformation learning and culture, the works of the Jesuits in Asia and Latin America during the period of European expansion from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries, the roles played by the Jesuits during the Enlightenment and French Revolution, the suppression of the Society of Jesus in the eighteenth century, the place of the Society in the modern world, particularly their reaction to Liberalism in Western society and their role in the Catholic Church since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

HS 263: Italian History 1914-1957

This course is offered in Vatican City.

HS 406: Medieval Europe

Dr. Paul Murphy (TR 9:30-10:45am)

This course will introduce students to the history of the Medieval World from ca. 500 to 1500. In ***HS 406, Medieval Europe***, we will look in particular at those forces that contributed to the growth of characteristic institutions, movements, and mentalities of the Medieval World. These include monasticism, feudal society, scholasticism and the medieval universities, courtly literature, the monarchies of Europe, the Crusades, the papacy, the Byzantine Empire, and attitudes towards women, Jews, and Arabs. Study of these areas of medieval life will include comparison of different regions of Europe including Italy, France, England, Germany, and Spain and their relationships to the broader Mediterranean world.

PL 240-41: 17th and 18th Century European Philosophy (PLKR)

Dr. Beth Rath (TR 11:20am-12:35pm)

This section meets at Borromeo Seminary.

Permission to take this course is required from the instructor.

PL 240-52: 17th and 18th Century European Philosophy (PLKR)

Dr. Patrick Mooney (MWF 1:00-1:50pm)

This section meets at JCU Campus

This course explores central themes in political philosophy and natural theology from the 17th and 18th centuries.

PL 391-41: What Does Science Prove? (PLKR)

Dr. Beth Rath (TR 2:55-4:10pm)

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary.

Permission to take this course is required from the instructor.

One popular idea circulating in the mainstream is that religion and science are fundamentally incompatible. In this course, we will try to relieve the alleged science OR religion dilemma. To do this, we focus on the question of what science actually proves with respect to theological claims. Some of the themes that we investigate in this course include: the origins of the universe, cognitive psychology of religious belief, human uniqueness and immortality, artificial intelligence, moral responsibility and neuroscience, and the historical Adam.

PL 395-41: Metaphysics (PLKR)

Dr. Joel Johnson (TR 9:55-11:10am)

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary.

Permission to take this course is required from the instructor.

This course is an investigation of metaphysical themes, such as realism, idealism, universals, substances, causation, and beauty with applications to topics in theology. The first half of the course is focused on issues pertaining to being as such and the possibility of concrete individuals. The second half of the course covers two main

topics: 1) substance and 2) beauty. The course draws from ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary thinkers.

PL 396-41: Theories of Knowledge (PLKR)

Dr. Joel Johnson (TR 1:30-2:45pm)

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary.

Permission to take this course is required from the instructor.

This course is designed to introduce students to the seminal problems and texts in the philosophy of knowledge, also known as Epistemology. Issues such as the nature of perception, skepticism, truth, and philosophical thinking will be developed through close textual reading and class discussion.

TRS 130 World of Grace

David Buhrow, MA

Section 51 Meets MWF 9:00-9:50am

Section 52 Meets MWF 10:00-10:50am

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 200-41: Hebrew Bible

TBD (TR 8:30-9:45am)

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary.

Permission to take this course is required from the instructor.

This course is an introduction to the Old Testament. It is concerned with the composition of the Sacred Scriptures as well as with the historical, social, and religious environment that gave rise to them.

TRS 205: The New Testament
Dr. Allen Georgia (MWF 11:00-11:50am)

A survey course introducing the scholarly study of the New Testament. As a course in the Catholic Studies curriculum, 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 232: Jesus in Theology and History
Dr. Edward Hahnenburg (TR 8:00-9:15am)

The ways Christians have understood the person and work of Jesus. Use of scripture and tradition to illumine how those who confess him as Savior have defined him and to provide means for traditional and creative thinking about the central figure of Christian faith.

TRS 238-41: Catechism of The Catholic Church
Fr. Mark Latcovich (TR 8:30-9:45am)

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary.

Permission to take this course is required from the instructor.

This course offers an overview of Roman Catholic theology, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, as well as a look at various themes and issues since the Second Vatican Council that find their roots and explanation in the Catechism. There will be an emphasis on gaining competency to catechize on the topics of Sacred Scripture, Christology, Paschal Mystery, Sacraments, Church, and vocations.

TRS 275-51: Theology in Music (CAPA)
Jerome Andrews, MA (MF 2:00-3:15pm)

Broad survey of church music as a carrier of theology and spirituality, from the early church to Vatican II. Examines the history of western church music to understand the relationships between music, worship,

theology, and spiritual life, within the cultural and historical settings of the church. Involves experiential learning.

TRS 331: Sin, Grace, & Wholeness

Dr. Krista Stevens (TR 12:30-1:45pm)

Introduction to theological anthropology, the study of the human being in relation to God and in conflict with evil, in order to provide a doctrinal foundation for understanding Christian spirituality. Readings include Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, St. Paul, Augustine, and St. Ignatius, Dorothy Day, Pope Francis and others with emphasis on environmental and feminist theology to conclude the semester. PJHR.

TRS 333: Understanding Church

Dr. Edward Hahnenburg (TR 9:30-10:45am)

Origin, nature, and mission of the Church in light of its evolution from the preaching and mission of Jesus and his disciples, through its developing history, to its current self-understanding since Vatican II.

TRS 337: Globalization, Theology and Justice

Dr. Krista Stevens & Dr. Deborah Zawislan
(TR 12:30-1:45pm)

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

TRS 366: Social Justice and the Economy: Morality & Money

Megan Wilson-Reitz, MA (MWF 12:00-12:50pm)

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. PJHR course.

TRS 371: Ignatian Spirituality

Joan Carney, MA (TR 8:00-9:15am)

Study of the life and writings of Ignatius Loyola and the spirituality that emerged from his religious experience, the dissemination of Ignatian spirituality through the creation of the Jesuit order, the mission and ministry of the first Jesuits, the development of Ignatian spirituality, and its contemporary relevance. Involves experiential learning.

TRS 373E-41: The Transfigured Brain: The Relationship between Brain Science, Ritual, and Mysticism

Dr. Edward Kaczuk & Fr. Michael Woost (M 6:30-9:15pm)

This course meets at Borromeo Seminary.

Permission to take this course is required from the instructor.

Explores the intersection of neurology, psychology, philosophy, ritual practice, and the spiritual-mystic life to frame a dialogue between the contemporary research of neuroscientists, psychologists, and theology. Beginning with the science of the brain, this course will explore the dialectic relationship between contemporary developments in neuroscience and Christian theology, particularly in the areas of liturgy, ritual, meditation, and mysticism.

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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