DEPARTMENT OF
THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Graduate Courses

Fall 2017

TRS 400

Engaging Scriptures: Intro to Biblical Interpretation

Dr. Sheila McGinn ■ W 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.

This seminar introduces students to different scholarly approaches to understanding the Bible, including a survey of methods of biblical research, and practice in exegesis, interpretation, and contemporary application of Scriptural texts. Careful reading and group discussion of key studies that dominate the current debate will focus around such themes as canonicity and the authority of scripture; authenticity and pseudonymity; epistolography; and the methods of form criticism, source criticism, literary and rhetorical criticism, reader-response criticism, textual criticism, redaction history, social history, feminist hermeneutics, queer theory, and theological reflection.

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TRS 544

Islamic Spirituality

Dr. Zeki Saritoprak
T 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.

An elaboration of the mystical/Sufi tradition of Islam and the emergence of Islamic spirituality. Detailed study of the Qur'anic verses and paradigms from the sayings of the Prophet that constitute the main sources for the spiritual dimensions of Islam, as well as an examination of the writings of historical and contemporary Muslim mystical figures.