



Theology & Religious Studies Department



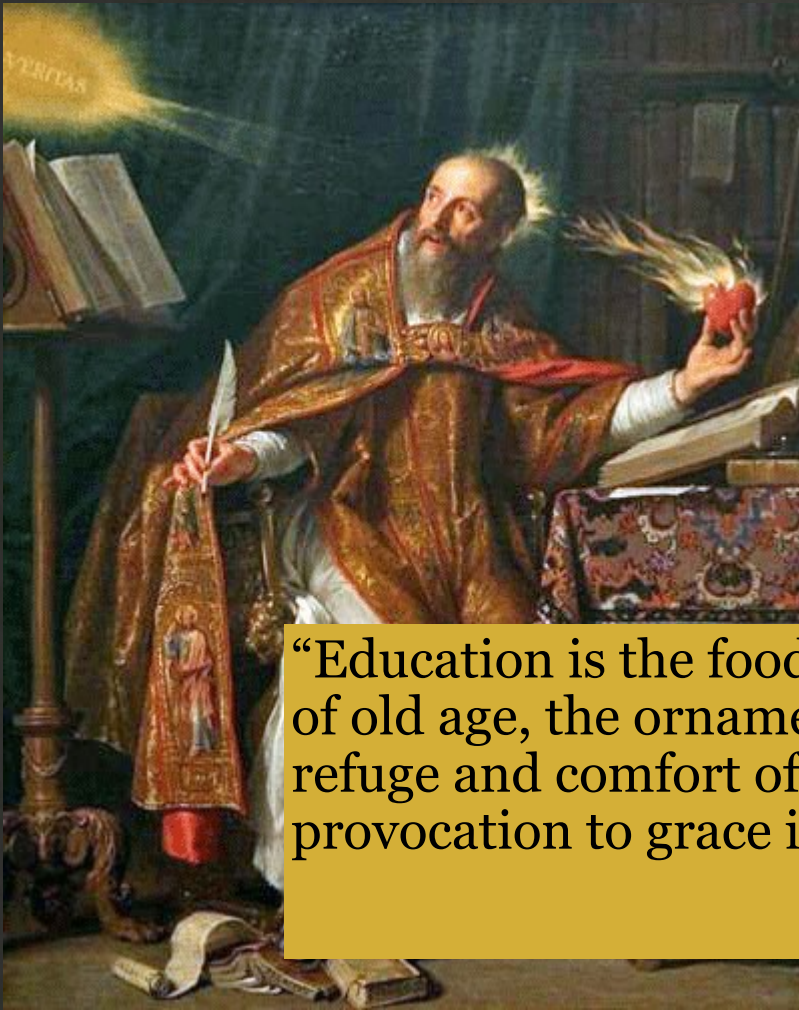
Course Offerings Spring 2018



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“Education is the food of youth, the delight of old age, the ornament of prosperity, the refuge and comfort of adversity, and the provocation to grace in the soul.”
- St. Augustine

Key:



CAPA:
Creative and Performing Arts

LINK:
Linked course

ISJ:
Issues in Social Justice

SLC:
Service Learning Component

BSI:
Borromeo Seminary course

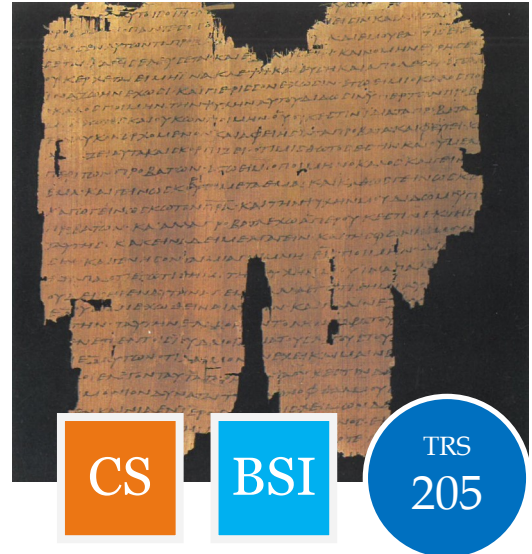
CS:
Catholic Studies

New Testament

(Rev.) Anthony J. Marshall, MA

TR 8:30—9:45 AM

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.



Moral Decision Making

Paul Lauritzen, PhD

MWF 10—10:50 AM (Honors)

This course is an introduction to the problems of moral decision making. As such, it will introduce various moral theories as well as a careful examination of a select number of contemporary moral issues. Specifically, we will examine utilitarian, Kantian, and natural law ethical theories, and we will take up the moral issues surrounding reproductive technology, cloning and stem cell research, euthanasia and abortion. The course is designed to promote critical discussion of these issues.



Catholic Moral Theology

(Rev.) Joseph Koopman, STD

T 11:20—12:35 AM and R 1:30—2:45 PM

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. Offered at the Center for Pastoral Leadership.



Cool & New Courses— *200 Level*



Soul Food: Food for the Soul

(Rev.) Cory Wilson, PhD

MWF 12:00—12:50 PM

African-American spirituality, religion, and identity formation through religious and food experiences within the family and the greater African-American cultural group. History of food availability and preparation. Film portrayals of African-American family unity maintained through cultural traditions related to food. Involves experiential learning.



Sacred Quest

Edward Hahnenberg, PhD

TR 9:30—10:45 AM

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



Artful Spirituality

Mary Coffey, MA

MF 2:00—3:15 PM

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.

Other Courses:

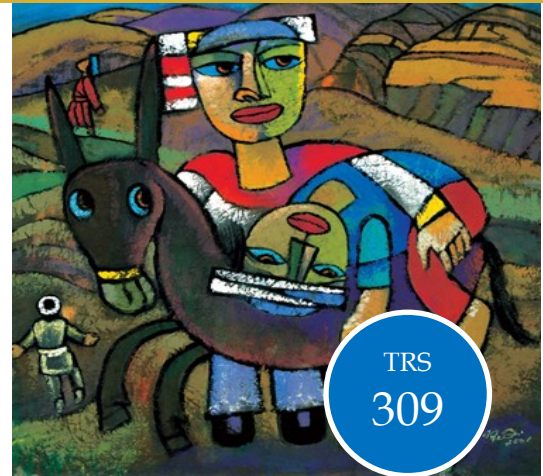
TRS 260 Moral Decision Making — MWF 11-11:50 AM (open to all), Paul Lauritzen, PhD

Luke-Acts

David Sloan, PhD

TR 12:30—1:45 PM

This seminar introduces students to contemporary biblical interpretation through study of the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles. Students will learn about the historical context of Jesus and the early churches and about the historical, theological, and ethical messages of Luke-Acts.



The Holocaust and its Meaning

Sean Martin, PhD

MW 6:30—7:45 PM

Reaction of Jewish and Christian intellectuals to the Nazi attempt to destroy the Jewish people; analysis of accounts of Holocaust survivors; the singular witness of Elie Wiesel; significance of the Holocaust for Jewish-Christian dialogue.



Life, Times, & Theology of MLK, Jr.

(Rev.) Bertrice Wood, PhD

TR 2:00—3:15 PM

An introduction to the life, career, and theology of the civil-rights leader and Christian theologian, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., through his speeches and writings. Exploration of King's relationship to other thinkers (e.g., Paul Tillich, Mohandas K. Gandhi) and his influence on issues of peace and justice.



Other Courses:

TRS 326 History of the Idea of Evil — MWF 1-1:50 PM, Nathaniel Morehouse, PhD

TRS 327 Minority Religions — TR 9:30-10:45 AM, 2-3:15 PM, Kristen J. Tobey, PhD

TRS 328 Franciscan Heritage (BSI, CS)— TR 1:30-2:45 PM, (Rev.) Michael Joyce, MA

TRS 315 Religion and the Social World — T 5:00-7:45 (see p. 9), Kristen J. Tobey, PhD

Cool & New Courses— 300 Level

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Globalization, Theology, & Justice

Deborah Zawislan, PhD

TR 8:00—9:15 AM

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
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Islam in America

Zeki Saritoprak, PhD

TR 11:00—12:15 AM; 12:30—1:45 PM

Introduction to the history of Islam and its arrival in the New World. Focus on the experience of American Muslims, including African-American Muslims, immigrant Muslims, and new American converts. Considers all levels of the Muslim public sphere in the U.S. and current U.S. relations with Muslim countries.



TRS
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LINK

Islam and the Environment

Zeki Saritoprak, PhD

TR 3:30—4:15 PM

Overview of environmental issues and Islamic approaches to these challenges based on the major sources of Islam: the Qur'an and the Hadith. Islamic principles regarding the natural world and humanity's place within it, and Islamic legal strictures to protect the environment. Special emphasis on contemporary Islamic activism to protect the natural world.

Other Courses:

TRS 334 Sacraments (CS) — W 5:00-7:45 (see p. 9), Edward Hahnenberg, PhD

Interreligious Dialogue

Sheila E. McGinn, PhD
Gail Roussey, MA

M 2:00—4:45 PM

This course aims to enable students to accept religious diversity as a gift, to approach people of other religions with respect, and to become successful agents of harmony and effective leaders of interreligious dialogue. Discussion of practices of interreligious dialogue (including historical Jesuit models of dialogue and contemporary personal narratives of interreligious engagement) lay the groundwork for student practice of leadership in interreligious engagement on campus and in/with the wider Cleveland community.

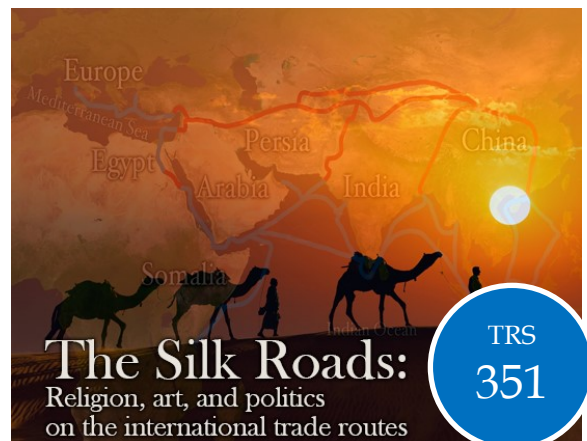


Silk Road Religions

Paul Nietupski, PhD

MWF 8:00—8:50 AM; 9:00—9:50 AM

Focuses on religion, art, and politics on the international trade routes of East, Central, and South Asia, from the second through the twentieth centuries. Representative examples are presented chronologically and carefully situated within their political and religious contexts. Interdisciplinary methodology includes consideration of histories, religions, arts, and politics of the times.



Christian Sexuality

Jessica Merugu, MA

MWF 1:00—1:50 PM

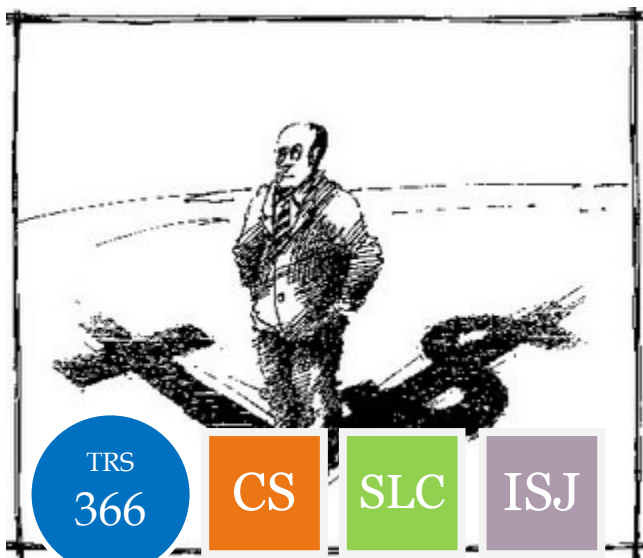
Study of human sexuality, its meaning and mystery, and ethical issues related to sexual behavior and attitudes, all from a Christian perspective. Christian wisdom and wisdom of the ages in light of human experience and contemporary theories of the meaning and significance of sexuality. Special attention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



Other Courses:

TRS 362 Religion, Ethics, & Public Policy — M 5:00-7:45 (see p. 9), Paul Lauritzen, PhD

Cool & New Courses— 300 Level



Social Justice & the Economy: Morality & Money

Megan Wilson-Reitz, MA

MWF 12:00—12:50 PM

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.



Religion, Terror, & Culture Wars

Michele Stopera Freyhauf, ABDiss

MWF 8:00—8:50 AM

Ethical and practical issues regarding the importance of cultural memory and the destruction, recovery, and protection of cultural assets in a politicized global environment. Examination of past and present national and international threats to cultural assets.



Ignatian Spirituality

Joan Carney, MA

MWF 9:00—9:50 AM

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.

Other Courses:

TRS 491 Internship — R 3:30-4:45 PM, SLC

Religion & the Social World

Kristen J. Tobey, PhD

T 5:00—7:45 PM

This course is an examination of religion as a social phenomenon—that is, as expressed *via* the substrate of the social world, and as composed of the various elements of the social world (language, interactions, organizations, norms, and so on). Attuned to the "social-ness" of religion, we can ask questions such as, "How are religious beliefs and behaviors related to factors like age, gender, race, or class? How does religion impact other social institutions, like educational or political institutions? How does religion affect social change? What makes some people more or less religious than others?" These questions can be asked of all societies; in this class, we will focus on the contemporary United States.



Sacraments

Edward Hahnenberg, PhD

W 5:00—7:45 PM

Introduction to the concept and nature of "sacrament" and to the historical, liturgical, and theological development of the seven sacraments. Emphasis on sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation/Chrismation, Eucharist) with consideration of sacraments of healing (Penance, Healing of the Sick), and of Church service/government (Matrimony, Holy Orders). Also examines the "sacramental imagination" and its role in the Catholic spiritual tradition.



Religion, Ethics, & Public Policy

Paul Lauritzen, PhD

M 5:00—7:45 PM

The course will focus on debates about the role religion should play in the formulation of public policy in the United States. This course will examine the debates among philosophers and theologians about the role religion should play in policy formation in a liberal democratic state. The specific examples that will focus our discussion include mandated contraception coverage required by the Affordable Care Act and recent efforts to legalize assisted suicide.





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