UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2013
Instructor: Dr. Deirdre Dempsey
Course #: THEO 2010
Sections: 101 (Majors); 901 (Honors)
Course Title: Old Testament Selected Books:
Variable Topic: The Dead Sea Scrolls Bible

Description:

Many scholars would call the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls "the greatest archaeological find of the 20th century"; these scrolls (about 900 manuscripts, in all) tell us a great deal about the time period of 200 B.C. to A.D. 70, in Palestine. After spending a couple of weeks on background matters -- mostly a survey of the Old Testament, some history, to get the context for the Dead Sea Scrolls -- we'll study the discovery of the scrolls (including the political background), the content of the scrolls, the provenance of the scrolls, and the significance of the scrolls.

Requirements: a paper; 6 quizzes; two exams (midterm and final).