UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2013
Instructor: B. Massingale
Course #: THEO 2410
Section: 901 (Honors)
Course Title: Christian Faith in Cultural Contexts
Variable Topic: Liberation Theologies

Description:

This course examines ways of Christian thought and belief that arise out of situations of social marginalization, exclusion, and injustice. “Liberation theologies” describe an umbrella of approaches that share a common concern: to give voice to those often neglected in the construction of what passes for knowledge and “faith.” All liberation theologies are intellectual reflections upon the experience of God revealed in the struggle for social justice from a stance of solidarity with the victims of injustice. They critique religious faith as an often used tool for social oppression . . . and then seek to uncover/recover its potential as a resource for social transformation. We will examine three examples of these theologies, namely, Latin American, Black American, and gay/lesbian.