Graduate Course Description

Term: Spring 2016
Instructor: Dr. Jame Schaefer
Course #: THEO 8512
Course Title: God in Contemporary Theology

Content:

We will focus on books published during the last half of the 20th century to the present, research topics that advance discourse about God, and the content of undergraduate-level courses. Books under consideration for discussion include Phillips’ Your God is Too Small, Kasper’s The God of Jesus Christ, Rahner’s The Trinity, Farley’s Divine Empathy, Bracken’s The World in the Trinity, LaCugna’s God for Us, Omerod’s A Public God, Johnson’s Quest for the Living God, Kaufman’s In the Beginning…Creativity, Edwards’ Partaking of God, and Moltmann’s The Living God and the Fullness of Life. Potential students are welcome to discuss these and other possibilities with me by December 15.

Format:

Proceeding seminar style, students will lead discussions of assigned texts following criteria jointly identified at the beginning of the semester, share reviews of recently-published books, and present drafts of their research-reflection papers on approved topics for peer input. The last session will provide an opportunity to examine syllabi of courses on God that are offered at other colleges, universities, and seminaries and to identify components key to successful undergraduate-level learning and teaching.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Leading seminar discussions, one book review following the style required by Theological Studies, a draft research/reflection paper, and a revision thereof.

Language Pre-requisites:

- Academic English