GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2010  
Instructor: Philip Rossi, SJ  
Course #: THEO 8515  
Course Title: Philosophy as Source and Resource for Theology

Content:  
This course will examine:  
1. A representative selection of philosophical texts that bear upon the framing of theological questions and discussions.  
2. A representative selection of theological texts in terms of the philosophical issues and/or presuppositions which are significant for their interpretation.  
3. Some representative accounts of the relationship between theology and philosophy.

Format:  
A mixture of lecture, discussion, and student led presentations

Assignments and/or Examinations:  
- 3 short (1000-1500 word) papers with a critical/analytic focus on topics/issues arising from the course readings. Each student will also be expected to lead at least one class session on one of these topics/issues  
- 1 longer course paper (3500-4000 word MAXIMUM!) in the format of a short essay or “note” for a scholarly journal. Paper topic will be determined in consultation with course instructor

Language Pre-requisites:  
- Students will be expected to consult and utilize relevant sources in either French or German in the preparation of the longer course paper.

Required Texts:  
- Philosophy in Christian Antiquity, C. Stead  
- The God of Faih and Reason, Robert Sokolowski  
- Fides et Ratio, John Paul II  
- Freedom and Creation in Three Traditions, D. Burrell  
- Faith, Reason and the Existence of God, Denys Turner  
- A Catholic Modernity? Charles Taylor  
- Evil in Modern Though, Susan Neiman  
- Various articles and book chapters; final list to be determined, but likely to include:  


Philip J. Rossi, "Reading Kant from a Catholic Horizon: Ethics and the Anthropology of Grace," (forthcoming in *Theological Studies*).
