GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2016
Instructor: Dr. Joseph Ogbonnaya
Course #: THEO 8550/8650
Course Title: Special Questions in Systematic Theology/Special Questions in Moral Theology (combined)
Topic: African Theology-Global Ethics

Content:
In the light of the rapid expansion of Christianity on the continent, this course identifies and introduces the key components, characteristics, and features of Christian theologizing in Africa to a North American audience and context against the backdrop of world Christianity. It situates African theology in world Christianity by identifying and analyzing cross-cultural currents, major shifts, and significant developments in Christian history and African theological scholarship. Through a study of the origin, characteristics, methods, central themes, and current expressions of African theology, constructed within the overarching worldview of African cultures, this course critically surfaces the interplay of contextualization and universality of theology, and suggests ways to overcome the conception of Christianity as Western religion. This course will further study other relevant aspects of African theology, including religion and politics, comparative and applied ethics, the place of other African religions, especially traditional religions; and the contribution of African Christianity to world Christianity.