

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**  
Instructor: Dr. Jame Schaefer  
Course #: THEO 2310  
Sections: 106 and 107  
Course Title: **Explorations in Christian Theology**  
Course Sub-Title: The Human Person

#### Description:

This Manresa course on the human person intersects with Marquette's mission as a Catholic, Jesuit university dedicated to serving God by contributing to the advancement of knowledge, striving for excellence of the whole person, developing faith in God, and establishing leadership in one's vocation in life for the glory of God. Beginning with an historical overview of ways in which the human person has been conceptualized theologically, students will examine biblical, patristic, medieval, reformation, and early modern texts, including autobiographies and biographies of individuals who have written about and demonstrated their understanding of the human-God relationship. Attention will be given to the contexts of the times in which these individuals lived and the worldviews from which they reflected on the human role in God's creation. Basic scientific findings about *Homo sapiens* from physics, biology, neurophysiology and psychology will be identified subsequently and used to theologically model the human person today. Each student will particularize this model as a unique person committed to orienting his/her life in relation to others and ultimately to God.

#### Required texts:

- An annotated copy of the Bible (New America, New Jerusalem, or Oxford with Apocrypha)
- W. Brown, N. Murphy, and H. Malony, *Whatever Happened to the Soul* (Fortress 1998)
- S. McFague, *Super, Natural Christians* (Fortress 1997)
- S. Callahan, *Created for Joy* (Crossroad 2007)
- Readings on D2L and Raynor e-Reserves