

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2008**
Instructor: Dr. M. Therese Lysaught
Course #: Theo 175
Sections: 1001, 1002
Course Title: Medical Ethics
Course Sub-Title: Global Health Care

Description:

This course is an introduction to Christian practice and thought about medicine. As such, it is a course that explores the interrelationships between the community that Christians call the Body of Christ, the community of health care, and the broader human community, both global and local. We will explore these interrelationships by focusing on questions related to the delivery of health care, emphasizing the connections between politics, economics, and health. The course seeks to equip students to critically evaluate present structures of injustice which limit access to health care and begin to develop an imagination about how those structures might change. In the spring 2008 semester, service learning will be required of the students.

Required texts:

- Bible: New Revised Standard Version is recommended, but other translations accepted
- Brown, Robert McAfee. Liberation Theology: An Introductory Guide. Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993. ISBN: 0664254241
- Hilfiker, David. Not All of Us Are Saints: A Doctor's Journey with the Poor. New York: Ballantine Books, 1996. ISBN: 034545975X
- Kidder, Tracy. Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World. New York: Random House Trade Paperbacks; Reprint edition 2004. ISBN: 0812973011
- Kim, Jim Yong, et. al. Dying for Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor. Monroe, ME: Common Courage Press, 2004. ISBN: 1567511600
- Shuman, Joel and Brian Volck. Reclaiming the Body: Christians and the Faithful Use of Modern Medicine. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2006. ISBN: 1587431270