

BIBHB 603 A -- Religion and Health

The course explores the intersections of biblical interpretation and this expansive understanding of conventional and non-conventional health, with focus on physical health, mental health, spiritual health, environmental health, and ritual health; as well as analyses of some “healthcare systems” and processes that respond to individual and communal disease and dis-ease. The course will explore how religion – broadly and/or narrowly defined – can be conceptualized and function as a health asset in both traditional and non-traditional health systems.

Required Texts

A. Bible:

The Harper Collins Study Bible. New Revised Standard Version. Wayne Meeks, ed. Harper Collins.

(NRSV in the Class Schedule)

B. Introductory Text:

Frederick J. Gaiser, *Healing in the Bible: Theological Insight for Christian Ministry*. Baker Academic, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-8010-3101-4