

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
DM717 Prophetic Proclamation for Social Transformation
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Office Hours: By appointment. Students may schedule times to meet with instructor.

Class Hours: 9 am – 4 pm CST

Location: Hy-flex, Classroom: TBD and Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful

Course Description:

This course is designed to help students engage Christian preaching and its Hebrew and Jewish antecedents with particular attention to the socially transformative themes of the Good News. This class will attend to the complex history of the contestation of social realities through Christian preaching, and it will emphasize traditions of preaching emerging from marginalized social groups that have critically addressed power. Students will be invited to engage diverse expressions of Christian proclamation including but not limited to pulpit preaching that can be deployed within broader communal life to pursue social transformation.

Course Outcomes:

As the student fulfills the requirements of this course, the student will learn to...

1. Reflect on the socially transformative themes of the Good News.
2. Define the nature, character, and contours of prophetic proclamation.
3. Engage leading voices in discourse on prophetic proclamation within the field of homiletics and beyond.
4. Identify their vocational role in relationship to prophetic proclamation and implications of that for their life and work.
5. Integrate strategic goals, benchmarks, and community assessment plans with a vision of how preaching might contribute to efforts for social transformation.

Required Texts: (Prices listed reflect the original publisher's price)

1. Kenyatta Gilbert. *A Pursued Justice: Black Preaching from the Great Migration to Civil Rights* (Waco: Baylor University Press, 2016) ASIN: B01IIPCS5I \$34.99
2. Justo and Catherine González. *The Liberating Pulpit* (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 1994) ISBN: 1592441408 \$22.00
3. James Henry Harris. *Beyond the Tyranny of the Text: Preaching in Front of the Bible to Create a New World* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2019) ISBN: 1501889060 \$24.99
4. HyeRan Kim-Cragg. *Postcolonial Preaching: Creating a Ripple Effect* (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2021) ASIN: B08QRV1Y3L \$39.99
5. Phyllis-Isabella Sheppard, et al. (eds.). *Preaching Prophetic Care: Building Bridges to Justice* (Eugene: Pickwick Press, 2018) ASIN: B07F7JNVNR \$35.24

Secondary Texts (provided digitally)

1. Eliseo Pérez Álvarez. “*Voltear la tortilla: Preaching and Theological Method*” in: Cleophus Larue and Luiz C. Nascimento (eds.). *The Future Shape of Christian Proclamation: What the Global South Can Teach Us about Preaching* (Eugene: Cascade, 2020). Adapted and published later as: Eliseo Pérez Álvarez, *A voltear la tortilla; método de la predicación anticolonialista* (2020).
2. TBD