



Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary Integrative Seminar in Pastoral Theology

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Course Description

This course explores models of pastoral theological reflection through a broad overview of significant texts in the field of pastoral theology and pastoral care and counseling.

This course explores models of practical theological reflection and methods of reflective professional practice as frameworks for religious leadership in the variety of contexts in which students will work. Students will be introduced to disciplined modes of embodying the integration of theory and practice that allow them to place their coursework across the curriculum into regular conversation with their practice as religious leaders and ministry professionals in a variety of institutional and cultural contexts.

Relationship to the Curriculum

The Integrated Seminar in Pastoral Theology is a required course for Clinical Pastoral Counseling students and for PhD students in Pastoral Theology, Personality and Culture preparing qualifying exams, dissertation research, and teaching. Other degree students interested in pastoral care and counseling in churches or other ministry settings are encouraged to enroll in the course.

Course Objectives

Students who successfully complete this course will:

- Identify and evaluate the historical trajectory of selected approaches and methods to pastoral theology
- Assess the strengths and opportunities each text for the field
- Locate scholarly and practical interests within the field of pastoral theology.
- Demonstrate beginning competence in pastoral theological reflection, interdisciplinary study, and intercultural capacity.

In addition to the above, PhD Students will:

- Identify texts that can contribute to the formation of future seminary students for ministries of pastoral care and counseling
- Describe their place within the broader theological curriculum

Required Texts

Boisen, Anton. *The Exploration of the Inner World: A Study of Mental Disorder and Religious Experience*. University of Pennsylvania Press, 1936. ISBN: 978-0812210200 [Paperback: from \$24.95 used]

Clebsch, William A. & Charles R. Jaekle. *Pastoral Care in Historical Perspective*. Prentice Hall, 1964. ISBN: 978-1568212531 [Paperback: \$62.40]

Gerkin, Charles. *The Living Human Document: Revisioning Pastoral Counseling in a Hermeneutical Mode*. Abingdon Press, 1984. ISBN: 978-0687223725 [Paperback: from \$6.93 used]

Hiltner, Seward. *Preface to Pastoral Theology*. Abingdon Press, 1958. ISBN: 978-0687339129 [Hardcover: from \$3.00 used]

Lartey, Emmanuel. *Pastoral Theology in an Intercultural World*. Pilgrim Press, 2006 [Reprint 2013]. ISBN: 978-1620329733 [Paperback: from \$17.61]

Miller-McLemore, B. J., & Gill-Austern, B. L. (1999). *Feminist and womanist pastoral theology*. Nashville: Abingdon Press. ISBN: 978-0687089109 25.99 and as little as 2.5 from used book sellers

Ramsay, Nancy, ed. *Pastoral Theology and Care: Critical Trajectories in Theory and Practice*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2018. ISBN: 978-1119292562 [Paperback: from \$32.36]

Sharp, Melinda McGarrah. *Misunderstanding Stories: Toward a Postcolonial Theology*. Pickwick, 2013. ISBN: 978-1610972260 [Paperback: from \$21.19]

Smith, Jr., Archie. *The Relational Self: Ethics and Therapy from a Black Church Perspective*. Abingdon Press, 1982. ISBN: 978-0687359455 [Paperback: from \$25.00 used]

Rogers-Vaughn, B. (2016). *Caring for souls in a neoliberal age*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN: 978-1349716333 Kindle 16.19 Paperback: 29.99

Walker-Barnes, C. (2014). *Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength*: Wipf & Stock Publishers. ISBN: 978-1620320662 Kindle: 9.99 Paperback 1997

Wimberly, Edward. *Pastoral Care in the Black Church*. Abingdon Press, 1979. ISBN: 978-0687302895 [Paperback: from \$9.45 used]