

PH-903 Ph.D. Teaching Seminar

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The Ph.D. teaching seminar is an opportunity to reflect in a collegial and constructive environment on the vocation of teaching in seminaries and colleges. A core component of the course is engaging and reflecting on practices of teaching and learning in theological education. Our teaching practices are profoundly influenced by our experiences in classrooms, by the research procedures and content of our academic disciplines, by theological convictions and ministerial practices, and by the contexts in which we teach. In turn, teaching profoundly informs scholarship and is the primary context for the work of a scholar.

Class goals include:

1. Reflection on and practicing of the teaching of theology and religion with colleagues and faculty.
2. Practice connecting one's teaching commitments and understanding of an academic discipline in a framing of an introductory syllabus.
3. Initial preparation for serving as a teaching assistant at Garrett-Evangelical.
4. Invitation to become part of the teaching certificate program and to prepare a teaching portfolio to use in searching for a position teaching in colleges or theological education.

TEXTS – Read prior to class Stephen Brookfield, *SKILLFUL TEACHER (Third Edition 2015, if possible)*; G. Brooke Lester, *UNDERSTANDING BIBLE BY DESIGN* (Chapters 1-2); and Lee Shulman “Problem-Based Learning” (on the Moodle class site [site forthcoming]). Also examine the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning blogs about teaching <http://wabashcenter.typepad.com/my-blog/wabash-center-blogs.html>.

Required

- Stephen D. Brookfield. *THE SKILLFUL TEACHER: ON TECHNIQUE, TRUST, AND RESPONSIVENESS IN THE CLASSROOM*. 3rd ed. Jossey-Bass, 2015. ISBN: 9781118450291. From \$25.84 on Amazon. Kindle option for \$18.39
- Charles R. Foster, Lisa E. Dahill, Lawrence A. Goleman, and Barbara Wang Tolentino. *EDUCATING CLERGY: TEACHING PRACTICES AND PASTORAL IMAGINATION*. Jossey-Bass, 2005. ISBN: 0787977446. \$17.00 on Amazon.
- Stephen Wiggins and Jay McTighe. *UNDERSTANDING BY DESIGN*. 2nd expanded edition. ASCD, 2005. ISBN 1416600353. \$26.83