

# STH Fall 2024 Course Offerings for Incoming Students

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## Master of Religion and Public Leadership (STHMR)

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHMR 701– Public Theology, Ministry, and Leadership			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Wesley Wildman		Thurs 11:00am – 12:00pm	
4.0 Credit Units	<b>Online Course</b>	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Fulfills Religious Leadership Practices <b>Core Requirement</b>
<b>Course Description:</b>			
<p>This course introduces public theology by way of its history, importance, and complexities; its connections to ministry and public service inside and outside of religious congregations and institutions; and the attendant implications of all of this for both conceptions of leadership and requirements of leadership training. Participants will encounter influential frameworks for thinking about these issues and will be encouraged to formulate their own way of conceiving public theology, ministry, public service, and leadership in conversation with those existing frameworks. The course will engage religious and non-religious settings for ministry and public leadership, as well as ethical, religious, and both private- sector and public-sector business-management approaches to conceiving leadership in such settings. A prominent feature of the course is case studies, in which different styles of public theology, ministry, public service, and leadership are exhibited and analyzed, to hone participants' thinking about, and practical preparedness for, leadership roles in public service and ministry.</p>			

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHMR 704 - Religion and Public Engagement through the Arts			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Andrew Shenton		Tues 11:00am – 12:00pm	
4.0 Credit Units	<b>Online Course</b>	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
<b>Course Description:</b>			
<p>The arts are fundamental to religious expression and are a principal interface between religious communities and the public. This course acknowledges that the arts have a fundamental role in our spiritual lives because they enrich worship, and they can move beyond the limits of verbal description to mediate a person's relationship with their God. The course therefore provides students with an overview of the ways in which art is used in the service of religious expression and helps them develop ideas about how sacred art can impact and engage with public life. The primary competencies include an overview of the history of Christian art and architecture in global context and with reference to other major world religions, and engagement with several methodological frameworks for self-expression including aesthetics, semiotics, the creative process, and theopoetics. To develop leadership skills, students will acquire the tools of description, evaluation, and criticism of sacred art (especially with the theories of exegesis and hermeneutics). The acquisition of these skills is presented in the context of public ministry, so the course will also include foundational skills in the field of arts administration.</p>			

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## Church Music and the Arts (STHTA)

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTA 721 – Seminary Singers			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Chad Kidd		Tues 5:00-6:15pm; Wed 10:10-11:55am	
1.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
Open to all students who are interested in singing. Participation in one weekly rehearsal and chapel service, including any special concerts/events/tours that may come up during the semester. Please note: students who are employed by the Seminary Singers may not take the course for credit.			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTA 808 – Marsh Chapel Choir			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Scott Jarrett		Thurs 6:30-9:15pm; Sun 9:00am-12:00pm	
1.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
Audition required. Schedule includes Sunday worship in Marsh Chapel and several major concerts.			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTA 811- Book of Common Prayer			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Elise Feyerherm		Tues 3:30pm – 6:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
This course provides an overview of the development of the Book of Common Prayer beginning with sixteenth-century England and leading up to the Book of Common Prayer 1979 of the Episcopal Church. Attention will be paid especially to the content and theology of the current BCP and the supplemental materials found in <i>Enriching Our Worship</i> , as well as to current discussions about ongoing liturgical revision in The Episcopal Church.			

## Ministry in Church and Society (STHTC)

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTC 814 - Embodying the Kin(g)dom			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Courtney Goto		Mon 2:30pm – 5:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
This course explores the role of the physical body and taking action in bringing about God’s kin(g)dom (or living up to one’s highest spiritual or religious ideals). Students investigate these themes in select life practices and practices of faith such as body sculpting, congregational meals, and dialogue. Rather than focusing on the content of faith or treating faith as if it were mostly concerned with right thinking, our accent will be on <i>experiencing</i> and <i>enacting</i> faith. Through an introduction to practical theological method, students will engage in mini-field research and reflect on it using course readings.			

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Course Number & Course Title			
STHTC 839 – Suffering & Healing			
Instructor:		Course Schedule:	
Hee An Choi		ARR - See Line Comments	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Course meets Saturdays/Sundays Sept. 13, 14, Oct. 11, 12 and Nov. 15, 16 from 9:00-4:00pm.
Course Description:			
<p>This course will examine the understanding of human suffering in personal and communal space and explore the possibilities of healing in church and ministry. Through a range of readings, films, case studies, and a church or non-profit organization site visit, students will critically reflect on various conditions of human suffering including sickness, joblessness, homelessness, racial prejudices, immigration issues and others. The course will employ interdisciplinary study methods, from pastoral/practical theology to cultural studies. Building from these experiences and reflections, students will work to develop practical ministries that aim to restore and heal individuals and communities.</p>			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTC 857 – Anglican Formation			
Instructor:		Course Schedule:	
Elise Feyerherm		ARR	
1.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Contact instructor for specific details.
Course Description:			
<p>An integrative weekly session incorporating worship, spiritual practice, and group reflection on significant texts within the Anglican spiritual and theological tradition. Students will take turns leading the Daily Office and guiding group conversations. This course aims at grounding students in the Anglican spiritual tradition and helping them to develop their own practices of prayer, worship, and spiritual leadership. It is especially recommended for Anglican/Episcopal students but is open to all regardless of religious tradition.</p>			

# STH Fall 2024 Course Offerings for Incoming Students

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTC 861 - Theologies of Church Music			
Instructor:		Course Schedule:	
Karen Westerfield Tucker		Wed 8:00am – 10:45am	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	Pre-Requisites: None	Line Comments: None
Course Description:			
<p>The Church, throughout its history, has sought to clarify its relationship to culture. In particular, is the Church to accommodate its worship to culture or avoid adoption of cultural forms? The relationship of culture and worship will be explored in this course from the angle of the historical Church's use of music. How have the Church's theologians defined the role of music in the Church? What are the most appropriate musical forms for use in the Church? These issues will be examined with an eye to discussing and evaluating contemporary Christian musical expressions.</p>			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTC 880 – Claim Your Superpower for Ministry			
Instructor:		Course Schedule:	
Courtney Goto		ARR - See Line Comments	
1.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	Pre-Requisites: None	Line Comments: Course meets Saturdays September 28, 8:00am-4:00pm, and October 5, 8:00am-1:30pm.
Course Description:			
<p>In this leadership development workshop, students engage in discerning and more fully owning their "superpower" for ministry--an extraordinary ability at the heart of one's vocation to perceive, analyze, and respond to harm that others ignore. Drawing on feminist epistemology and practical theology, the workshop provides tools and case studies in Christian ministry. We explore the complex and sometimes hidden origin of one's superpower, the challenges of drawing on it as a leader, the importance of learning from others, and the wisdom of helping others discern and more fully own their superpower. Notice the word their in the last line is italicized for emphasis.</p>			

## Interdisciplinary Courses (STHTF)

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTF 700 – First Year Formation			
Instructor:		Course Schedule:	
Sujin Pak, Nicolette Manglos Weber		Wed 2:30pm – 5:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	Pre-Requisites: None	Line Comments: Required for all MDiv & MTS students
Course Description:			
<p>This course will center and strengthen the spiritual and relational formation component of 1st year MDiv &amp; MTS students. It will be developed to provide robust frameworks and practices aimed at identity formation in community. It takes seriously the holistic formation of students throughout the span of their MDiv/MTS program, providing frameworks and practices aimed at identity formation in community. It will address formational competencies identified by the faculty such as: • Naming commitments to communities of concern • Student identity formation &amp; worldview recognition • Listening and talking respectfully across difference • Approaching conflict in the STH learning community constructively • Vocational discernment • Interdisciplinary research on spiritual formation • Spiritual formation and spiritual practice while at STH • Exploring self-care and mental health resources for healthy stress management and well-being to facilitate growth • Identifying one's place in dynamics of power and privilege</p>			

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## Church History (STHTH)

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHTH 701 - History of Christianity: from Antiquity to Latin America			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Christopher Brown, Rady Roldan-Figueroa		Tues & Thurs 9:00am- 10:45am	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Fulfills History of Traditions & Institutions <b>Core Requirement</b>
<b>Course Description:</b>			
<p>A survey of the history of Christianity starting with the second century Mediterranean world, with particular attention to the role of women in the Christian movement and the encounters between Christianity and other religions. Moving through Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages and the European Reformations, including the emergence of Wesleyanism, the survey traces early transatlantic history, following the development of Christianity in colonial Latin America up to the liberationist movements of the late twentieth century and the emergence of other branches of Christianity.</p>			

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHTH 803 – History of Social Christianity			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Christopher Evans		Thurs 12:30pm – 3:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
<b>Course Description:</b>			
<p>The course examines the historical development of social Christianity, focusing on primary source texts that have contributed to our understanding of Christian social action today. Exploring a range of Protestant, Catholic, and ecumenical sources, the class traces the historical-theological development of social Christianity from the eighteenth century to the end of the twentieth century. The course investigates how the historical development of social Christianity contributes to contemporary conversations on economic justice, racism, human rights, environmental justice, and world peace. While focused primarily on sources from the United States, the class engages wider resources, such as the global ecumenical movement.</p>			

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHTH 815 – History of Mystical Theology and Modernity			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Rady Roldan-Figueroa		Mon 2:30pm – 5:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Fulfills Spirituality <b>Core Requirement</b>
<b>Course Description:</b>			
<p>History of Mystical Theology and Modernity is an advance examination of the modern intellectual history of mystical theology. The course introduces students to the modern trajectory of mystical theology through the works of eight theologians who have left a permanent imprint on the subject: St Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582), St John of the Cross (1542–1591), Jeanne Guyon (1648–1717), Elizabeth Ashbridge (1713–1755), Simone Weil (1909–1943), Howard Thurman (1899–1981), Thomas Merton (1915–1968), and Raimon Panikkar (1918–2010). Employing a historical theological approach, students will scrutinize how modernity’s major themes—i.e., political, and technological progress, human emancipation, reason, and secularization—informed the mystical thought of the figures under consideration. The course will trace at least one major transformation of mystical theology in the modern period: the transition from the “monastic paradigm” (Sheldrake, 2009) to “lay supremacy” (Roldán-Figueroa, 2021). Students will become familiar with historiographic approaches such as the history of reading, literary cultures, and the circulation of ideas, which transcend the traditional practice of intellectual history.</p>			

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Course Number & Course Title			
STH 817 - Varieties of Ancient Christianity			
Instructor:		Course Schedule:	
Andrew Jacobs		Tues/Thurs 12:30pm – 1:45pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Cross-listed course
Course Description:			
Surveys the many different and often competing forms of Christianity that arose and flourished in the second to the seventh century. Topics covered include martyrs, apocalypticism, Hell, Gnostics, prophecy, magical texts, angels and demons, and the various meanings of Christ.			

Course Number & Course Title			
STH 821 - History and Doctrine of United Methodism			
Instructor:		Course Schedule:	
Christopher Evans		Tues 3:30pm – 6:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
An exploration of Methodist origins, the Wesleys, the rise of Methodism in England, and the distinctive doctrines of Wesleyan theology. There is a particular focus on the development of the various United Methodist traditions in America and their impact on society. The course is designed to meet one of the requirements for membership in a UMC Annual Conference.			

## New Testament (STHTN)

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTN 703 - Exploring Our Interpretative Practices and Imagination			
Instructor:		Course Schedule:	
Shively Smith		Thurs 3:30pm – 6:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
N/A			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTN 723 – New Testament Greek 1			
Instructor:		Course Schedule:	
Shively Smith		Tues & Thurs 12:30pm – 1:45pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
Introduction to the grammar and vocabulary of the Greek New Testament. For students with no training in Greek.			

# STH Fall 2024 Course Offerings for Incoming Students

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTN 829 - Enslavement and Early Christian Literature			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Luis Menéndez-Antuña		Wed 8:00am – 10:45am	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Fulfills Sacred Texts & Interpretation – New Testament <b>Core Requirement</b>
Course Description:			
<p>This course introduces historiographical questions, historical considerations, literary explorations, and theological consequences around the topic of enslavement in Early Christian Literature and its legacy in religious discourses. First, we will consider theoretical and methodological questions about enslavement (definitions, implications, and universality). Second, we will explore the historical, political, cultural, and social contexts of enslavement in the first century Roman Empire. Here we will focus on the material conditions (archaeological evidence) of the enslaved and the cultural understandings of their existence. Third, we survey New Testament Texts that either include characters that are enslaved or refer to the topic of enslavement as a key component in the narrative. Finally, we advance the theological implications of considering enslavement a central topic in early Christian formations.</p>			

## Hebrew Bible (STHTO)

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTO 704 – Hebrew Bible 1			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Kathe Darr, Brandon Simonson		Tues & Thurs 11:00am – 12:45pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Fulfills Sacred Texts & Interpretation – Hebrew Bible <b>Core Requirement</b>
Course Description:			
<p>In this graduate-level introduction to the Hebrew Bible, we investigate ancient Israel’s literature within its historical, geographical, cultural, social, political, economic, and religious contexts. TO704 fulfills a Core Requirement in the “Sacred Texts &amp; Interpretation” category for MDIV and MTS students.</p>			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTO 723 – Biblical Hebrew 1			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Kathe Darr		Tues & Thurs 9:30am – 10:45am	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
<p>Hebrew grammar, including exercises in translation and composition, following Lambdin's Introduction to Biblical Hebrew. Prepares students to read Hebrew prose. (Credit for STH TO 723 is given only after successful completion of STH TO 724.)</p>			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTO 814 - The Cultural Background of the Hebrew Bible			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Alejandro Botta		Weds 8:00am – 10:45am	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
<p>Investigation of the cultural background and presuppositions of the biblical writers by interpretation of biblical texts and archeological remains and by comparison with materials from other ancient Near Eastern cultures. Implications for understanding and use of the Bible.</p>			

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## Sociology of Religion (STHTR)

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTR 850 - Social Science Approaches to Religion and Spirituality			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Nicolette Manglos Weber		Thurs 12:30pm – 3:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
<p>The social sciences offer a robust set of paradigms, methods, and insights useful for understanding religious and spiritual lives. Whether our goal is to deepen appreciation, articulate critique, or pursue transformation of religious institutions; to become better religious leaders; or to further our spiritual growth and healing, social science approaches can help us identify and interpret the broader contexts of religion and spirituality and better reflect on our relevant experiences. They also provide methods for studying religion and spirituality that are increasingly employed in multidisciplinary fields such as practical theology, social ethics, and pastoral psychology. This course provides an overview of social science approaches and methods with a special focus on sociology. Students will learn how to digest, interpret, and employ social science research in the service of their professional goals, and will begin to develop methodological skills for use in their own scholarship.</p>			

## Ethics (STHTS)

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTS 805 - Introduction to Conflict Transformation			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
James McCarty		Thurs 6:30pm – 9:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Fulfills Ethics & Lived Values <b>Core Requirement</b>
Course Description:			
<p>This course is a response to the experience of destructive conflict in the church and in the world, as well as the experience of religion as a source of conflict. More importantly, it is a response to the call to every Christian to be ministers of reconciliation and peacebuilders. The course will introduce students to the theology, theory and practice of faith-based conflict transformation, preparing students to become religious leaders equipped with fundamental tools and skills for engaging conflict and transforming conflict in a way that advances God's goal of shalom, a culture of justpeace.</p>			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTS 842 - Watershed Discipleship			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Rebecca Copeland		Mon 2:30pm – 5:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
<p>Lives of faith are lived in particular places. This course explores place-based spiritual practices and theological perspectives in order both to connect you to the Boston watershed and to equip you with the skills needed to build relationships and live responsibly in other watersheds you might inhabit in the future. Through readings, case studies, discussion, site visits, writing, and short assignments, we will deepen our knowledge of the Boston bioregion and explore a range of spiritual practices to deepen human relations to the places we inhabit. By the end of this course, you will have developed a portfolio about your current watershed and toolkits for getting to know other places in the future and for deepening your own and others' spiritual connections to the places you inhabit.</p>			

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Course Number & Course Title			
STHTS 845 - Christian Social Ethics			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Nimi Wariboko		Mon 2:30pm – 6:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
Comparative study of historical and contemporary Christian approaches to the nature, sources, methods, and concepts of ethics in diverse contexts. The course is in two parts: an historical overview of the development of Christian social ethics from biblical times to the twenty-first century; an in-depth exploration of approaches to specific contemporary social issues including war and peace, ecology, economic justice, and equality.			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTS 848 - Global Pentecostalism			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Nimi Wariboko		Weds 2:30pm – 5:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
The last 50 years have seen the explosion of Pentecostal-Charismatic type churches in the world, becoming not only the fastest growing segment of Christianity, but also the vanguard of the global Christian movement. This is a basic course on the theology, ethics, and history of the worldwide Pentecostal-Charismatic renewal movements. It offers a historical-descriptive approach of the movements in various countries, theological analyses of their doctrines and beliefs, a sociological investigation of their religious techniques, and an ethical study of their social actions and political spiritualities. Students will learn how Pentecostal-Charismatic movements are transforming themselves to be a major positive force for social justice in this- worldly realm. Drawing on readings from religious studies, theology, politics, sociology, and anthropology, this course seeks to transcend disciplinary boundaries to enable students to better understand Pentecostal and Charismatic movements, their recent histories, and their potentials for renewal of Christianity across denominational lines and across the Catholic- Protestant divide.			

## Philosophy and Systematic Theology (STHTT)

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTT 732 - History of Christian Theology in Philosophical Perspective			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Filipe Maia		Tues 12:30pm – 3:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> Fulfills Theology & Meaning-Making <b>Core Requirement</b>
Course Description:			
In its nearly two-millennium long history, Christian theology has been shaped by its dynamic engagements with (and in) various traditions of philosophical reflection. In this course, students will examine how four such traditions-- Platonic, Aristotelian, Kantian/Phenomenological, and Marxist/Critical--have influenced (and been influenced by) theological questions, concepts, and modes of discourse. Thinkers from ancient, medieval, Reformation, modern, and postmodern periods will be studied, with emphasis on historical and social settings.			

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Course Number & Course Title			
STHTT 807 - Christian Eschatology in Post-Apocalyptic Times			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Filipe Maia		Thurs 12:30pm – 3:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
<p>This course explores the Christian eschatological imagination through engagements with pre-modern and contemporary texts dealing with the theological category of the future. Students will be encouraged to reflect how visions of the future inform particular (and often ambiguous) social and political dispositions and sensibilities. The course will further offer resources for constructive readings of Christian eschatology and invite students to develop creative appropriations of the vocabulary of Christian eschatology. Course will include an overview of biblical, Patristic, and medieval sources as a basis from which the vocabulary of Christian eschatology was constructed. It then moves to contemporary sources and a section on contemporary fiction dealing with the post-apocalyptic imagination.</p>			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTT 811 - Mysticism & Philosophy: Jewish and Islamic Perspectives			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Diana Lobel		Tues & Thurs 2:00pm – 3:15pm	
4.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
<p>A thematic introduction to mysticism and philosophy, with a focus on the dynamics of religious experience. Readings will be drawn from medieval Jewish and Islamic philosophy; Sufi mysticism and philosophy; Kabbalah, Sufi poetry, Hebrew poetry from the Golden Age of Muslim Spain.</p>			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTT 847 - Introduction to Ecological Justice			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Rebecca Copeland		Thurs 5:00pm – 6:15pm	
1.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
<p>This course introduces you to a variety of ecological justice issues through a combination of excursions, on-campus events, guest speakers, films, art exhibitions, and discussions. There will be 6 units total. You will be required to complete five units. Through this process, you will engage the theological, ethical, spiritual, and practical issues raised by a variety of ecological issues and by different responses to them.</p>			

Course Number & Course Title			
STHTT 849 - Queer Theology			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Peng Yin		Weds 6:00pm – 9:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
Course Description:			
<p>This course explores queer theology's potential to shape Christian thought and practice as a whole. We first introduce some prominent works of queer theory and ask what the implications of them on queer theology might be. We then consider how queer theology might contribute to some persistent debates in Christian theology: eros and agape, dissent and sainthood, grief and ritual, as well as utopic eschatology. Finally, we will explore how queer experiments in living might help us rethink fundamental moral categories such as kinship, vulnerability, play, fidelity, bodily change, and sexual knowledge.</p>			

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## Cross-listed courses (STHTX)

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHTX 828 - The Modern Jew			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Steven Katz		Tues & Thurs 12:30pm – 1:45pm	
4.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
<b>Course Description:</b>			
Encounters between Judaism and modernity from the Renaissance and Reformation; the Spanish expulsion and creation of Jewish centers in the New World; emancipation and its consequences; assimilation, Reform Judaism, Zionism, the American Jewish community, non-European communities, Jewish global migration, and modern antisemitism.			

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHTX 850 - Philosophy of Religion			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Michael Zank		Mon 6:30pm – 9:15pm	
4.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
<b>Course Description:</b>			
Critical investigation of the limits of human knowledge and the theoretical and practical demands for meaning attached to notions of God, providence, immortality, and other metaphysical conditions of human thriving, from Plato to modern philosophies of religion.			

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHTX 884 - The Holocaust			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Steven Katz		Tues & Thurs 3:30pm – 4:45pm	
4.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
<b>Course Description:</b>			
Rise of German (and European) antisemitism; rise of Nazism; 1935 Nuremberg Laws; the initial Jewish reaction; racial theory; organizing mass murder including ghettos, concentration camps, killing squads, and gas chambers; bystanders and collaborators (countries, organizations, and individuals); Jewish resistance; post-Holocaust religious responses; moral and ethical issues.			

# STH Fall 2024 Course Offerings for Incoming Students

## Pastoral Psychology and Psychology of Religion (STHTY)

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHTY 834 - Empathy and pluralism: Understanding, developmentally, varieties of faith among and within us			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Chris Schlauch		Wed 2:30pm – 5:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
<b>Course Description:</b>			
<p>We live among people who differ in many ways not only from ourselves but from one another. This situation, globally as well as locally, often gives rise to fear and anxiety, misunderstanding and conflict, harm and violence. Our response, too readily, is fight, flight, or freeze, and our shorter-term tactics and longer-term strategies are insufficient. The course addresses this situation as it examines texts, perspectives, and experiences having to do with two subject areas: pluralism and empathy. We explore pluralism, interpersonally and socially, in experiences and engagements among differences in (a) religion and theology, (b) race and ethnicity, and (c) sexuality and gender. We explore pluralism within one's own psyche, in the interaction among coexisting developmental perspectives (that of the child, the adolescent, and the adult) and in the abiding contrast between a perspective we profess consciously and another we enact unconsciously. We explore the development of empathy from "the default position" (characterized by egocentrism, presumed objectivity, unexamined simplification, and binary thinking) toward mutually beneficial ways of being and being-with others.</p>			

<b>Course Number &amp; Course Title</b>			
STHTY 842 - Pastoral Psychology of Healing			
<b>Instructor:</b>		<b>Course Schedule:</b>	
Chris Schlauch		Mon 2:30pm – 5:15pm	
3.0 Credit Units	In-Person Course	<b>Pre-Requisites:</b> None	<b>Line Comments:</b> None
<b>Course Description:</b>			
<p>Every person, in her or his personal relationships and professional activities, is guided by a complex, often tacit, theory of healing, comprised of judgments about illness/suffering (what's wrong?); health/well-being (what's possible? what's ideal?); the trajectory from one to the other (how do we get there?); and factors that enhance as well as inhibit movement along that trajectory (what should we do?). Examining and comparing a range of theories of healing--in psychology, medicine, Christian traditions, world religions, and non-Western cultures--equips us critically to reflect upon, amend, if not reconstruct our respective theories of healing.</p>			