

Wake Forest University School of Divinity

Course Descriptions for Summer 2023

Summer Session I (May 22-June 29)

BIB 612 Angels and Demons: Ancient Texts and Postmodern Media

Neal Walls

3 Credit Hours

An exploration of angelic and demonic figures in the Bible, in the history of interpretation (Jewish, Christian, and Muslim), and in recent fiction, TV, and film. Questions include: Can angels “fall” from grace? Do they have free will? Can angelic bodies have sex with human bodies? (And exactly how many can dance on the head of a pin?) This year’s course includes the portrayal of angels and demons in contemporary fiction (e.g., *On the Road with the Archangel*, *Practical Demonkeeping*), television (e.g., *Saving Grace*, *Lucifer*, *Supernatural*, *Good Omens*, *The Good Place*, *Midnight Mass*), and film (*City of Angels*, *Dogma*, *Hellboy*, *The Prophecy*, *Constantine*, *Three Thousand Years of Longing*).

Area Requirements: Gender and Sexuality (GS), Religious Pluralism (RP)

MIN 535 The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy

Derek Hicks

3 Credit Hours

Seminar with clergy, seminarians, Christian educators, young adult leaders and other faith-based advocates for children for spiritual renewal, networking, movement-building workshops, and continuing education about urgent needs of children at the intersection of race and poverty. This is a travel course.

Summer Session II (July 6 - August 11)

MIN 535 Mobilizing for Justice: The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy

Derek Hicks

3 Credit Hours

This course gathers seminarians from around the country with clergy, community organizers, justice advocates, Christian educators, young adult leaders and other faith-based advocates for children in an interactive course and institute aimed at providing students with spiritual renewal, networking opportunities, access to movement-building workshops, organizing skill building, and continuing education about urgent needs of children at the intersection of race and poverty.

Area Requirement: Race and Class (RC)

MIN 543 Internship

John Senior

0 Hours

A full-time ministry internship placement (200 total hours, to be completed in 5-7 weeks of full-time internship work) in the summer following either the first or second year of the program.

MIN Requirement

MIN 790A Whiteness and Christian Theology

THS 790A Whiteness and Christian Theology

Liz Gandolfo

3 Credit Hours

This course critically examines social construction of whiteness (along with its potential deconstruction) in history, politics, Christian theology and theological formation. We will investigate the role of Christianity in the following: the historical rise of Christian supremacy, eurocentrism, and white supremacy; enduring systems of manifest destiny, Anglo-Saxon exceptionalism, and white privilege; and contemporary social and theological approaches to the anti-racist work of dismantling white supremacy and white privilege, and seeking racial justice and solidarity. We will pay especially close attention to the spiritual practices and theological worldviews that form Christians in embodied manifestations of capitulation and/or resistance to white supremacy.

You may register for this course either as a MIN or THS course.

MIN 790A:

MIN: Formation

Area Requirement: Race and Class (RC)

THS 790A:

THS Elective

Area Requirement: Race and Class (RC)