

# SUMMER TERM 2017

Attached is the *PALMER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY* summer term 2017 course list.

The purpose of this document is to enable students to determine what courses they will take during the summer, to register for those courses, and to determine what courses they will need in the subsequent fall semester. This year we are offering required courses and electives through the month of July.

## MAY AND JUNE

### May 15-June 9

Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; does not meet Memorial Day Monday, May 29

*(Four weeks, nineteen class sessions)*

- ***BIBL516 New Testament Greek.*** A beginner's course in the language of the New Testament covering the basic elements of grammar. Students are introduced to elementary readings in the New Testament. ***M.Div. Requirement.*** (Students who have taken Greek in college may want to test out of this course and take Hebrew in its place.) **Students must have e-mail access and mastery of New Testament Greek alphabet by first class meeting. Three credits. Dr. Deborah Watson**

### May 24 – June 2

Class times will vary

*(One and half weeks, nine class sessions)*

- ***CHHM640. MINISTRY ON THE BORDERLINE: TIJUANA, MEXICO.*** A one-week immersion experience in Tijuana, Mexico to observe, assess, and experience some of the realities of an urban, cross cultural setting located on the Mexican-US border. Practice of Ministry or Christian Counseling elective. **(No prerequisites). Three credits. Dr. Mayra Picos-Lee**

### May 22-26

Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

*(One week, five class sessions)*

- ***THLE-636 The Gifting of the Spirit: A Pneumatological Exploration.*** This course seeks to give the student an opportunity to reflect upon the Person of the Spirit as the Third Person of the Trinity. Who is the Spirit? What is the relation of the Spirit to the Father and to the Christ? What is the role of the Spirit in soteriology and eschatology? Is the role of the Spirit only confined to the ecclesiology or does God the Spirit have a greater global presence than the Western Church has heretofore granted the Spirit? Given the growing importance of renewal/ charismatic movements within historical/ mainline churches and as denominational and nondenominational expressions, this course will further explore the role of charismatic gifts with the framework of pneumatology. Are gifts only for worship? Are they limited only to select ecstatic moments of expression? What is the theological foundation of our understanding of charismatic gifts within the framework of pneumatology? These are some of the questions that this course will explore. Advanced Topic in Theology & Ethics or Theology elective. **Prerequisite: THLE-520 Systematic Theology & Ethics: Vision of Community; INTG-520 Critical Analysis in Theological Studies also strongly recommended. Three credits. Dr. Loida Martell-Otero.**

## June 5-9

Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm

(One week, five class sessions)

- **BIBL616 The Gospel of Luke (Philadelphia and West Virginia Students).** This course is a study of the Gospel of Luke based on the English text. We will discuss the author's presentation of God and Jesus, his view of salvation in relation to the themes of reversal and release, his concern for the poor and the marginalized, and his understanding of the role of Jesus and the early church in the context of God's plan for Israel and the world. Bible elective. **Prerequisites: BIBL-512 Gospels and Acts. Three credits. Dr. Diane Chen**

Monday – Friday evenings 5:00pm - 9:00pm

(One week, five class sessions)

- **INTG525 Integrating Social Work and Ministry: The Church and Social Work Responding to Disasters.** This class is offered in an intensive format every June session. While it is open to all M.Div./M.S.W. students, it is specifically required for those M.Div./M.S.W. students who are entering social work school in the coming Fall semester, who are already in social work school or who are returning to Seminary studies in the coming Fall semester. The specific focus of each year's intensive changes, but in the past has included Church Social Work, Disaster Response, Assisting the Church in Life and Death Matters, Responding to Poverty, Addressing Domestic Abuse Together, and Responding to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic. **Prerequisites: This class is open to all M.Div./MSW students and is required for M.Div./MSW students who are entering social work school in the coming Fall semester, who are already in social work school or who are returning to the seminary in the Fall semester. Auditors are welcome at the discretion of the instructor. One and half credit. Dr. Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco**

## June 12-16

Monday – Friday evenings 8:30am - 5:00pm

(One week, five class sessions)

- **PRMN-616 Leading and Managing for Organizational Health.** This course will equip students with practical tools for leading and managing effectively in their ministry/professional context. Students will explore the interplay of vision, mission, day-to-day management and the move of the Spirit. Students will also consider how they can (and should) lead out of the uniqueness of their authentic selves, identifying their own best style or styles, and using their Spirit-given "voices" and gifts to guide and influence the organization, and facilitate organizational health. **Prerequisites: SFRM510 Spiritual Formation and THLE510 Theology and Ethics of Congregational Life, or its equivalent. Prior completion of PRMN523 Pastoral Leadership may be helpful but is not required. Three credits. Dr. Phaedra Blocker**

## June 19-23

Monday – Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm

(One week, five class sessions)

- **DNOM-511 United Methodist History and Early Doctrine.** This course explores three centuries of Methodist history, using standard denominational texts, classroom lectures and discussion. Meets the United Methodist ordination candidate's history requirement (Discipline, paragraph 315.4.d).politics and law. A sub-theme will be ecclesiology, a critical examination of the mission and purpose of the Church. **Three credits. Dr. Charles Yrigoyen**

**June 19-30**

**Monday – Friday, 5:00pm – 9:00pm**

*(Two weeks, ten class sessions)*

- ***BIBL-514 Biblical Hebrew.*** This beginner’s course in Biblical Hebrew will provide a strong foundation for reading, interpretation and exegesis of the Old Testament. Students will be introduced to high-frequency vocabulary and grammar through vocalization, translation and writing exercises. The course assumes a knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet, which will be assessed the first day of the course. **(This course is a prerequisite for BIBL-515 Hebrew Exegesis.) No prerequisites: Three credits. Dr. Stephen Kim**

## JULY AND AUGUST

**July 10 - 14**

**Monday – Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm**

*(One week, five class sessions)*

- ***INTG-530 Integrative Seminar.*** An integrative seminar for seniors that draws on seminary studies and ministry experience. Working in small groups and with faculty members, students will write personal statements of faith and develop theologies of ministry and mission, showing how these flow from their statements of faith. This course is offered on a Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) basis only. Team-taught by professors from multiple disciplines. **Prerequisites: 66 credit hours completed; THLE-520 Systematic Theology and Ethics: Vision of Community. Dr. Peter Wool and Rev. Elizabeth Congdon-Martin**

**July 17-21**

**Monday – Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm**

*(One week, five class sessions)*

- ***PRMN629 Biblical Storytelling.*** “Biblical Storytelling is a spiritual discipline that entails the lively interpretation, expression and animation of a narrative text of the Old and New Testament that has been first deeply internalized and is then remembered, embodied, breathe and voiced by a teller/performer as a sacred event in community with an audience/congregation.” (Master Storyteller, Dennis Dewey). The story once embodied and shared beyond the four walls of sanctuary enables us to share the gospel. It becomes in essence a “storied spirituality” in which the teller and listener become engaged in a “language event” which acts as an experiential vehicle of God’s Kingdom. **Prerequisites. BIBL-513 Biblical Interpretation for Ministry; AND EITHER BIBL-512 Gospels and Acts OR BIBL-510 Old Testament Pentateuch. Three credits. Dr. Deborah Winters and Professor Cynthia Pollard**

**Monday – Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm**

*(One week, five class sessions)*

- ***SFRM-530C Spirituality in Social Justice.*** “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8) What does it mean to “walk humbly with God” as we “do justice and love mercy?” How do we discern our part in the struggle and not become overwhelmed by the magnitude of the societal issues that need to be addressed? How do we “ground” our spiritual journeys in ways that help us to act from a place of love and wholeness as we embody Christ to bring healing to a broken world? Using Scripture, as well as the works of ancient and contemporary writers, students in this course will explore the intersectionality of healthy spiritual formation and positive social action as they reflect on their own roles in the Church and in society. **Prerequisite: SFRM 510 Spiritual Formation. Three credits. Dr. Phaedra Blocker**

**July 24-28**

**Monday – Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm**

*(One week, five class sessions)*

- ***PRMN-530C Pivotal Preachers in Philadelphia History*** This is a "travel course," meeting in key churches and at other important sites in the city of Philadelphia. Beginning with a visit to Christ Church and a study of the preaching of their Rector, Jacob Duché, who was also the first chaplain of the continental congress, we will move to a study of the preaching of the greatest evangelist of the time, George Whitefield (1714-1770), and a visit to the Whitefield statue on the UPenn campus (considering the fascination deist Benjamin Franklin felt for Whitefield's preaching and the deep friendship that evolved). We will take a drive down Erie Street/Avenue where African American Shaker, Mother Rebecca Cox Jackson (1795-1871), presided over a female/male Shaker communal residence. Over lunch or coffee we will discuss her preaching, her memoirs, and her Shaker-influenced theology of the feminine dimension of God. (With only one living Shaker remaining in the world, this sect will die in the near future.) Next we will visit the Mother Bethel AME church and study the preaching of Richard Allen (1760-1831) among others. We will round out the course with a visit to the Presbyterian Historical Society and over coffee or lunch study the sermons preached at and around the 2016 Republican National Convention. (This is not a comprehensive list of our visits.) **No prerequisites. Three credits. Dr. David Farmer**

#### **OTHER SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

- ***Clinical Pastoral Care Practicum.*** Pastoral visitation in a hospital or other institutional setting under clinical supervision. Verbatim reports, reading critiques, supervision, peer discussion and in-service learning experiences are included in the program. At least 160 hours of supervised learning is required. ***M.Div.; M.T.S. Christian Counseling Requirement. See Supervised Ministries Team for additional information. Three credits. Supervised Ministries Team***
- ▪ ***Clinical Pastoral Education.*** One half of a basic unit of supervised clinical pastoral education in certified CPE centers. The program includes verbatim writing, lectures, on-call involvement, peer process group, individual supervision and in-service learning experiences. **See Supervised Ministries Team for additional information. Three credits. Supervised Ministries Team**

#### ***Summer Term 2017 – Faculty***

- **Phaedra Blocker**, DMin., Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Affiliate Professor in Christian Ministry
- **Diane Chen**, Ph.D., Fuller Theological Seminary. Professor of New Testament
- **David Farmer**, Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Affiliate Professor of Homiletics
- **Stephen Kim**, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania. Adjunct Professor Old Testament
- **Loida Martell-Otero** Ph.D., Fordham University. Professor of Constructive Theology
- **Mayra Picos-Lee**, M.Div. and D.Min., Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary Lecturer in Counseling
- **Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco**. Ph.D., St. Andrews University, Scotland. Adjunct Professor in Social Work
- **Cynthia Pollard**, MTS., Palmer Theological Seminary. Adjunct Professor
- **Deborah Watson**, Ph.D., University of Durham. Affiliate in New Testament Greek
- **Deborah Winters**, Ph.D., Temple University. Affiliate Professor in Old Testament
- **Peter Wool**, M.Div. and D.Min., Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Affiliate Professor in Pastoral Leadership
- **Charles Yrigoyen**, Ph.D., Temple University. Adjunct Professor

