

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Course Profile - Fall Term 2008

T 305: Systematic Theology I

Instructor: Lea F. Schweitz

Statement of Goals:

This course is the first part of a two-course sequence in systematic theology. It offers students an opportunity to survey and to explore major theological doctrines and methods, gain understanding of their significance, and develop the critical skills for making constructive theological arguments. This course aims to help students discover and nurture their own theological voice in a way that is both authentic and responsible to Christian theological traditions.

Prerequisites:

Church History I

Outline and Content of Course:

1. Prolegomena and Revelation
2. The Trinity: The Triune God
3. Pneumatology
4. Creation
5. Theological Anthropology and the Problem of Evil

Required Work for Course:

- Read (carefully and critically) all assigned readings.
- Attend and participate in all class meetings.
- Prepare and present one theological sightings exercise for class discussion.
- Write four papers on assigned topics (5-8 pages each).
- Attend colloquies.

Bibliography will (likely) include:

Hopkins, Dwight. *Being Human: Race, Culture, and Religion*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005.

Kärkkäinen, Veli-Matti. *Pneumatology: The Holy Spirit in Ecumenical, International, and Contextual Perspectives*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2002.

Johnson, Elizabeth. *She Who Is*. New York: Crossroad, 1992.

Pagels, Elaine. *Adam, Eve and the Serpent*. New York: Vintage Books, 1989.

Peters, Ted. *God as Trinity*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993.

Sölle, Dorothee. *Thinking about God: An Introduction to Theology*. Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1990.

Moltman, Jürgen. *God in Creation*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993.

Tillich, Paul. *Systematic Theology, vol. 1*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1951.

Thistlethwaite, Susan B. and Engle, Mary Potter. *Lift Every Voice: Constructing Christian Theologies from the Underside*. New York: Harper & Row, 1990.

Note: Course profiles provide only a preliminary snapshot of the course offered. It does not take the place of the course syllabus which will be provided by the course instructor.