

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago **Course Profile - Spring Term 2008**

C/E-E/C-442—Ethics and Politics in the African American Community

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Course Description:

This seminar course seeks to survey and inquire into the nature of ethics and politics in the African American community by critically examining the thought and practice of representative leaders from the mid-nineteenth century (1850s) up to the end of the twentieth century.

Course Objectives:

1. To investigate primary source material of representative African American Leaders;
2. To develop skills in critical social analysis for the purpose of discerning Ethical principles;
3. To construct ethical principles for making judgments about different styles of Ethical and political thought and leadership

Requirements:

1. Regular attendance and class participation;
2. One presentation on the readings;
3. A 15-20 page research paper or Take Home Final Examination

Required Reading: (These readings are subject to change based on availability)

Brotz, Howard, *African-American Social & Political Thought 1850-1920*

King, Jr., Martin Luther, *Where Do We Go From Here? Chaos or Community*

Paris, Peter, *Black Religious Leaders*

Pinn, Anthony, *The Black Church in the Post-Civil Rights Era*

Ross, Rosetta, *Witnessing and Testifying: Black Women, Religion, and Civil Rights*

Various Handouts