

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Course Profile - Spring Term 2009

M551 Advanced Homiletics

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Prerequisite for Enrollment: M340 Preaching or equivalent

Outline and Content of the Course

Advanced Homiletics is a class-determined investigation of specific topics in preaching. The course will be conducted as a pastors' seminar. Participants will select two areas of preaching that interest or challenge them—for example, stewardship sermons, prophetic preaching, preaching to children, preaching at funerals, etc. Working as individuals or in small groups, participants will arrange for, prepare, or present a class session and preach a sermon on each of these two topics. For each topic, the class presentation will occur one week and the sermons the next.

Statement of Goals

- Understanding preaching as good news and the nature of the sermon as proclamation event, participants will explore specific areas of preaching in ways that consider the roles played by the listeners, preacher, scripture, God, and the occasion.
- Continue to develop skills in exegesis, crafting the manuscript, and delivering the sermon.
- Cultivate an approach to methods of preaching that considers their historical, theological, pastoral and cultural implications.
- Gain familiarity with current literature in homiletics.

Assignments

- Attendance at all class sessions is expected, including participation in discussion that reflects comprehension and use of the reading assignments and involvement in a collegial (gentle yet honest) analysis of the sermons preached in class. .
- Arrange for two class sessions, one on each assigned topic in preaching, and prepare two handouts of some sort for the class, one on each topic.
- Prepare and deliver three sermons, one of your choice, one related to each of the topics assigned.
- Prepare a one-page, single spaced book report on one of the titles listed below.
- Other assignments

Bibliography

Common reading

When God Speaks through You: How Faith Convictions Shape Preaching and Mission, The Alban Institute, Herndon, VA, 2007.

Book Review (Read one of the following)

- Bartlett, David, **Between the Bible and the Church**, Abingdon, 1999.
- Campbell, Charles L. **The Word Before the Powers: An Ethic of Preaching**, Westminster John Knox, 2002.
- Childers, Jana, **Birthing the Sermon: Women Preachers on the Creative Process**, Chalice Press, 2001.
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- LaRue, Cleophus J., ed. **Power in the Pulpit: How America's Most Effective Black Preachers Prepare their Sermons**, Westminster/John Knox, 2002.
- Lose, David J., **Confessing Jesus Christ: Preaching in Postmodern World**, Eerdmans, 2003.
- Nieman, James R. and Thomas, G. Rogers, **Preaching to Every Pew: Cross-Cultural Strategies**, Fortress, 2001.
- Rose, Lucy, **Sharing the Word: Preaching in the Roundtable Church**, Westminster/John Knox, 1997.
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- Satterlee, Craig A. and Lester Ruth, **Creative Preaching on the Sacraments**, Discipleship Resources, 2001.
- Saunders, Campbell, & Brueggemann, **The Word on the Street: Performing the Scriptures in the Urban Context**, Eerdmans, 2000.
- Troeger, Thomas, **Preaching While the Church is Under Construction**, Abingdon, 1999.
- Wilson, Paul Scott, **Preaching and Homiletic Theory**, Chalice, 2002.