

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
Doctor of Ministry Degree
CURRENT COURSE SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTIONS

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(Note: This schedule replaces all previous schedules)

Scheduled	Number	Course Title	Instructor
June 2012 June 4-8	INT 719	The Art of Creative Preaching	Gail Ricciuti Mark Brummitt
June 2012 June 4-8	INT 705	Gender Analysis for Transformative Leadership	Marcia Bailey
June 2012 June 11-15	INTa 702	Practicing Transformative Leadership in CRCDS Tradition	James Evans
Jan. 2013 Jan 7-11	INT 703	The Prophetic Tradition Then and Now	Mark Brummitt
Jan. 2013 Jan 14-18	INT 718	Preaching for Social Change	Barbara Moore
Jan. 2013 Jan 14-18	INT 727	Christian Faith, the Churches and LGBTi Persons	Melanie Duguid May
June 2013 June 3-7	INT 711	Thesis Writing Colloquy	TBA
June 2013 June 3-7	INT 725	Preaching the Gospel in a Religiously Pluralistic Society	Denise Yarbrough
June 2013 June 10-14	INT 701	Discerning the Context for Ministry in the 21 st Century	David Kim
Jan 2014 Jan 6 – 10	INT 712	The Dynamic Work of Being Transformed and Transforming	Marcia Bailey
Jan 2014 Jan 6-10	INT 717	Preaching the Power and Promise of the New Testament	Gay Byron
Jan 2014 Jan 13-17	INT 702	Practicing Transformative Leadership in the CRCDS Tradition	John Tyson

INT 701 Discerning the Context for Ministry in Early 21st Century

The context of Christian ministry in the 21st century will be discerned with regard to cultural, political, social, and religious dynamics, as well as the interrelatedness of class, gender and race. We will engage issues such as the nature of ministry and of the church and its mission in the world, as well as the changing faces and forms of Christianity in the U. S. and around the globe.

INT 702 Practicing Transformative Leadership in the Colgate Rochester Crozer Tradition

The purpose of this seminar is to explore the question, “What is transformative leadership?” in light of the CRCDS tradition. The goal is to identify qualities of transformative leaders historically associated with the school and to identify qualities of transformative leaders as they relate to the communities today. By the end of the course, students will have developed a nuanced understanding of “transformative leadership” using Biblical, theological and operational understandings to inform their work.

INT 703 The Prophetic Tradition Then and Now

Beginning in the Bible, we shall consider the texts and genres (often surprisingly) described as “prophetic” before tracing something of the history of the term. The course will reach its journey’s end in critical reflection on understandings of prophecy and the role of the prophetic today.

INT 704 The Global Economy: Theological and Biblical Perspectives on Wealth and Poverty

Today’s global economy operates with economic assumptions and values that differ from and conflict with Biblical and theological understandings of economy. This conflict often leads congregations and denominations into preaching a theological message of caring for the poor, marginalized and dispossessed, while engaging in practices that are said to create poverty, marginalization and dispossession. After exploring various theological interpretations of the present form of globalization and engaging in a Biblical study, the class will focus on concrete issues around which the conflict in worldviews leads individual Christians and the church into areas of ambiguity and concern. We will then discuss individual and corporate strategies for practice that helps close the gap between what we preach and what we practice.

INT 705 Gender Analysis for Transformative Leadership

The psychology of women, the advent of men’s studies, the politics of homophobia, new pastoral understandings of women and men, issues of sexual abuse and harassment, an emerging appreciation of

gender myths and the escalation of violence, and new appreciations of different styles of knowing have all transformed pastoral care and pastoral theology. This course will examine the voices and challenges. It will enable students to: 1) become acquainted with some of the most influential literature in the area of gender studies as it impacts pastoral theology, 2) reflect on how pastoral care and pastoral theology have been transformed by awareness of gender issues, and 3) reflect critically on how issues of gender enter/will enter into participants' exercise of pastoral ministry and transformative leadership.

INT 706 Doing Racial Justice: Theological and Strategic Resources

This course is designed to help students develop their ability to discover resources for combating the problem of racism. Students are expected to engage in reading, research, discussion, self-examination and prayer. Assignments are designed to reveal hidden perspectives, agendas and knowledges. The practices of systems and organizations will be examined to understand better how racism functions as a mega-system, social morality and political fact in the modern world. The goal of this course is to discover the extent to which racism reigns in the lives of the participants, and how it can systemically be dethroned.

INT 711 Thesis Writing Colloquy

Students will sharpen their research skills and hone their writing and editing abilities necessary to write a doctoral-level thesis or ministry project. Each student will develop a model thesis proposal.

INT 712 The Dynamic Work of Being Transformed and Transforming

The purpose of this course is to deepen students' understanding of the dynamics at work in the church and in themselves as we seek both to transform and to be transformed. Together we will ask the questions: How do I experience God's Spirit at work to revive my place of ministry? How do I experience God's Spirit at work to revive myself? This class will be experiential. We will focus on our own transformation as we talk about the transformation process possible around us.

INT 715 Preaching to the Powers: The Task of Transformative Leadership

The prophets of Scripture and the voices of our times teach us about the importance of "Preaching and the Powers" and the cost involved. This class will focus on the identification of "the powers" in one's context and the necessity of self-education and communal congregational education regarding the recognition and activity of these systems and institutions and our challenging call as Baptized Christians to address the impact of "the Powers" in the lives of those around us. The use of the pulpit is a powerful and necessary tool in this enterprise.

INT 716 Preaching the Power and Promise of the Old Testament

Prophetic preaching has the dual focus of exposing and addressing the powers that make up the systems of domination and of equipping God's people to respond to those powers with strategies for resistance, faithfulness, and hope. This course will assist students in developing a biblical theology of prophetic preaching and in identifying relevant texts for proclamation. Biblical themes for proclamation will be discussed and exegesis will be performed on specific Old Testament passages.

INT 718 Preaching for Social Change

Preaching is more than a reflection on the Word. It is, in addition, a challenge to the preacher and the listener to transform their lives and the structures in which they find themselves. Prophetic preaching is a critical art in our day as we address the "Powers" that surround and impact us.

INT 719 The Art of Creative Preaching

To minister in our time, proclamation must not be so much telling the Gospel as revealing it to our hearers. With that goal in mind, this course is designed to develop the craft of homiletics by exploring the interface between the arts and the pulpit. A number of creative approaches to engage the imagination will be cultivated, including the use of narrative, autobiography, and multimedia in preaching.

INT 720 Preaching in the African-American Tradition

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the basic features of preaching in the African-American tradition. The course will consist of lectures, group discussions, actual preaching services led by distinguished area pastors, and guest presentations. Students will have the opportunity to study the diverse styles and approaches that make up the African-American preaching tradition. of narrative, autobiography, and multimedia in preaching.

INT 725 Preaching the Gospel in a Religiously Pluralistic Society

In a pluralistic and multicultural society, Christians living alongside people of different world religious traditions are learning to grow in their own faith in a context where it is not the only religious tradition available and where many friends, colleagues and even family members may be adherents of a different world religious tradition. This course surveys the "theologies of the religions" that have been developed within Christian systematic theology over the past century. It also examines homiletical theory with respect to preaching in a pluralistic context. And it provides a brief survey of four major world religious traditions. We will consider the challenges of preaching to Christians in a pluralistic world. How does one preach the gospel with integrity while also promoting respect for the integrity of other world religions? We will examine various Biblical texts from different seasons of the church year using the Revised Common Lectionary (or another lectionary of the student's choice) that are particularly challenging for preachers in this pluralistic context. We will visit a synagogue, a mosque, the Hindu temple and a Buddhist temple in order to dialogue with people who practice those traditions as we ponder how to preach our own scripture with integrity in an interreligious context.

INT 726 Thurman and King and Life in the Spirit

This course is designed to introduce the student to the major themes, motifs and ideas in the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Howard Thurman. These two towering figures have helped give voice to communities seeking wholeness, liberation and reconciliation in the United States and throughout the world. Their influence is evident far beyond the African American communities which shaped them.

This course will focus on the spiritual dimensions of their lives and thought as an avenue to understanding their significance for us today. This course will include lectures, calls presentations, and small group discussions.

INT 727 Christian Faith, the Churches and LGBTi Persons

This course will explore the teachings of Christian scripture and tradition, as well as recent statements of Christian churches, on sexuality, especially same-sexuality. Attention will also be paid to the construction of sexuality, same-sexuality, and same-gender-loving, to legal issues related to same-sex marriage, to the hate crimes and sexualized violence, and to the situations of LGBTi Christians in the churches.