

May 22-26, 2017

APPALCHIAN LOCAL PASTORS SCHOOL

COS 522 (FORMERLY 512)

THEOLOGY IN THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

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DESCRIPTION:

This course covers significant individuals, movements, events, and theological developments from the 19th century to the present. Special attention will be given to the development of theology as it impacts the contemporary church today.

TEXTS:

Daniel L. Migliore, Faith Seeking Understanding, Second Edition published by Eerdmans

John D. Caputo, What Would Jesus Deconstruct? published by Baker Academic

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Write a 2-3 page paper in which you identify and elaborate on the four questions of theology highlighted by Migliore. Explain and expand your own view on which questions you find to be most important and why.
2. Write a 2-3 page paper summarizing Migliore's presentation of the three influential methods of theology, explaining in detail which method seems to fit your theology the best.
3. Write a 2-3 page paper identifying and describing the five principles of Christology, as explained by Migliore, with expanded reflection on which two you find most helpful in your doing of theology.
4. Write a 4-6 page paper on the classical affirmations of the person and work of Jesus Christ as outlined by Migliore. This will include ample descriptions and discussion of:
 - a. The three affirmations of classical Christology.
 - b. The four types of union of the divine/human present in Christ.
 - c. A discussion of the theories of atonement presented with special reflection on which theory you most identify with and why.
5. After reading the text by Caputo write a 3-4 page paper (based on your understanding and reading of his overall theme) in which you answer the question: What beliefs/elements/themes/practices currently present in my church might need to be "deconstructed" in order to better present and "construct" the message of the Kingdom of God in my community and/or region?

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

The policy and procedures including writing expectations, assignment deadlines, and other general course information can be found on the ALPS website. A class outline and information regarding groups, discussion, and lecture format will be distributed at the first session.

May School Pre-course Assignments Due: postmarked April 5, 2017

Mail ALL pre-course assignments to:

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