



N.T. Wright on *Christ's Cross*

St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute welcomes N.T. Wright for a faith-seeking-understanding engagement with the meaning of the cross. Opportunities include an evening lecture, a day-long conference, and a three-day graduate intensive course.

Lecture: *The Puzzles of the Cross: Ancient Texts, Contemporary Challenge*

Dr. Wright will give the 2015 Dunning lecture on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6). The lecture is free and seating is open. (There will be reserved seating for members of the intensive course.) Dr. Wright's books will be available for purchase and signing by the author before and after the lecture.

Conference: *The Royal Power of the Cross: New Priest, New Temple & the Gospel Narrative*

The Thursday workshop includes two morning sessions and one after lunch. A catered lunch will be served at various Roland Park churches (bus transportation provided). Each lunch site will include a presentation by an E.I. faculty member focused on the implications of Wright's three presentations (the Dunning lecture and two morning sessions) for a focused topic, such as preaching, Christian singing, theologies of atonement, or Jewish-Christian relations. There will be 1 CEU available for persons who attend the lecture and all conference sessions, .8 CEU's for the conference only.

Course: **BS519/BS719 NT Wright on Cross and Atonement**

The 3-credit course explores Wright's interpretation of 'the puzzles of the cross' in Scripture and church. The course centers around 8 hours with Wright himself, including the lecture, conference, and a concluding Thursday evening discussion with class members only. Teaching the course, which will balance presentation and discussion, are lead instructor Dr. Amy Richter and associate instructor Dr. Brent Laytham, with presentations by Dr. Michael Gorman and other faculty. The course cap is 40 students, and visiting students are welcome. (No audit registrations will be accepted before September 8, and then on a first-come-first-served basis only if open spots remain.)

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Frequently Asked Questions

Public Lecture

What is the date, day and time of the lecture?

Wednesday, November 18, 7:30-9 pm. Doors open at 6 pm.

Dr. Wright will sign books (available for purchase) both before and after the lecture, times TBA.

Is there a cost for the lecture?

No, the lecture is free.

Do I have to register or sign-up for the lecture?

No, the lecture is open to the public, but seating is first-come, first-served. (Please no saving of seats for late arrivals.)

Is parking available? And, is there a cost for parking?

Parking for approximately 150 vehicles is available and free. You are strongly urged to carpool.

No parking pass is required.

Is the building handicap accessible?

Yes. For accessible entry, please park in the rear and enter through the Center for Continuing Formation.

How long is the lecture? What is the schedule?

Lecture begins at 7:30 pm and will conclude at approximately 9:00 pm.

Where will the lecture be held on campus?

Laubacher Hall, inside the main entrance on your left.

Will I be able to purchase copies of books written by Bishop Wright?

Yes. There will be books on sale and a book signing both before and after the lecture, times TBA.

Will refreshments or food be available for purchase?

No.

Is there a number to call for additional questions?

410-864-4208. Please leave a voice message after 5:00 pm.

Conference

Will Bishop Wright be leading the conference?

Yes. Thursday, November 19, 9 am-4:15 pm, Dr. Wright will lead three sessions on "The Royal Power of the Cross: New Priest, New Temple & the Gospel Narrative."

What is the cost of the conference?

\$100, to include three 90-minute sessions with Dr. Wright, catered lunch, and a lunchtime lecture led by an EI faculty member.

Will refreshments or food be available?

Yes, beverage service Thursday morning and a catered lunch (offsite) are included in the conference fee. Online registration will allow for indication of special dietary needs.

Who are the lunchtime lecturers and what will they focus on?

- Mark Gorman, organist and theologian, examines texts and tunes of some common hymns and worship songs on the crucifixion, asking **“Do They Sing the Cross ‘Wright?’**” and “Where and why do they differ from Wright?”
- Rebecca Hancock explores the interplay of **“The Cross, Ancient Traditions, and Theological Imagination”** in the Second Temple period, discussing its impact on ancient faith communities as well as for contemporary Jewish Christian dialogue.
- David Greiser, pastor and homiletics professor, mines some of Wright’s holy week sermons from the synoptics, seeking **“A Wright View of the Work of Christ.”**
- Michael Gorman, St. Mary’s Raymond E. Brown Professor of Biblical Studies & Theology, explores **“Wright Thoughts on the Cross & Christian Mission”**—themes in the work of Wright and others, including himself, that impact the shape of contemporary Christian mission in light of certain abuses of the cross in the past.

Where will the conference be held?

*Wright will lecture in Laubacher Hall, inside the main entrance and to your left.
The catered lunch and lunch-lectures will be hosted offsite at Roland Park churches, with bus transportation available for most participants.*

Do I have to be registered for the course in order to attend the conference?

No.

Will I be able to obtain continuing credit hours?

Yes. 1 CEU for Dunning Lecture + Thursday Conference; .8 CEU for Thursday conference only.

Will I need to purchase materials, books, etc. for the workshops?

No.

Can I stay at St. Mary’s Wednesday night in order to be fresh for the Conference the next morning?

Yes. While students in the intensive course have priority, any remaining rooms will be available to Conference attendees. Details at <http://ntwrightatei.eventbrite.com>.

Course

Is N.T. Wright teaching the course?

No. Rev. Amy Richter, Ph.D. is the course instructor with guest lecturers to include Bishop N.T. Wright (8 hours), Dr. Mike Gorman, Dr. Brent Laytham, and contributions by one or more additional EI faculty.

How much instruction time will I receive from Bishop Wright?

Approximately 8 hours, including a concluding Thursday evening session where Wright meets with the students to discuss his four presentations.

When does the course start?

Students should begin reading for the course in September. The instructors will offer guidance through the class website. There are three short preparatory papers due prior to November 18.

What are the dates and times of the course?

The three-day intensive course has a varied schedule (and includes breaks for meals):

- *Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9 am - 5 pm, and 7:30-9 pm (public lecture)*
- *Thursday, Nov. 19, 9 am–4:15 pm (lunch provided) and 6–8:30 pm*
- *Friday, Nov. 20, 9 am - 4:45 pm*

Can I stay overnight at St. Mary's while taking the intensive course?

Yes. Students may stay in the hotel-style rooms of the Center for continuing formation for a very competitive rate. Options will include single or double room for Wednesday and Thursday evening, with an option for Tuesday evening (especially helpful for out-of-town students). When staying on campus, meals are provided.

When can I register for the course?

Registration is now open and will remain open until the course begins or until enrollment capacity (40) is reached.

Is seating limited?

Course enrollment will be capped at 40.

When does registration for the course close?

Registration will close with the 40th student.

Do I have to be an enrolled student of the Ecumenical Institute in order to register for the course?

No.

Visiting students are welcome to apply and register for this course. Contact Zenaida Bench (410-864-4202, zbench@stmarys.edu) for assistance.

New students are welcome to apply for admission and then register for the BS519 version of the course. Contact Patty Rath (410-864-4203, prath@stmarys.edu).

Can I audit the course?

Yes; however, audit registrations will be limited.

What is the cost for the course?

\$1263. Tuition of \$1098, plus plus \$80 Student Services Fee (non-refundable), and \$85.00 Registration Fee (non-refundable). After August 3, 2015, a \$90.00 late-registration fee will apply to current students.

How many credits is the course? What level is the course?

This is a three-credit, graduate-level course.

Where can I purchase the books needed for this course?

Visit http://stmarys.seminarytextbooks.com/CATG000093_EI-Fall-2015-Textbooks

Select the course name and purchase the books. Purchases are made via Amazon.

What is the approximate cost for the books?

Range of prices based on new or used books.