

ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY
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Thursday

6:00 - 8:30 pm

MT/H703 The Preaching & Public Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Course Description:

Students will gain an understanding of Martin Luther King, Jr. as a preacher and public theologian, and, through the practice of preaching, gain an appreciation of and competencies in preaching prophetically and in the public square.

Course Requirements:

- Students should expect to read *at most* 800 pages of required reading.
- Students should expect to write *at most* 20 double-spaced pages. These will be comprised of the following:

First and second in-class assignments - The student will prepare sermons on two different *prophetic* concerns affecting the church and society. The sermons will be presented in class (10-12 minutes), and will be submitted in written form. 20% of final grade for each sermon, total 40%

Third (Final) assignment - This will be an integrative theological reflection paper, and 10-12 pages (not to exceed 3000 words) in length. Based upon the class readings and discussions, the student will prepare a paper that offers theological reflection, analysis and critique of class material, including the *Festival of Preaching*. The paper may be of a topical or general nature as it pertains to the preaching and public theology of Dr. King, and other matters pertaining to prophetic preaching. 35% of final grade.

- Class participation 25% of final grade

Course requirements include participation in the *Festival of Preaching* at St. Mary's Seminary and University on the weekend of April 15-16, 2015.

Required Texts:

Strength to Love. Martin Luther King, Jr., ISBN: 978-0800697402.

Why We Can't Wait. Martin Luther King, Jr., ISBN: 978-0-8070-0112-7.

The Preacher King: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Word that Moved America. Richard Lischer, ISBN: 978-0-19-51-1132-3.

Where Have all the Prophets Gone? – Reclaiming Prophetic Peaching in America. Marvin McMickle, ISBN: 978-0-8298-1720-1.