

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute**  
**Fall 2017**

**Monday**

**6:00-8:30 pm**

**MT751 Christian Social Ethics**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Dreisbach**

**Course Description:**

This course is a critical examination of social issues from the standpoint of Christian ethics, incorporating scriptural, theological, and philosophical points of view. Topics include the foundations of Christian social ethics, social justice, sexuality, bio-medical ethics, ethics and other peoples, war, the environment, and economic issues.

**Course Requirements:**

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 900 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
- **Writing:** Required writing assignments
  - Eleven Weekly Reflection Papers; 500 words (maximum), 40% of the course grade total
  - Final Paper—critical book report or research, 2500 words (maximum); 50% of course grade
- **Other:** Class participation 10% of course grade

**Required Texts:**

Patricia Jung & Shannon Jung, eds., *Moral Issues and Christian Responses*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed. (Fortress Press, 2012). ISBN-13: 978-0800698966

Karen Lebacqz, *Six Theories of Justice: Perspectives from Philosophical and Theological Ethics* (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1987). ISBN-13: 9780806622453.

Vic McCracken, ed. *Christian Faith & Social Justice: Five Views* (Bloomsbury, 2014). ISBN-13: 978-1623568184