

**ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE**  
**Spring 2018**

**Tuesday**

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

**ES/MT621 Theology of Hospitality in the Christian and Jewish traditions**

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**Course Description:**

This course works toward articulating the nature and value of sacred hospitality, broadly defined, in contrast to the modern cultural and societal norms of hospitality. We will explore this question as seen through the lens of Judaism and Christianity and the interplay between the two. Students will develop an understanding of what constitutes hospitality in these traditions and how to achieve it in their own lives and communities.

**Course Requirements:**

- We will assign no more than 700 pages of required reading over the semester.
- Students should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
- The following writing assignments will be required: three papers (3, 5 and 6 pages) distributed across the semester (50%) plus a final take-home exam (20%).
- Planning and participating in Holocaust Memorial Service (April 25, on campus) (10%)
- Other activities contributing to final grade: student participation and student presentations (20%).

**Required Texts:**

- Bible (recommended edition: Harper Collins NRSV Study Bible)
- Gaines, Ernest J. *A Lesson Before Dying* (New York: Vintage Books, 1994). ISBN-13: 978-0375702709 \$8.65
- Haile, Phillip. *Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed: The Story of the Village of Le Chambon and How Goodness Happened There* (Harper Perennial, 1994) ISBN-13: 978-0060925178 \$9.98
- Heyer, Kristin E. *Kinship across Borders: A Christian Ethic of Immigration* (Georgetown University Press, 2012). ISBN-13: 978-1589019300 \$29.95
- Nouwen, Henri. *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life* (Image, 1986). ISBN-13: 978-0385236829 \$11.20
- Pohl, Christine D. *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* (W.B. Eerdmans, 1999). ISBN-13: 978-0802844316 \$12.66
- Reaves, Jayme R. *Safeguarding the Stranger An Abrahamic Theology and Ethic of Protective Hospitality* (Wipf and Stock, 2017). ISBN: 9781498224611 \$29. 60\*\*

\*\* Purchase directly from the publisher. Amazon price is wrong.

<https://wipfandstock.com/safeguarding-the-stranger.html>