

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE
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Monday

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

SL834 Currents in Pauline Theology

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This seminar will consider some of the major schools of thought, voices, issues, and theological implications of contemporary studies in Pauline theology. Special attention will be given to the theme of participation, the pastoral and practical dimensions of Paul's theology, and the letter to the Romans as both counter-imperial text and Christian theology.

Note: this is a course offered in the seminary for STL (Licentiate in Sacred Theology) students that is also open to qualified E.I. students for cross-registration. Maximum class size: 12.

Prerequisites: STL or CAS matriculation *or* a basic course on Paul or the NT generally, or permission of the dean and instructor (with some pre-course reading required).

Course Requirements:

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 1,200 pages of required reading (apart from the final project) and should come prepared to discuss readings in class. (Note: in addition to the books listed below, there will be several articles to read by such scholars as N. T. Wright.)
- **Writing:** Required writing assignments:
 - Weekly online post of about 200 words on a discussion board (10%)
 - Two one-page, single-spaced critical-response papers (25%)
 - A final paper of approximately 4,000 words on one instructor-approved major recent work of Pauline theology of approximately 250-300 pages (by a single author or a collection of essays on a topic), summarizing its major theses, offering a critical analysis (appreciation and critique), and assessing its contribution to Pauline theology and to Christian theology. (30%)
- **Other:**
 - Class participation (25%)
 - Presentation on the final project (10%). **Note: this will take place during an extended session (approximately 1-5 p.m.) during exam week and will *not* be on Monday.**

Required Texts:

- Scot McKnight and Joseph B. Modica, eds., *Preaching Romans: Four Perspectives* (Eerdmans, 2019), 978-0802875457 — available now
- Presian R. Burroughs, ed. *Practicing with Paul: Reflections on Paul and the Practices of Ministry in Honor of Susan G. Eastman* (Cascade, 2018), 978-1532601040 — available now

- Siu Fung Wu, ed. *Suffering in Paul: Perspectives and Implications* (Pickwick, 2018), 978-1532611773 — available now
- Brant Pitre, Michael P. Barber, and John A. Kincaid, *Paul, a New Covenant Jew: Rethinking Pauline Theology* (Eerdmans, 2019), 978-0802873767 — available in September
- Michael J. Gorman, *Participating in Christ: Explorations in Paul's Theology and Spirituality* (Eerdmans, 2019), 978-1540960368 — available in September
- **The following booklet is published in England. You may purchase either a hard copy or a digital version.**

John Barclay, *Paul and the Subversive Power of Grace* (Grove Books):

<https://grovebooks.co.uk/products/b-80-paul-and-the-subversive-power-of-grace>