

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute  
Summer 2021**

**May 13-14, June 10-11, July 15-16, August 5-6 (Thursdays, 6:00-8:30, and Fridays 9:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:30)**

**DM815 Enculturating Ministry**

**Dr. Emily Ralph Servant**

**Course Description**

Effective ministry incarnates the mission of God in the overall context of society and in the specific culture(s) in which the minister serves. This course will attempt to equip the student to understand the big picture of our contemporary Western world view as well as the more local culture(s) in which the student serves, so that the student-minister is able to sensitively and effectively speak and embody the good news in that setting.

**Course Requirements**

- **Reading:**
  - Students should expect to read at most 1400 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
  - In addition to the books listed below, articles will be provided in advance of class sessions. Please consult your syllabus for reading assignments.
- **Writing:**
  - **Four 4-page reflection papers** integrating each month's reading with the student's ministry and mission context. Due before each Thursday class. **40%** (10% each)
  - **Observation Journal** (on Google doc or similar format) with ongoing observations about where the student is seeing God at work in their ministry and mission context. **10%**
  - Final 12-15 page **research paper** on a topic related to the student's ministry and mission context, in conversation with instructor. **30%**
- **Other:**
  - Class discussion and presentation (as assigned during the second half of the semester). **20%**

**Required Texts:**

- Shabrae Jackson Krieg & Janet Balasiri Singleterry, editors, *Voices Rising: Women of Color Finding and Restoring Hope in the City* (Servant Partners Press, 2018), ISBN#0998366544
- Alan J. Roxburgh & Martin Robinson, *Practices for the Refounding of God's People* (Church Publishing, 2018), ISBN#0819233846
- Randy Woodley, *Living in Color: Embracing God's Passion for Ethnic Diversity* (IVP Books, 2004), ISBN #0830832556
- Duane Friesen, *Artists, Citizens, Philosophers: Seeking the Peace of the City* (Herald Press, 2000), ISBN#0836191390 [out of print, but many used copies are available]