

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

Saturdays (6) - May 15, 22; June 5, 12, 19, 26. 9 am – 2 pm

PT750 Urban Ministries

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Course Description: This course provides a foundation for the application of best practices in urban ministry, with particular focus of the impact of urban ministry on congregational vitality, social justice and community building. Students will gain competencies in the practice of urban ministry through in-class study, and reflective and research writing.

Course Requirements:

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read *at most* 800 pages of required reading.
- **Writing:** Students should expect to write *at most* 22 double-spaced pages. These will be comprised of the following:
 1. Personal reflection paper, 4-5 pages (20% of final grade)
 2. Paper based on *Between the World & Me* by Coates, 4-5 pages (20% of final grade)
 3. Integrative theological reflection paper, 10-12 pages, (30% of final grade)

Other activities contributing to final grade:

- **Class Attendance/Discussion** 20%
- **Site Visits** 10%

Required Texts:

Coates, Ta-Nehisi, *Between the World and Me*. New York: Spiegel and Grau, 2015.
(ISBN: 978-0-8129-9354-7)

Francis, Leah Gunning. *Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community*.
St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2015. (ISBN: 978-0-827211-05-6)

Gench, Roger J. *Theology in the Trenches: Reflections on Urban Ministry*. Louisville:
Westminster John Knox Press, 2014. (ISBN: 978-0-664-23968-8)

Peters, Ronald E. *Urban Ministries – An Introduction*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2007.
(ISBN 13: 978-0-687-64225-0)

Stone, Bryan and Claire Wolfteich. *Sabbath in the City: Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence*.
Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008.
(ISBN-13: 978-0-664-23349-5; ISBN-10: 0-664-23349-X)