

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

**Class Day & Time: Saturdays (9/11, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4), 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Course Name & Number: PT604 Biblical Storytelling (1.5 credits)**

**Instructor: Dr. Tracy Radosevic**

**Course Description:**

An exploration of the history behind (and current need for) understanding, interpreting and ultimately communicating biblical passages – in virtually every area of ministry – through a discipline of internalizing, embodying, and storytelling.

**Course Requirements:**

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 450 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
- **Writing:** Required writing assignments (include type & length of papers; percentage toward final grade that each paper contributes):
  - 5-page performance criticism exegesis on the Hebrew scripture told in class. (25%)
  - 5-page theological reflection paper on the ways traditional storytelling makes sense for ministry today, listing ways it could be intentionally incorporated into specific ministry settings. (*It is expected that all required readings be referenced.*) (25%)
- **Other:**
  - Internalize a biblical story from the Hebrew scriptures and tell it in class. (30%)
  - Class attendance, participation and contribution expected for all 4 sessions. (20%)

**Required Texts:**

Hearon, Holly and Phil Ruge-Jones, eds. *The Bible in Ancient and Modern Media: Story and Performance*. CascadeBooks, 2009. ISBN-13: 978-1556359903.

Lipman, Doug. *Improving Your Storytelling*. August House, 1999. ISBN-13: 978-0874835304.

Boomershine, Thomas E. *Biblical Megatrends: Towards a Paradigm for the Interpretation of the Bible in Electronic Media*. 1993 – article will be provided online

**MAT Degree Outcome(s) Addressed by This Course:**

- interpret biblical texts and articulate Scripture's major theological themes.
- integrate ecumenical understanding and respect in articulating one's own faith identity and engaging with others.

**MACM Degree Outcome(s) Addressed by This Course:**

- a firm understanding of the Christian Scripture and pertinent Church Tradition through the ability to apply that understanding in analyzing and responding to pastoral / ministry encounters
- skills in designing, implementing, and assessing ministry