

St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute
Fall 2021

Class Day & Time: Mondays 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Course Name & Number: SS806 Currents in New Testament Theology

Instructor: Dr. Michael J. Gorman

Course Description:

This seminar will consider some of the recent trends in the study of New Testament theology and spirituality/ethics. Special attention will be given to the themes of death and resurrection. The contributions of select Majority World scholars will be incorporated through articles.

Note: this is a course offered in the seminary for STL (Licentiate in Sacred Theology) students that is also open to 3T and 4T seminarians and EI students with appropriate background in NT studies, a 3.5 GPA, and the approval of the dean and the instructor. Maximum class size: 12.

Prerequisites: STL or CAS matriculation, or permission of the dean and instructor.

Course Requirements:

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 1,100 pages (apart from research for the final paper), or approximately 100 pages/week, and should come prepared to discuss readings in class. (*Note: in addition to the books listed below, there will be several articles to read.*)
- **Writing:** Required writing assignments:
 - Weekly online post of about 100 words on a discussion board (15%)
 - One or two one-page, single-spaced discussion-starter papers (15-20%)
 - A final paper of approximately 4,000 words on one instructor-approved passage or theme in a particular NT writing, or on a comparison between two writings. This paper will be both analytical and constructive. (35-40%)
- **Other:**
 - Class participation (20%)
 - Presentation on the final paper (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

- Karl Olav Sandnes and Jan-Olav Henriksen, *Resurrection: Texts and Interpretation, Experience and Theology* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2020). 978-1532695872
- Donald Senior, *Why the Cross?* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2014). 978-1426759345
- Christopher W. Skinner, Nijay K. Gupta, Andy Johnson, and Drew J. Strait, eds., *Cruciform Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2021). 978-0802876379

- Robert B. Stewart, ed. *The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2006). 978-0800637859
- James H. Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2013). 978-1626980051

Main Degree Goals to be Realized:

- For the C.A.S.
 - participate in advanced theological seminars and opportunities for in-depth reading that are not typically part of a master's program
- For the M.A. in Theology
 - interpret biblical texts and articulate Scripture's major theological themes.
 - interpret the world in all its dimensions theologically
 - integrate ecumenical understanding and respect in articulating one's own faith identity and engaging with others