

# SUMMER COURSES 2024



The summer 2024 term runs May 20 to July 12. Unless otherwise noted, intensive courses meet on North Park's campus June 10-14. Online asynchronous courses run the full length of the term. Courses that fulfill the cultural diversity elective requirement are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

## ON-CAMPUS INTENSIVES

### **BIBL 6315 The Book of Isaiah (Jim Bruckner)**

The book of Isaiah, sometimes called "the fifth gospel," is the baseline for Jesus' earthly ministry. It provides the deep background for understanding God as Creator and Redeemer, fully realized in Jesus, the Christ. Isaiah is filled with soaring creation hymns, redemptive worship songs, and pleading warnings in the midst of several historical crises. God's word of hope and guidance in times of trouble, "Isaiah" means "the Lord saves!" It is a timely word for preaching and teaching. *3 credit hours. Fulfills general elective for MDiv and MACF students.*

### **HSTY 6300 History and Theology of the Covenant Church (Mark Safstrom)**

This course explores the history and theology of the Evangelical Covenant Church, spanning its roots in historic Lutheran Pietism in Germany and Scandinavia, its shaping during the revival movements and folk migrations of the 19th and early 20th centuries, its engagements with North American Protestantisms, and its more recent developments into a multiethnic church. Pre-course readings prepare students for lively seminar discussions; post-course projects offer opportunity for in-depth research or to locate one's congregation or ministry in broader historical context. *3 credit hours. Fulfills denominational elective for MDiv and MACF students.*

### **MNST 5130 Leading & Teaching in Ministry (Michelle Dodson)**

This course examines leading and teaching in the Church from the vantage point of wholistic well-being and liberative pedagogy. In this course students will explore trauma and healing, and sabbath as they relate to healthy leadership and liberative pedagogy; and holistic formation as they relate to teaching and Christian formation. Additionally, students will be encouraged to explore and develop systems of care that will strengthen their leadership and guard against burnout. *3 credit hours. Fulfills MNST elective or general elective for MACF students.*

### **MNST 7190 Pastoral Care: Sex, Sexuality, and Sexual Violence (Elizabeth Pierre)**

This intensive course will engage the topics of sex, sexuality, and sexual violence from theological and pastoral lenses. These are challenging and necessary conversations to have since these themes affect each of us in some manner. This course will provide the space to reflect on these matters critically and communally so we are better equipped to care well for those in our diverse ministry contexts. *3 credit hours. Fulfills MNST or general elective for MACF students and general elective for MDiv students.*

### **\*MNST 7190 Weaving Justice and Peace in a Wounded Land**

This course is offered in conjunction with the ECC's Love Mercy, Do Justice ministry priority and will take place at the Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice, which focuses on developing, implementing, and teaching sustainable and regenerative earth practices. Participants will consider what it means to pursue reconciliation with creation and how we can begin to live in harmony with the land, drawing from Indigenous ways of living. *3 credit hours. Fulfills cultural diversity elective requirement for all degree programs. May 30-June 2 in Yamhill, Oregon. Find more information at <https://covchurch.regfox.com/weaving-justice-and-peace-in-a-wounded-land-may-2024>.*

### **\*THEO 5140 Advanced Seminar: Black Faith Matters (Dominique Gilliard)**

This course explores the ways Black theology provides important models of faithful theological engagement. Students will analyze sources in theology, history, social ethics, and ministry. The course examines ongoing effects of slavery manifest in incarceration and abuse. The contributions the course celebrates through the lens of Black theology include community development, character formation, preaching, music and social engagement. *3 credit hours. Fulfills cultural diversity elective for all degree programs and advanced seminar in theology for MDiv students. This course is offered at Stateville Correctional Center.*

### **THEO 7190 Theology and Practice of the Sacraments (Dave Bjorlin)**

Do you ever struggle to integrate communion and baptism into your worship services or formation? Or have you ever wished you had more training in how to perform a wedding or funeral? In this course, we will first explore how the incarnation of Jesus is foundational to a sacramental theology that affirms God's communication through physical matter. Then, we will examine the theologies of communion, baptism, weddings, and funerals and how these theologies can inform best practices for presiding at these foundational rites. *3 credit hours. Fulfills a general elective for all degree programs.*

### **\*THEO 7190 Grace and Humanness: Theological Reflections Because of Culture (Emanuel Padilla)**

There is no theology outside of context. One of the major contributions from Latina/o theologians is a reconfigured relationship to popular culture or the cultural production of the masses. Chicano theologians have drawn significant theological insights from the story of Juan Diego y La Virgen de Gualalupe, and U.S. Latina/o theologians use "mestizaje" as a metaphor for identity formation. These theologians draw from culture as a source for theological reflection and identity formation. In this course, students will reflect on the ways culture and theology are mutually constituted, asking questions of identity, interculturality, and the formation of "peoplehood" in the church. Students will visit church and cultural sites, reflecting on how these contribute to a process of re-humanization. *3 credit hours. Fulfills a general and cultural diversity elective for all degree programs.*

### **SPFM 7190 What Loss Can Teach Us (Beth Miller)**

God truly wastes nothing and will often steward loss to invite us into more deeply knowing ourselves and Divine Love. Yet often when we experience loss, we contort ourselves around the grief rather than allowing it to transform us by journeying with it. But what if our compassionate God longs for each of us to be on the formational journey toward our true self and offers us an "on ramp" toward that experience through our pain? With an understanding of God's love and goodness as the broader context, this course offers an opportunity to consider that our losses come with an invitation for our spiritual and emotional formation as we seek to find the wisdom embedded in them. *1 credit hour. Fulfills spiritual formation elective for all degree programs.*

### **SPFM 7190 Embodied Storytelling (Alicia Reese)**

This course provides an opportunity for students to explore their own narratives and connect with God's grand story through embodied storytelling. Using improvisation as a tool for spiritual formation, participants will gain a deeper understanding of their own spiritual journey and the Divine presence woven into each narrative thread. Spiritual formation groups will provide space for participants to reflect on the interconnectedness of their stories with God's story and practice holding space for each other's stories. By the end of the course, students will have a deeper understanding of their own story and tools to help themselves and others re-story their own narratives. *1 credit hour. Fulfills spiritual formation elective for all degrees.*

## **Online Asynchronous Courses**

### **CEDF 6232 Adult Education in the Church (Christine Olfelt)**

Every minister serves in the formation of adults, whether directly teaching them or teaching other staff or parents of children and youth. In this course we will draw on biblical and theological foundations, current needs, research in andragogy, and effective models of ministry to develop a framework for best practices in ministry specific to each student's current situation. Opportunities will be given to share resources with other students as well as look at theory. *3 credit hours. Fulfills CEDF and general elective for MACF students; fulfills general elective for MDiv students.*

### **MNST 6121 Religion, Spirituality, and Health (Mary Chase-Ziolek)**

An interdisciplinary understanding of the relationship between religion, spirituality and health is a topic of interest to churches as well as ministry and health professionals. A growing body of medical and sociological research has been exploring such topics as body/mind/spirit connections; the impact of prayer; and the role of the church in promoting individual and community health. The focus of this class will be to explore this study of religion, spirituality and health, or "theosomatic" medicine as it has come to be known, the context in which it has occurred, the issues it presents, and practical implications for ministry and health care. This course contributes to the MDiv learning outcome of building ministerial identity and skill.