Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary – Boston Campus
Center For Urban Ministerial Education

PR500 January 2015 Intensive
“Introduction to Preaching: Women Called to Preach”
Adjunct Faculty Professor: Dr. Marilyn E. Weekes, D.Min., M.Div.

Course Schedule
Monday, January 5 - Thursday, January 8, 2015, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Saturday, January 10, 2015, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, January 12 - Wednesday, January 14, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Call-In Appointment Hours:
Monday – Thursday, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, or
Friday, January 9, 2015, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm by appointment
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Course Description:
This course is designed to enhance the preacher who has had little or no formal theological training. Students will gain a basic background of the history and theology of preaching, with particular focus on the role of women preachers in shaping the history of the church. In addition, students will be exposed to rudimentary exegetical and interpretive methods as it contributes to the homiletical task for Biblical preaching. (Degree goals: M.Div.1, 4, 6; MAUM 1, 3, 5)

Course Format:
This course has been reformatted to fit the winter intensive course schedule. Therefore, emphasis will be placed on the tasks pertaining to the homiletical task in conjunction with relevant issues of the day. Course sessions will include lectures, interactive discussions, Biblical analysis, preaching and critique of sermons & delivery.

Learning Objectives and Outcomes:
1. Students will gain a Biblical theological premise for the preaching task.
2. Students will develop a rudimentary understanding of exegetical and interpretive methods & tools to improve their knowledge and
analysis of Scripture text.
3. Students will prepare and deliver an exegetically crafted sermon and understand basic principles for sermon delivery & evaluation.
4. Students will understand key theological arguments for the two most prominent views on women in ministry.
5. Students will gain a cursory knowledge of both historical and contemporary preachers.
6. Students will gain knowledge of & sensitivity to the needs of women and women in ministry, in particular, and to a pluralistic cultural society, in general and the opportunities for the preachers’ voice to be heard.

Required Course Texts:

Holy Bible


Reference:
Or, Strong’s Concordance App for download onto computer or phone, Version 3.0.2 or later.

Assignments:

**General Communication Instructions:**
ALL written assignments are to be sent to Prof. Weekes via “mewacademic@gmail.com” by the stated due date.

**Subject Line on ALL emails should read:**
PR500’15:First Initial, Last Name, # of the Assignment, 1-2 Word Description.
Place Your Name, Date, Course, #Assignment & Assignment Description, Name of Prof. in Header with page numbers;
Submit hard copies on class due date.

Students are expected to attend all evening sessions and the all day session, Saturday, January 10, 2015 through the final day of class on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 for full credit, weather permitting.

**Assignments:**

**#1 Essay Reflection (250 – 500 words):10%**
Students will present a reflective essay presenting their understanding of their personal call to preach, including to whom, as applicable. This will include the theological premise for their call and the responsive acceptance or rejection of their call. Students will identify and critique successes, challenges, fears, and support systems, as applicable, in their journey in preaching/ministerial growth and development. This will include a description of their current audiences and visionary, futuristic audiences.
Students will share reflections on Tuesday, 1.6.15, 6:00 pm.
Essay Reflection due 6 pm Tuesday, 1.6.15.

**#2 Preaching Principles & Practice: [60%]**
The student will have read *Preaching: Principles & Practice, Student Edition* by Dr. Samuel B. Hogan in its entirety by Thursday, 1.8.15.
2A) Topic: 5%
Submit big idea, pericope and preliminary topic on **Tuesday 1.6.15, 6pm** via email.

2B) Exegetical Essay: 10%
Submit exegetical essay by **Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 6 pm** via email.

2C) Sermon Outline: 10%
Submit sermon outline by **Thursday, January 8, 2015, 3 pm** via email.

2D) Manuscript: 10%
Submit draft manuscript in WORD format between 3 pm and 5 pm, Friday, January 9, 2015 via email.

2E) Preaching: 15%
Students will be scheduled to preach
Saturday, 1.10.14 – Tuesday, 1.13.14

Each student will preach a Biblical expository sermon for 20 minutes **MAXIMUM time allotted with manuscript.**

#3 Essay Reflection (250 – 500 words): 15%
Lischer, Richard. The End of Words: The Language of Reconciliation in a Culture of Violence (The Lyman Beecher Lectures in Preaching). How do you reconcile Lischer’s overall treatise regarding “The End of Words” with the gospel task of preaching? What is your theological response? What subjects can be addressed through preaching?
**Critical Reflection Due Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 6 pm.**
Prepare for interactive discussion.

#4 Critical Reflection (250 - 500 words): 15%
Mathews, Alice P. Preaching That Speaks to Women & Munroe, Myles. Understanding the Purpose & Power of Women.

**Part I:** Students will address the question: “What is preaching that speaks to women in accordance to author Alice Matthews?”
To address the question, students will identify and critique themes
from at least several chapters in Matthews book, thinking theologically & culturally.

**Part II:** What might the late Myles Munroe say is preaching that speaks to women based on premises in his book? What opportunities present themselves in preaching to women based on Munroe’s views? Identify similar and/or contrasting perspectives of these two authors.

**Critical reflection Due Monday, January 19, 2015, 9 am by email.**

**Optional Resources:**


Chapell, Bryan. *Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon.*


