CO 801B INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR
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Spring 2012
Tuesday, 8:00-9:30 A.M.

These lectures and active dialogues around the issue of integration of Biblical, theological, and psychological thought are the heart of our Counseling Program. There will be three topics in the following format:

Meaning of Suffering
January 31  Dr. William Spencer
February 7  Dr. Peter Anders
February 14 Dr. Ray Pendleton
February 28 Reflection paper due

Agents of Change: Word, Community and Spirit
February 28  Dr. Pablo Polischuk
March 6    Dr. Sean McDonough
March 20   Dr. David Gill
April 3    Reflection paper due

Sanctification and Maturity
April 3    Dr. Ray Pendleton
April 10   Dr. Aida Spencer
April 17   Dr. Gwenfair Adams
April 24   Dr. Pendleton and Dr. Polischuk
(Open discussion on all topics)
Reflection paper and Reading Log due

Format:  Lecture by presenter - 55 minutes
          Questions and open discussion – 30 minutes

Textbook:

Recommended:
          Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press.

Papers: A reflection paper is due from all students at the end of each of the topics. This is not a formal research paper, but is instead based upon the materials presented in class, selected readings form all three perspectives and his/her personal reflections. Papers should range in length from 3-5 pages (1” margins, double-spacing) including a reference list written in APA style.

Reading: Each faculty presenter will suggest several pertinent references which will assist the student reflecting on the subjects presented. Students are expected to read materials related to the topics presented in the lectures. A reading log should be kept showing the books read and the cumulative number of pages. Since this a one-half credit course, the reading requirement is 1000 pages. Books suggested by each lecturer are, whenever possible, available on reserve shelves. Students should pay particular attention to reading in areas with which they have less familiarity.
**Assessment:** Each of three papers 30% (for a total of 90% of grade) and reading report 10% of grade.
BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SUGGESTED READING

MEANING OF SUFFERING

JANUARY 31: DR. WILLIAM SPENCER

Biblical Studies


Practical Books


FEBRUARY 7: DR. PETER ANDERS

John S. Feinberg, The Many Faces of Evil: Theological Systems and the Problems of Evil (Crossway, 2004). This is the standard treatment of the subject from an Evangelical perspective. It provides a comprehensive and helpful reference to the philosophical and theological issues, different perspectives on how they might be addressed, and some more practical engagement as well.

C. S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain (Various Publishers, 1940). Another classic that addresses the issue in Lewis's distinctive insightful and engaging style.

Paul Helm, The Providence of God, Contours of Christian Theology (IVP, 1993). This standard Evangelical text places the question of theodicy in the broader theological discussion of Divine providence.

FEBRUARY 14: DR. RAY PENDLETON


AGENTS OF CHANGE: WORD, SPIRIT, & COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 28: DR. SEAN MCDONOUGH

References will be provided

MARCH 5: DR. PABLO POLISCHUK


MARCH 19: DR. DAVID GILL


References will be provided in class.

SANCTIFICATION AND MATURITY

APRIL 3: DR. RAY PENDLETON


APRIL 10: DR. AIDA SPENCER


APRIL 17: DR. GWENFAIR ADAMS – Narrative Spirituality


J. R. R. Tolkien's "On Fairy Stories" (available in various Tolkien essay collections)

C. S. Lewis "On Stories" (available in various Lewis essay collections).