CO 801B INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR
Dr. R.F. Pendleton & Dr. P. Polischuk, Professors
Spring 2010
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 26  Dr. William Spencer
February 2  Dr. Peter Anders
February 9  Dr. Ray Pendleton
February 23  Reflection paper due

Agents of Change: Word, Community and Spirit
February 23  Dr. Sean McDonough
March 2   Dr. Pablo Polischuk
March 9   TBA
March 16  Reflection paper due

Sanctification and Maturity
March 16  Dr. Ray Pendleton
March 30  Dr. Jeffrey Niehaus
April 6   Dr. Gwenfair Adams
April 13  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:


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.
BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SUGGESTED READING

MEANING OF SUFFERING

JANUARY 26: DR. WILLIAM SPENCER

Biblical Studies

Practical Books

FEBRUARY 2: 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 9: DR. RAY PENDLETON


AGENTS OF CHANGE: WORD, SPIRIT, & COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 23: DR. SEAN MCDONOUGH

References will be provided

MARCH 2: DR. PABLO POLISCHUK

MARCH 11:
To Be Announced ….

SANCTIFICATION AND MATURITY

MARCH 16: DR. RAY PENDLETON

MARCH 30: DR. NIEHAUS

APRIL 6: 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).