

January Interim 2023 – Opportunities as of 15 November 2022

Wartburg Theological Seminary

This particular document is still a work in progress, to be updated as new information becomes known. It is also subject to change due to health and other safety concerns that remain possible with COVID-19 or conflicts in the world. Please contact the faculty leader/advisor listed for each J-Term opportunity for more information about that particular J-Term course, including questions of tentative dates and anticipated costs.

See the summary list below (Part B, starting on Page 2) for courses planned for this coming January (or arranged to have travel or be taught in May or August, but still registered for in January). Please follow all e-mailed instructions from the WTS Registrar on submitting the needed preference form to express a request for your interested J-Term course(s). January courses can normally be taken by all Masters students (both degree students and Discovery non-degree students), as well in the case of some travel courses sometimes including spouses or guests of students or the seminary.

For more detailed information on courses, as it becomes available, see Part C of this document.

PART A – J-TERM REQUIREMENT

The January Interim Requirement: All WTS degree students must complete one or more January Interim (aka “J-Term”) courses, one for each year of primary coursework as defined for their program. Master of Divinity degree students currently must complete three (3) J-Term courses. Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree students currently must complete two (2) J-Term courses. Students in the current one-year Master of Arts degree program (Fall 2019 and following) need to complete one (1) J-Term course.

The Cross-Cultural “January” Requirement: For students in the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree programs, as well as students in the older two-year Master of Arts degree program (but not students in the new one-year degree program), one of your J-Terms currently must be reserved for completing the Cross-Cultural requirement. Normally the means of fulfilling the cross-cultural requirement is by completing a designated course that is designed as a group-based course that involves immersion activities (and often travel of some form). Most of these eligible cross-cultural courses are January courses. Independent studies are normally not allowed for meeting the cross-cultural requirement except in situations approved ahead of time by the Academic Dean upon petition.

J-Term Course Grading: All J-Term courses are graded with Credit/No-Credit grading only.

Limits to January Registration – One “J-Term” Course Per Year. Due to financial aid restrictions (by the U.S. Department of Education and their Title IV program), only one course per year can be registered for in each January Interim. This includes courses where travel occurs outside of January (such as in August or May) if they are considered meeting the January course requirement and/or the cross-cultural requirement. This restriction includes independent studies. January courses have their own tuition fee.

PART B – COURSE OFFERINGS

I. CROSS CULTURAL COURSES

The following courses all meet the MDiv/MADM (and older MA degree) cross-cultural degree requirement when completed as a cohort, including pre- and post-January meetings. The faculty person named is the local contact for the course, and in most cases the person you will work with in completing the pre- and post-trip requirements for the cross-cultural requirement, as well as sign off on the final grade. Please see that person for more information about the specific trip or course. All cross-cultural courses are usually numbered MN 398W unless noted otherwise.

These cross-cultural courses will have some number of cross-cultural travel subsidies available for that course as provided through Wartburg's Financial Aid Office, which can be used by students completing their first cross-cultural experience as required for their degree program to offset some of their travel expenses. (See Barb Roling, Financial Aid Office, for details on how these cross-cultural travel subsidies work and your eligibility.) The number of these travel subsidies is currently left unspecified, to allow for some flexibility in reassigning monies to a different trip if one is over- or under-subscribed as compared to another.

2023 International Cross-Cultural Travel Trips (travel and course in January):

FOR INTERNATIONAL TRIPS, PLEASE CONTACT THE LEAD INSTRUCTOR LISTED FOR THE LATEST DETAILS ON SPACE AVAILABILITY.

- **Geneva (Switzerland), Taize (France), and Strasbourg (Germany)** (MN 398) - led by Martin Lohrmann, mlohrmann@wartburgseminary.edu *See Part C starting on page 6 for more trip details.* **THIS TRIP IS ACTUALLY NOT FULL YET (due to some recent students needing to drop) AND STILL COULD TAKE UP TO 4 TO 5 STUDENTS.**
- **Holy Land** (MN 398) – led by Troy Troftgruben, ttroftgruben@wartburgseminary.edu *See Part C starting on page 6 for more trip details.* **THE HOLY LAND TRIP IS NOW FULL, WITH THE COMPLEMENT OF TRAVELERS DETERMINED.**
- **Malaysia and Thailand** (MN 398) – led by Man Hei Yip (myip@wartburgseminary.edu) *See Part C starting on page 6 for more trip details.* **THIS TRIP IS FULL.**

2023 Domestic Cross-Cultural Courses (Travel and Course in January):

- **Indigenous People's Immersion** (previously known as the Pine Ridge course, as sponsored by the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota) (MN 398) —Contact Kevin Anderson (Registrar) for more information about this J-Term, including a needed application form you separately submit. This is a course annually taught by the staff of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center (PRRC) and is a multi-seminary

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offering. This year's course will take place from January 4-14, and is an on-site-only course, with a total enrollment of 24 students (living in a dormitory-like guest house) from all seminaries involved (which in the past has usually meant up to about 8-10 students possible from WTS). *See Part C starting on page 6 for more details as they become available.* **AS OF NOVEMBER 15, I BELIEVE THIS COURSE STILL HAS SPACE, BUT THE PINE RIDGE RECONCILIATION CENTER HAS NOT RESPONDED TO CONFIRM THAT TO ME.**

- **Dismantling Racism** (MN 398W)—led by Jan Rippentrop Schnell and Rev Lamont Anthony Wells. This is an in-person/synchronous Zoom course that meets in Dubuque and can be taken hybrid by Zoom (but is not an asynchronous online course). *See Part C starting on page 6 for more course details.* **THIS COURSE NOW HAS AN ENROLLMENT LIMIT OF 20 STUDENTS, AND IS FULL.**
- ~~**Texas/Mexico Borderlands (Cultural Encuentro)**~~— **THIS COURSE HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

II. Other January-Held Courses that can meet other degree (or concentration) requirements:

- ~~**MN 397W Rural Ministry Immersion—Western Iowa, Shalom Hill Farm, & North Dakota**~~—led by Mark Yackel-Juleen. — **THIS COURSE HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

III. ELECTIVE J-TERM COURSES

A. Elective Courses Held during January

- **IN 281W Fascism and Fiction** – **New course added on November 15**, to be taught by Samuel Giere. This is an **asynchronous course** that will have 3-4 synchronous Zoom “chinwags” that will be at mutually agreeable times determined by the participants. *See Part C, specifically page 12, for a longer course description.*
- **Holden Village Winter Sojourn & Reading Seminar** (MN 396W)—led by Nathan Frambach. This is an in-person travel course, but not a cross-cultural course (and therefore participants are not eligible for the cross-cultural travel subsidies). *See Part C starting on page 6 for more course and trip details.* **THIS TRIP IS FULL WITH NO MORE ROOM.**
- **Preaching and Spiritual Formation Course** (MN 396W)—NEW COURSE LISTING—Led Samantha Gilmore. This is an in-person/synchronous Zoom course proposed to meet January 2 to 12, 2023, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon, Monday through Thursday, in Dubuque and can be taken by Zoom. But there is also the possibility that the instructor will consider also adding a parallel asynchronous online course if enough students are committed to this subject and can only participate online asynchronously – please contact Samantha Gilmore directly (sgilmore@wartburgseminary.edu) to make known your asynchronous interest and

needs. **ENROLLMENT LIMIT CAPPED AT 15 STUDENTS, AND IS FULL.** *See Part C starting on page 6 for more course details.*

- **MN 103W Pastoral Practicum** (arranged between you and a pastor/church, with a faculty member's oversight). A specialized independent study whereby the student focuses on ministry in a church setting (e.g., "shadowing" a pastor, or completing a specialized ministry project, etc.) Student must complete an independent study form as part of the registration process in order to outline the goals of their practicum. See the section below on independent studies for more information on the amount of work that needs to be arranged for.

B. Elective Courses that Actually Meet July-August (Summer 2022), before January, and can be registered for as your one "J-Term" option for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

- **NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME**

C. Elective Courses that Actually Meet in May-June (Summer 2023), after January, and can be registered for as your one "J-Term" option for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

- **NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME**

IV. Known J-Term Opportunities that are offered by/through another ELCA seminary:

Each year there are courses shared between the ELCA seminaries. Often times courses are shared through a long-standing cross-registration agreement between these seminaries that the student normally pays their home seminary the expected J-Term tuition fee, and then the student only pays the other host seminary any additional expenses needed for their local onsite participation.

Through Luther Seminary (Twin Cities area, Minnesota):

- **Diaconal Ministry: History, Formation, and Spirituality (J-Term 2023)** To be held in-person at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center (Farmington, MN), from Sunday, January 8, starting at 4:00 p.m., and going to Friday, January 13 at 4:00 p.m. Current understanding is that students will pay WTS the normal J-Term tuition (as an ELCA seminary cross-registered exchange course), but that Deaconess Community also has a scholarship process to offset at least some of the costs. Besides the WTS Registrar sending Luther Seminary a cross-registration form, there is a separate application process with Luther Seminary also needed to be in this course. *See Part C starting on page 6 for more course details.*

V. Other known January opportunities that are not part of the ELCA cross-registration program

J-Term HSP Offering. See Part C (page 13) for a course offering offered as part of the Hispanic Summer Program (HSP), a multi-seminary consortium that WTS participates.

This particular J-Term offering, **Race and Religion in the U.S.**, is not part of the ELCA cross-registration program, but may be of interest to you, especially if you are completing our Hispanic Ministry Concentration. You will need to follow the application process describe and will need to independently arrange for transfer credits back to WTS in order to count as a J-Term course. **ACT FAST, AS APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 18.** You would not pay WTS tuition in this case, but instead need to pay their expected tuition as indicated to the school involved.

VI. INDEPENDENT STUDY or PASTORAL PRACTICUM

For those students who do not complete one of the cross-cultural courses or specified organized activity courses listed above, your remaining option is to complete an independent study or a pastoral practicum. *For students in the new curriculum (Fall 2016 and newer) MDiv, MA, and MA in Diaconal Ministry degree programs, all J-Term independent studies are expected to meet the requirements for a 2-credit course (which equates to a minimum of 90 to 95 hours of work). For any remaining students in the legacy degree programs (pre-Fall 2016 MDiv, MA, or MA in Diaconal Ministry), a J-Term course/independent study is a 3-credit course (which equates to a minimum of 135-145 hours of work).* There is an Independent Study Contract Form to be completed in conjunction with the faculty member who will oversee your independent study or pastoral practicum, and the form is also signed by your faculty advisor. These contracts need to be finalized by the December registration week.

PART C

J-TERM 2023 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

(Not all courses may have further detailed description available at this time;
See the Registrar or the faculty contact person/instructor for more details)

MN 398W HOLY LAND

*See the actual travel itinerary and details (from the travel agency brochure found on pages later in this catalog. Contact Prof. Troy Troftgruben directly (ttroftgruben@wartburgseminary.edu), as well as submit the J-Term Preference Form to the Registrar, if interested. **THE HOLY LAND TRIP IS NOW FULL, WITH THE COMPLEMENT OF TRAVELERS DETERMINED.***

MN 398W GENEVA – TAIZÉ – STRASBOURG IMMERSION, January 2023 – Syllabus

Dr. Martin Lohrmann

2 credit hours; fulfills cross-cultural J-term requirement; credit/no credit only

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this travel trip, participants will gain familiarity with global Christianity through immersive visits to institutions including the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, Institute for Ecumenical Research, and the Taizé community, actively experiencing and considering cross-cultural issues like religious identity, worship, and Christian witness in diverse global contexts.

OBJECTIVES

1. To grow in faith and knowledge by engaging significant institutions in world Christianity.
2. To consider issues of religious identity and global Christian witness.
3. To consider Christian responses to challenges facing the global church through practices like worship, dialogue, and cross-cultural education.

These course objectives reflect and serve the values of the “12 Pastoral-Diaconal Practices of Wartburg Theological Seminary,” especially the Practice of Complex Analysis (5), the Practice of Immersion in the Context (11), and the Practice of Cross-Cultural and Global Dimensions (12).

PROCEDURE

Leaving on overnight flights from the US on January 9, 2023, we will meet in Geneva, Switzerland, on January 10. Because Wartburg students live all over the country, participants will make their own flight arrangements. Our time in Geneva will focus on global Christianity and global Lutheranism, meeting with representatives from the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation.

On Sunday, January 15, we will take a train to the Taizé community. We will spend the week immersed in that worship community.

We will then take a train to Strasbourg, France, on Sunday, January 22, where we will spend time with Dr. Theo Dieter and the Institute for Ecumenical Research. We will leave Strasbourg on Thursday, January 26. Students need to arrange return travel from Strasbourg.

Participants are responsible for having necessary passports. Full COVID-19 vaccination is required; seasonal flu shots are also highly recommended.

A deposit of \$500 is due to the Wartburg financial offices by October 14, 2023. This amount will be applied to housing costs and other expenses incurred during the trip.

REQUIRED READING – *to be completed before the trip*

Jason Brian Santos, *A Community Called Taizé* (InterVarsity Press, 2008)

EVALUATION

Learning will be evaluated through active participation, conversations about readings and experiences, and a journal that contains observations about the assigned book and reflections about the travel experiences. Participants will contribute to a group presentation of our cross-cultural immersion on Monday, January 30, 2023.

MN 398W MALAYSIA & THAILAND, JANUARY 2023

(The following is from a July 7 email from Prof. Man Hei Yip, myip@wartburgseminary.edu)

Hello, Wartburg community!

I hope you are keeping well and taking time to rest, refresh, and recharge this summer.

The J-Term trip to Sabah and Bangkok will take place from **January 4-21, 2023**. Cognizant of an extension of COVID restrictions in Hong Kong that have created uncertainty in travel decision-making, it has been deemed prudent to visit Bangkok, Thailand, instead of Hong Kong. The adjustment to the itinerary means that the trip will include visiting both Sabah, Malaysia, and Bangkok, Thailand.

We will meet at The Kota Kinabalu International Airport in Sabah, Malaysia, on January 4. Please note that participants will make their own flight arrangements: USA to Sabah, Sabah to Bangkok, and Bangkok to USA. More information will be shared in a Zoom session in August.

Theme of the trip is **Exploring Multiculturalism in/across Asia**

Sabah, Malaysia (Jan 4-16, 2023)

The Lutheran Study Centre in Sabah will work with us and provide all the assistance we need during our stay in Sabah.

Places to visit include:

- a. 1 day session on understanding local Sabah cultures
- b. 2-day visit to local ministries, cultural and social work centres in Kota Kinabalu
- c. 4-day visit to Sapulut (interior visit) Murut indigenous community
- d. 3-day visit to Kudat/Pitas (interior visit) Rungus Community

On Monday, January 16, we will travel by plane to Bangkok, Thailand.

Bangkok, Thailand (Jan 16-21)

In addition to debriefing sessions, we will meet an ELCA missionary to learn about the work of the ELCA with its global partners in the region, and do some sightseeing.

Estimated costs for this trip: \$3,500 to \$4,000, including airfare, in-country travel, and room and board. I am anticipating a group of 12 (max). Spouses and family members are welcome, but priority is given to Wartburg students.

According to the Malaysian entry regulations, all persons entering from the United States of America must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and must have received at least one booster shot. Please stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines and boosters and bring valid certification(s) of your vaccination and booster shots.

A Zoom session will be offered to provide information about the trip and answer questions. The meeting also includes a presentation of the uniqueness of Sabah as a state of Malaysia and the work of The Lutheran Study Centre there, by Rev. Dr. Eric Trozzo, who was on the faculty of Sabah Theological Seminary, directing The Lutheran Study Centre, through ELCA Global Mission. It will happen in August, exact date to be determined.

MN 396W INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S IMMERSION (Pine Ridge, South Dakota)



Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

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website: <https://www.pineridgereconciliationcenter.org/>

In Person J-Term Session: January 4-14, 2023

The ministry of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center is to foster mutual trust, respect, and understanding while addressing the poverty that exists on the reservation. This J-term course seeks to offer a cross-cultural opportunity for seminary students that will shed light on the role the Christian Church has played in the development of our shared story with the Lakota people both for harm and for healing. This will help students to explore their calling in ministry in this age of racial and spiritual reckoning.

PROGRAM FEE: \$700.00 per student. Half the fees are due December 1, 2022, with the remaining \$350 due the first day of class. (For WTS, this payment is

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usually coordinated by the Business Office and paid through your student account, with a full payment made to the PRRC on your behalf.)

SCHEDULE: Each day will consist of 2-3 presentations/activities and conclude with a talking circle. Students will be expected to participate in the presentations and talking circles. A more detailed schedule for the course will be provided as the dates get closer.

Presenters will share their experiences of life on the Reservation, hopes and views about economic and housing issues, the impact of the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890, and generational trauma. Activities will include visits to local historical sites and ministries as well as conversations around video clips and articles including topics of boarding schools, accompaniment, and advocacy.

REQUIREMENTS: Fill out and return the application form (AVAILABLE FROM THE REGISTRAR) to the email above to receive the list of the required readings and be invited to the online course. This course is based primarily on participation in cultural guide presentations and group discussions with some reading/video requirements and a couple reflection papers.

MN 398W DISMANTLING RACISM

Instructors: Jan Schnell (jrippentrop-schnell@wartburgseminary.edu) and Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells

THIS COURSE NOW HAS AN ENROLLMENT LIMIT OF 20 STUDENTS, AND IS TENTATIVELY NOW FULL AS OF 6 OCTOBER.

Dates: Jan. 11-25

Time: 9am-2pm daily (Central)

Course Desc:

This course examines racism in the US, celebrates BIPOC cultural excellence, and invests in strategies to dismantle the societal harm of racism. It is open to all students; each student will be expected to take responsibility for describing their own need to learn. This course is being offered with honest awareness that white people have specific work to do. The course aims for students to have a significant encounter with, arguably, two cultures previously less-than-familiar to them:

1. BIPOC: Black, Indigenous, People of Color are people of culture with many diverse perspectives of excellence. Hearing from many authors and speakers of color, recognizing the grinding impacts of constant, systemic racism, thinking theologically about contexts that include structural racism, and learning to celebrate BIPOC cultural excellence will help form valued leaders and hopefully shape the ELCA to act in alignment with antiracism.
2. Whiteness; Many white students are as yet unfamiliar with their own whiteness. It is crucial to recognize one's own racial identity in order to care about all people being treated with dignity, to work for equity in our church and world, and to learn how whiteness is centered and how people participate or disrupt the centering of whiteness. This course will invite white students, in a supported, accompanied manner, to recognize their own whiteness and begin to come to terms with the immunity/privilege it affords them, and therefore the responsibility they are perfectly free to embody. Thus, this course has repercussions for how students view their own culture.

We will use many methods of learning: discussion, lecture, videos, art, reading, and activities.

MN 396W HOLDEN VILLAGE Winter Sojourn & Reading Seminar

Instructor: Nathan Frambach (nframbach@wartburgseminary.edu)

Enjoy an opportunity to spend one full week (7 days, Friday to Friday) “in” at Holden Village for a winter spiritual sojourn. We will join the Holden winter community in this beautiful and rugged setting in the Cascade Mountains of Washington state. The rhythm of daily life will mirror the rhythm of the Holden community, including worship, prayer, reading, conversation, work, play, and table fellowship. The focus for our reading will be determined by those who will be participating in conjunction with the Instructor.

You may choose your preferred mode of travel for this trip. Professor Frambach will travel by train* with the following general itinerary: departing from Lacrosse, WI on a Tuesday evening (Jan. 10th), arriving into Wenatchee early Thursday morning (Jan 12th), spend the day and overnight in Wenatchee, take the boat up Lake Chelan to Holden Friday morning (Jan 13th), arriving at Holden Village mid-day on Friday; leaving Holden mid-day on the following Friday (Jan 20th), arriving back into Wenatchee Friday afternoon, boarding the train Friday evening (Jan. 20th) for the return trip, arriving into Lacrosse, WI on Sunday morning (Jan. 22nd).

Twelve (12) days total **if traveling by train**. If you choose other modes of travel, please see below*

Holden faculty: Nathan Frambach and Holden Village staff

Wartburg Faculty Advisor: Professor Nathan Frambach (2 credit hours)

Dates: dates at this point are January 12th—20th (*not inclusive of travel*).

Cost: Estimated total cost of \$1000—\$1,200 based on the following breakdown and dependent on your mode of travel (all costs approximate at this point):

1. **Travel** (round trip): \$300--\$500 per person; rooms on the train incur added cost per person (rooms include meals in Dining Car, access to shower on board). Check Amtrack.com for current fare & room rates or your preferred airline.
2. **Holden Village:** \$250.00 for the week (this could change depending on the 2023 J-term rates which have not yet been determined)
3. **Lady of the Lake** (Lake Chelan boat/ferry): \$36.00 round trip
4. **Wenatchee, WA:** one night hotel (shared) and meals; approx. \$100.00
5. **Miscellaneous:** you will need money for food/drinks as you travel, especially if you travel by train and do not have a sleeper (sleepers are nice and include meals, but they can get pricey); you can also bring food & drinks (within reason) on board the train; and they do have a store at Holden Village with all sorts of stuff for purchase—from candy bars to books to music to apparel.

*If you wish to travel by train, the route you will choose is the **Empire Builder**, originating at Chicago's Union Station and terminating in Seattle, WA.

If you wish to travel by air, please plan on arriving in Wenatchee on Thursday, January 12th and departing on Saturday, January 21st. This will likely involve another overnight, whether in Wenatchee or close to SeaTac airport.

Likewise, if you choose to drive, please plan on arriving in Wenatchee on Thursday, January 12th. We will return to the Chelan/Wenatchee area late afternoon on Friday, January 20th. Please contact Professor Frambach with any questions, especially relating to travel.

MN 396W Preaching and Spiritual Formation

Samantha Gilmore

Elective – Residential and Synchronous Zoom. (Contact Samantha Gilmore about possibility of an asynchronous section being created if enough students can commit.)

Open to all

Two credits

Credit/No Credit Grading

ENROLLMENT LIMIT CAPPED AT 15 STUDENTS, AND AS OF 6 OCTOBER IS ALMOST FULL.

Preaching can serve as a form of spiritual guidance, certainly for hearers, but also for preachers. This course invites in-depth exploration of the spiritual preparation and experience of preaching, seeing the ministry of proclamation as a means through which God in the power of the Holy Spirit forms us and ultimately works to transform us. Students will gain tools to sustain the preaching life in the long term.

Objectives

As a result of this course, students will be able to:

1. Articulate an understanding of preaching as spiritual formation for both the preacher and the listeners (*Practice of Being Rooted in the Gospel; Practice of Missio Dei in Word and Sacrament*).
2. Practice increased attentiveness to God's presence and a "desire for God" while also cultivating the "love of learning" that will help foster the preaching life (*Practice of Personal Faith and Integrity*).
3. Interpret sacred and secular texts and contexts through the lens of God's Spirit active in individual lives and in the world (*Practice of Complex Analysis*).

Procedure

This course will meet from January 2 to 12, 2023, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Teaching and learning methods will include 1) interactive lecture, 2) group discussions and activities, 3) practicing imaginative and spiritual disciplines that aid in "sustaining the preaching life," and 4) preaching and post-preaching reflection. Students will feed their imaginations by engaging with art outside of their normal genres of entertainment. They will develop and turn in a contemplative intellectual journal of their experiences both inside and outside of class.

Evaluation

This course will require active participation, collegial interaction, arriving to class on time, and being prepared to discuss assignments and preach in a way that manifests clear evidence of engagement with course materials.

Bibliography

Required

Kay Northcutt, *Kindling Desire for God: Preaching as Spiritual Direction*

Michael Pasquarello III, *We Speak Because We Have First Been Spoken: A Grammar for the Preaching Life*

Recommended

Jean Leclercq, *The Love of Learning and the Desire for God: A Study of Monastic Culture*

David B. Ward, *Practicing the Preaching Life*

IN 281W Fascism in Fiction:

Open Elective

Two credits

Asynchronous Course primarily

Credit/No Credit only

FACULTY

S.D. Giere, Professor of Biblical Interpretation

OBJECTIVES

This course is an exercise in exploring the dynamics of fascism as an ideology by entering into worlds projected by works of fiction. Fascism, a persistent nationalistic, authoritarian ideology, seeks conformity and purges diversity, through threats of violence and the systematic propagation of fear. Conversations will center around the dynamics of fascism in relation to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

FORMAT

Largely asynchronous with 3-4 synchronous chinwags (ZOOM) at a mutually agreeable time.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Required

Bible, NRSV.

Margaret Atwood, *The Handmaid's Tale* (1985).

Ray Bradbury, *Fahrenheit 451* (1953).

Octavia Butler, *The Parable of the Sower* (1993).

George Orwell, *1984* (1949).

Recommended

Angela Dienhart Hancock, *Karl Barth's Emergency Homiletic, 1932-1933: A Summons to Prophetic Witness at the Dawn of the Third Reich* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013).

Umberto Eco, "Ur-Fascism," *The New York Review of Books* (22 June 1995).

Jason Stanley, *How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them* (Random House, 2020).

Slavoj Žižek, *The Sublime Object of Ideology* (Verso, 2009).

A COURSE OFFERED THROUGH LUTHER SEMINARY:

Diaconal Ministry J-Term Course 2023

Mount Olivet Retreat Center, Farmington Minnesota
Sunday, January 8 at 4:00 pm to Friday, January 13 at 4:00 pm

*Provided by the Deaconess Community of the ELCA
for anyone who wants to learn about the diaconate.*

Diaconal Ministry: History, Formation, and Spirituality

Servant leadership, Word and Service, and diaconal ministry are all synonyms for the ancient Greek word, diakonia, the call of Christ to serve others for the sake of the gospel. We invite you to accompany others interested in learning more through our January seminary elective course.

The Course:

- Introduces students to the historical, theological, and social contexts in which the work of diaconal ministry has been expressed through the church's history.
- Provides a particular focus on ways in which that history continues to impact the present.
- The course provides significant opportunity for the development of spiritual disciplines and vocational discernment.
- This course meets the formation requirements for those entering the Word and Service Roster.
- Pre-work is required.

Course Goals:

- To present a theological grounding for discernment.
- To learn about the ministry of Word and Service throughout the Church's history.
- To experience and talk about intentional community.

Instructors:

- Susan Wilds McArver is the H. George Anderson Professor of Church History at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Dr. McArver has been involved in the education of diaconal ministers and deaconesses for over 20 years.
- The Rev. Gary Dreier has over 25 years of ministry experience as a spiritual director, congregational pastor and campus pastor. Pastor Dreier will lead the class in exploring and participating in spiritual practices.

Funding:

This course was created by the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, also serving the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to share the history, spirituality, and impact of diaconal ministry with the whole church. Students who take this course in 2023 will receive up to \$1900 towards tuition or travel/housing costs paid by the Deaconess Community. This gift is for all students, not only students interested in Word and Service Ministry or joining the Deaconess Community.

This one credit course is offered through Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and available for cross registration for all ELCA Seminary students. It is also open to non-degree students. For further information please contact Sister Sarah Hausken at sarah.hausken@elca.org 320-579-0838

J-TERM OFFERING IN THE HISPANIC SUMMER PROGRAM (HSP)

(Note: The following is NOT part of the ELCA cross-registration agreement, but may still be of interest to you as a substitute J-Term option that can be transferred back to WTS; also expenses would need to be your own. Follow the links embedded in the notice on how to apply.)

[J-Term - Hispanic Summer Program](https://hispanicsummerprogram.org/programs/j-term/) (<https://hispanicsummerprogram.org/programs/j-term/>)

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Our online J-Term intensive expands the curricular offerings of our Sponsoring Schools by hosting a full accredited online course in Latinx theology, history, sociology, and/or ministry. Taught by a different HSP faculty member each year, this J-Term intensive offers a unique opportunity for students who are not able to attend the HSP Summer Session or who prefer an online learning environment.

Amidst the great advances in diversity, equity, and inclusion there remains a chasm of opportunity to teach from a distinctly Latinx perspective in our ATS institutions and graduate programs of religion. The HSP J-Term intensive seeks to meet that need directly by providing yet another opportunity for Latinx pedagogy and scholarship to be centered in addition to our Summer Session.

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Dr. Robert Rivera

St. John's University

Race and Religion in the U.S.

This course analyzes the historical emergence, development, and relationship between race and religion in the United States. The focus is on the socially constructed, critical and mutually shaping realities of race and religion, especially as it relates to notions of identity, citizenship, and belonging. This

course also emphasizes the importance of settler colonialism and empire as crucial contexts for understanding race and religion, as well as the systemic and structural dynamics at work in their interrelationship. Particular attention is given to the Christian tradition (broadly and diversely defined) due to its prevalence in the history of U.S. racial construction, racism, and anti-racism, and to Latinx religious/ theological perspectives as it engages issues related to race and racism. Course will be taught entirely online.

Location: Online only

Dates: January 2 – January 13, 2022

Times: Classes held Monday through Friday from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

Language: The primary language for this course will be English.

Tuition:

\$375 for Masters Level Students from Sponsoring Schools.

\$475 for students from Non-Sponsoring Schools and/or Doctoral students.

Three (3) Graduate Level Credits will be granted through our host institution, Drew Theological School.

Applications Open September 12, 2022

Applications Close November 8, 2022

Admissions Decisions will be sent on or around November 15, 2022

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Wartburg Theological Seminary

THE HOLY LAND: A PILGRIMAGE TO SACRED SPACES, NEW ENCOUNTERS, AND LIVING FAITH

January 3-18, 2023 16 days

With Prof. Troy Troftgruben



Tour Mission Statement: To explore the roots of Christian faith where it first took shape, to pilgrimage in the footsteps of worshipers past and present, and to encounter the faith and witness of people living in the lands of Palestine and Israel today.

Troy Troftgruben serves as Associate Professor of New Testament at Wartburg Seminary. An ordained pastor (ELCA), he has ongoing fascination with the places and ways early followers of Jesus gathered and worshiped—in the Middle East and elsewhere. Having led a previous trip to the Holy Land, Troy brings to this experience a familiarity with New Testament connections, an appreciation for the practice of pilgrimage, and a concern for the life of Christian communities in the Middle East. Troy is excited to welcome members of the Wartburg Seminary community to experience with him what it means to be a pilgrim in lands both sacred and marked by ongoing conflict.



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

TUES, 03 JAN Depart U.S.

A meaningful journey of learning and discovery begins today. Depart Chicago on the overnight flight to Zurich with Swiss Airlines. (Meals in-flight)

WED, 04 JAN Arrive Tel Aviv/Bethlehem

Connect in Zurich with the continuing flight to Tel Aviv. Upon afternoon arrival (2:50 pm), meet your guide and driver for the transfer to Bethlehem. After hotel check-in and time to refresh, gather for a welcome dinner. Sunrise Hotel, Bethlehem (Meals in-flight, D)

THURS, 05 JAN Bethlehem

Begin the day with a visit to Manger Square and the Church of Nativity. Visit the Mosque of Omar and meet for a discussion of Islam. Then continue to the Wi'am Center for a conversation over lunch with Zoughbi Zoughbi, Director of the Wi'am Center for Conflict Resolution. Take a walking tour of the Aida Refugee Camp where Palestinians have lived since being forced from their homes in 1949. Also tour the Separation Wall to understand its impact on the Palestinian community. Sunrise Hotel, Bethlehem (B, D)

FRI, 06 JAN Bethlehem

This morning is the Orthodox Christmas. Begin the day with a walking tour of the Old City of Bethlehem and then return to Manger Square to partake in the Greek Orthodox Christmas celebration. Join the locals as they experience the many Scout Troups accompanying the Patriarchate as they walk down the ancient Star Street to the Church of Nativity. After lunch, drive to the Dar al-Kalima University College and tour the campus and meet with the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb to hear about the role of Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land. Sunrise Hotel, Bethlehem (B, D)

SAT, 07 JAN Masada/Qumran/Dead Sea

Visit Qasr al Yahud on the Jordan River, a baptismal site near Jericho. Then travel to Masada where, on this rocky plateau, the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors. Continue to visit Qumran to see the actual caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Finally, drive to the Dead Sea for some free time and an optional swim. Sunrise Hotel, Bethlehem (B, D)

SUN, 08 JAN Bethlehem

Worship at Evangelical Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem (Arabic service) followed by fellowship. Next drive to Efrat for a tour of this Israeli settlement and meet with one of its residents. Continue to Hebron to visit the Tombs of the Patriarchs (traditional burial site of Abraham and Sarah) at the Ibrahim Mosque. Tour this complex Palestinian city with a representative of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee (HRC). Return to Bethlehem. Sunrise Hotel, Bethlehem (B, D)

MON, 09 JAN Bethlehem/Galilee

Depart for the Mediterranean coast and the site of Caesarea, once the Roman capital of Palestine. See the Crusader fortifications, the Roman amphitheater, aqueduct, and the harbor from where the Apostle Paul was taken to Rome. Meet with Elias Chacour in Ibilin. Abuna Chacour was Archbishop of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Galilee, an ambassador for non-violence, and noted for promoting reconciliation between Arabs and Israelis. Visit the Melkite Church and after lunch at Mar Elias school, continue to the Sea of Galilee to check in at your guesthouse for dinner and overnight. Mount of Beatitudes Guesthouse (B, L, D)

TUES, 10 JAN Galilee

This morning see the first century "Jesus Boat" at Nof Ginosar kibbutz, followed by a boat ride on the peaceful waters of the Galilee. Visit the Ancient Synagogue and St. Peter's House at Capernaum. Drive along the north shore to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Multiplication and the Chapel of the Primacy of Peter. Mount of Beatitudes Guesthouse (B, D)

WED, 11 JAN Galilee

Begin the day at the Church of the Beatitudes, one of the most beautiful in the Galilee region. Then visit the excavations at Chorazim before driving north, near the Lebanon border. Visit Tel Dan and Banias Springs (Caesarea Philippi), a source of the Jordan River. Ascend to the Golan Heights. Return to hotel. Mount of Beatitudes Guesthouse (B, D)

THURS, 12 JAN Galilee/Jerusalem

Drive to Mount Tabor and visit the Church of Transfiguration. Continue to Nazareth. Visit the beautiful chapel at the International Mary of Nazareth Center overlooking the Basilica of the Annunciation. Visit the Basilica and excavations there (if open), followed by a visit to the Church of St. Joseph. After lunch continue south to Bet Shean to visit one of the country's largest arche-

ological sites which includes the amphitheater, the ancient wall that surrounded the city, public baths, and other well-preserved structures. Drive south to Jerusalem and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

FRI, 13 JAN Jerusalem

Start the day at Mt. Zion to visit St. Peter in Gallicantu, the church that commemorates Peter's betrayal of Christ, and its model of Byzantine Jerusalem. Continue to the Coenaculum, also called the Upper Room (Mk 14/Lk 22), the traditional site of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. From here we proceed into the Old City and make our journey along the Stations of the Cross (the Via Dolorosa or Way of Sorrows) concluding with a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on the sites commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Continue to the Wailing Wall and welcome the Shabbat. Then walk to our hotel for dinner and overnight. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

SAT, 14 JAN Jerusalem

Stop at the top of the Mount of Olives for a glorious view of Jerusalem. Visit the Pater Noster Church (Our Lords' Prayer) and then walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. Meet with a representative of the LWR-funded Augusta Victoria Hospital. Tour the only hospital that serves Palestinian refugees. Lunch will be at the hospital. Meet with a representative of B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. Gloria Hotel (B, L, D)

SUN, 15 JAN Jerusalem

Attend the Lutheran service at the Church of the Redeemer. Then drive to Yad Vashem, the moving memorial to the Holocaust; lunch on own there. Continue to the Israel Museum to study the model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple period and see the original Dead Sea Scrolls at the Shrine of the Book. This evening meet with Ophir Yarden to learn about the life of the Jewish people in the land of Israel and his perspective on what will make for a resolution of conflict. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

MON, 16 JAN Jerusalem

Begin the day at the Western Wall and the Temple Mount. The Western Wall is the holiest site in Jerusalem for Jews; and the Temple Mount, or Haram al Sharif, with the Al Aqsa Mosque, is equally sacred for Muslims, second only to Mecca (no inside visits to the mosques available). See the Church of St. Anne, a 12th-century Crusader church, and the Pool of Bethesda. Meet with the English-language pastor at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

TUES, 17 JAN Jerusalem

Start the morning with a visit to the Garden Tomb. The rest of the day is entirely free for individual pursuits. You may wish to walk the ramparts, climb the tower of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, explore the Citadel Museum, the Franciscan Museum, or spend some time in the Old City shops. This evening, gather together for a farewell dinner at a nearby restaurant. Gloria Hotel (B, D)

WED, 18 JAN Return to U.S.

Very early morning check out of hotel and transfer to airport for final departure. (Meals in flight)

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
Itinerary subject to change.
Speakers subject to availability.

TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$500 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due October 04, 2022. Final payment is due no later than November 04, 2022. The fee for late payment is \$50 per traveler. **For credit cards, STT accepts Visa and MasterCard (1.5% service charge). PayPal is also an option if needed (subject to service charge of 3 % processing fee).**

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to October 03, 2022 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; October 04 - December 15, 2022- Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; December 05, 2022 or after- No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than October 01, 2022. A minimum fee of \$100 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

TO REGISTER FOR TOUR

To register for this tour, please complete the **Reservation Application online at: www.shepherdstours.com/package/wartburg** or send us an email to tours@shepherdstours.com and we will email you the Online Application Form.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ **AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago O'Hare airport to Tel Aviv and return on Swiss airlines via Zurich.
- ✓ **ACCOMMODATION:** Fourteen (14) nights' accommodation in superior tourist class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- ✓ **MEALS:** Breakfast and dinner daily except on last day (2 lunches en-route as per program)
- ✓ **GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motor coach throughout.
- ✓ **SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included as per program.
- ✓ **PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- ✓ **EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Tel Aviv through departure from Tel Aviv; Johnny Asmar has been confirmed.
- ✓ **WHISPER SETS:** Individual guide whisper sets throughout the tour.
- ✓ **GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff (for your convenience, \$180 per person has been included).
- ✓ **TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently estimated at \$735 per person).
- ✓ **ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

COST SUMMARY

***\$3960**

Group Flights From Chicago

Tour Gratuities (\$180).....Included

*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplements

Single Room.....\$895

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of March 2022, a minimum of 20 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only. Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.

Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- **Optional Travel Protection:** trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

This strenuous, fast-paced tour requires considerable walking; please check with your tour leader if you have questions.



SST TRAVEL PROTECTION

Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. STT offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Seven Corners Insurance. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 20 days of the initial trip deposit. To review the full plan, get a quote and purchase please visit: <https://purchase.sevencorners.com/policygroup/HW7C6WH/HGP5DXM/>

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Political Emergency Evacuation
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Note: If you prefer to purchase your travel insurance from a different company, please make sure that the Policy includes coverage for any COVID related illness as this is now a prerequisite for entry into Israel.



CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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