

## **HT 260W      AMERICAN GENOCIDE 1: NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY & THEOLOGY**

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Elective.

Open to all: Synchronous and Asynchronous (minimum of 3 for asynchronous section).  
1 Credit; letter grade or credit/no credit

This course is a seminar reading selected texts in American Indian history and theology through the lens of genocide theory. While there has been significant theological attention to liberation theology in contexts beyond North America, this course examines the significance of the conquest of North America by Europeans and the ongoing oppression indigenous peoples as an occasion for liberation theology.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

1. To introduce genocide theory (Practice of Complex Analysis).
2. To explore the history of American Indian peoples (Practice of Engagement with Cross-Cultural and Global Dimensions).
3. To encounter and discuss recent theological works by Native American theologians (Practice of Biblical and Theological Wisdom).
4. To engage in discussion for the implications of this study for the ministry and mission of the church (Practice of Personal Faith and Integrity).

**PROCEDURE:** The course will meet once per week for one hour. The primary format will be interactive discussion of readings led by instructor and students.

**EVALUATION:** 1) Class participation based on solid preparation of assigned readings. 2) Discussion leadership of assigned readings on a rotating schedule. 3) Research paper or project to demonstrate integration of semester's work.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY (\*\* indicates required texts):**

- Brown, Dee. *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West*. 1970.
- Calloway, Colin G. *First Peoples: A Documentary Survey of American Indian History*. 2008.
- \*\*Charles, Mark and Soong-Chan Rah. *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery*. 2019.
- Charleston, Steven and Robinson, Elaine A. *Coming Full Circle: Constructing Native Christian Theology*. 2015.
- \*\*Charleston, Steven. *Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditations of Hope and Courage*. 2021.
- Charleston, Steven. *The Four Vision Quests of Jesus*. 2015.
- Churchill, Ward. *A Little Matter of Genocide: Holocaust and Denial in the Americas 1492 to Present*. 1997.
- Deloria, Ella Cara. *Water Lily*. 1988.
- Deloria, Jr, Vine. *God is Red: A Native View of Religion*. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition. 2003.
- Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne. *An Indigenous People's History of the United States*. 2014.
- Estes, Nick. *Our History Is the Future*. 2019.
- Hämäläinen, Pekka. *Lakota America: A New History of Indigenous Power*. 2019.
- Tinker, George E. *American Indian Liberation: A Theology of Sovereignty*. 2008.
- Tinker, George E. *Missionary Conquest: The Gospel & Native American Cultural Genocide*. 2008.
- Treuer, David. *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present*. 2019.
- Daniel R. Wildcat. *Red Alert: Saving the Planet with Indigenous Knowledge*. 2009.
- Woodley, Randy S. *Shalom and the Community of Creation: An Indigenous Vision*. 2012.