

## **BI 245 Reading Mothers in the Hebrew Bible with a Womanist Lens**

One Credit

### **FACULTY**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course seeks to explore womanist ways of reading the scripture with special attention to the mothers in the Hebrew Bible/First Testament. We will center the voices and experiences of African American women and mothers and read the works of Womanist theologians in conversation with some mothers in the Hebrew Bible/First Testament. Informed by Womanist Biblical interpretation, students will have an opportunity to dig deeper into Womanist Maternal thought and explore ways to center African American women's experiences and their stories in worship, liturgy, bible studies and in various ministerial contexts.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- To familiarize oneself with images of motherhood in African American communities and the Hebrew Bible/First Testament
- To develop increased competence in engaging biblical texts in conversation with the lived experiences of African American women and mothers.
- To foster knowledge of the contributions made by womanist theologians.

### **PROCEDURE**

This course is a combination of lectures, small group discussions, and student presentations. Each class typically consists of a lecture, a time to engage with the scholarship from the required readings and a small group discussion to discuss the value of the class learnings in the ministerial contexts. Students will be required to complete the assigned readings prior to the class and participate in the class activities.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

#### Required Books

Crowder, Stephanie R. Buckhanon. *When Momma Speaks: The Bible and Motherhood from a Womanist Perspective* (version Nth edition.) Louisville, Ky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016.

Junior, Nyasha. *An Introduction to Womanist Biblical Interpretation* (version First edition.). Firsted. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.