

Course Number: **MN 261 E/W**  
Course Title: **Queer Theology**  
Name of Instructor: Jan Schnell  
Semester and Year: Spring 2025  
Elective

Who may register: anyone  
Number of hours: 1  
Grading option: Credit/No-Credit Grading

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This readings course, designed for Queer people and allies, engages many voices in order to begin to see what all Queer theology entails. Besides defining Queer theology and introducing the field, we will explore biblical interpretation for both everyday use and clobber passages, will take note of approaches to suffering and celebration, and will think pedagogically about connections for people beyond church as well as how we participate in relearning/reteaching embedded theologies. We will endeavor to experience uplift while studying compact material and engaging in crucial conversations.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Introduce ourselves to the field of Queer Theology
- Recognize Queer excellence
- Discuss authentically and with care for all present
- Explore hermeneutics for engaging biblical passages
- Think about how Queer theology can impact pedagogy
- Practice teaching with or about Queer theology

#### PROCEDURE:

Reading/resources paired with group conversation, noticing Queer excellence, research culminating in a public facing project

EVALUATION: Cr/ncr

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- Epping, Cole. *Introducing Queer Theology*. Thesis, St. John's University; Collegeville, 2020.
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Subject to change:

Levine, Amy Jill. "A Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Teaches Us About The New Testament" on Queer Theology Podcast.  
<https://www.queertheology.com/podcast/432/>

Levine, Amy Jill. "How to Read the Bible's Clobber Passages on Homosexuality" 2022  
<https://outreach.faith/2022/09/amy-jill-levine-how-to-read-the-bibles-clobber-passages-on-homosexuality/>

Levine, Amy Jill. What Leads to Justice: Galatians Chapter 5  
<https://www.queertheology.com/podcast/486/>

Levine, Amy-Jill and Brandan Robertson "What Does the Bible Actually Say about LGBTQ People" <https://youtu.be/1JFKstkR9RU>

Lightsey, Pamela R., "Intersections" on Queer Theology Podcast  
<https://www.queertheology.com/podcast/417/>

Thomas, Eric A., "An Unapologetic Witness: Black Queer Biblical Criticism."  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyffQFGJtSo> (50 min)