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KNP 3372H/6372H – WINTER 2017

PREACHING PRACTICUM: 1 CORINTHIANS

KNOX COLLEGE

TUESDAY 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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Course Description: This course focuses on a pastoral interpretation of 1 Corinthians and how this letter may be proclaimed in the life of the church today. Through a social cultural reading, congregational studies, and homiletical theory this course will seek to elucidate the possibilities of Paul's letter for preaching today.

Prerequisites: An introductory course in both preaching and New Testament. It is recommended that students be in or have completed their TFE placement.

Course Outcomes:

- To reflect on the pastoral implications of 1 Corinthians as a congregation in formation;
- To gain insight into the early church and the church today through the use of a variety of scholarly tools;
- To receive this letter as though we were listening to a preached event;
- To reflect on contemporary approaches to New Testament interpretation and homiletical study;
- To consider the impact of preaching this text in a diversity of social locations, e.g. gender, racial, social, global, and within a variety of parish/congregational settings;
- To gain confidence in preaching and to reflect on the effectiveness and faithfulness of doing so as gospel proclamation.
- To develop pedagogical skills by providing leadership in class [AD students]

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Interpretation Paper 1 20%

Using the resources presented in class and the required readings, prepare a careful description of the culture of the congregation at Corinth. This paper shall also include brief, preliminary insights and/or questions this descriptions raises for you as you seek to understand the congregational culture of your TFE placement.

[6 – 8 pages. Due Tues. January 31, 2017]

Interpretation Paper 2 20%

Using the resources presented in class and the required readings, prepare a careful description of the Greco-Roman ecology within which the church at Corinth exists. This paper shall also include brief, preliminary insights and/or questions this description raises for you as you seek to understand the ecology of your TFE placement.

[6 - 8 pages, Due Tues. March 7, 2017]

Interpretation Paper 3 20%

What is the nature of the authority to preach in a postmodern, secular Canada? Assess Paul's claims to authority in a first century context and include brief, preliminary insights and/or questions this descriptions raises for you about your authority to preach in a 21st century context.

[6 – 8 pages. Due Tues. March 28, 2017]

Sermon and Reflection 30%

Sermons will be preached as scheduled throughout the course. Students will sign up with the Assistant Instructor. Sermons shall demonstrate an exegetical knowledge of how the culture and/or ecology and/or leadership claims are evident in the text chosen. A one page self-assessment is due the week after the sermon is preached. For those preaching on congregational culture, the texts are: 1 Cor. 3:1-15 or 12:1-13; for the sermons on the broader ecology the texts are: 1 Cor. 11:2-16 or 8:1-13; and for the sermons on leadership/authority the texts are: 1 Cor. 15: 1-8 or 9:1-18.

Reading and Reflection 10%

Weekly readings from the texts are set out as a requirement for all; Students shall come to class prepared to engage in discussions.

AD Students will meet with the Instructor to discuss additional requirements.

Texts:

Richard Horsley. *1 Corinthians*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998.

Wayne A Meeks. *The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1983.

Leona Tubbs Tisdale, *Preaching as Local Theology and Folk Art*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1997.

Other readings as assigned in weekly outline will be available on Blackboard.

COURSE OUTLINE:

January 10: Review Syllabus
Introduction to Homiletical Method

For next week read: Horsley, pp. 21-38; Meeks ch. 2: *The Social Level of the Pauline Christians*; ch. 3 “*The Formation of the Ecclesia*” and ch. 5 “*Rituals*”.

January 17: Congregational Culture and Greco Roman Ecology and 1 Corinthians.

For next week read: Tisdale, Ch. 1-4

January 24: Congregational Culture and Preaching: Today’s Context

First Hour: Presentations on Tubbs-Tisdale situating congregational culture from her experience in a 21st century U.S. context.

Second Hour: Discussion on how to frame congregational culture in a 21st century Canadian context and its implications for preaching.

January 31: Preaching as Local Theology: Five Examples

Five students will each preach for no more than fifteen and no less than ten minutes, demonstrating in their sermons an understanding of the culture of the Corinthian congregation and how that relates to the culture of the TFE (or alternate) congregation.

For next week read: Horsley, pp. 95-114; Meeks ch. 1 “*The Urban Environment of Pauline Christianity*”

February 7: Ecology and Preaching: Situating the Corinthian Congregation within the Greco-Roman Empire with particular reference to Chapter 7

For next class read: M. Shawn Copeland, “Body, Representation and Black Religious Discourse” in Laura E. Donaldson and Kwok Pui-Lan, *Postcolonialism, Feminism and Religious Discourse* (New York: Routledge, 2002), pp. 180 - 198. Also Marilyn Legge, “Negotiating Mission: A Canadian Stance” **International Review of Mission** 95 368 (January 2004), 119-130.

February 14: Ecology and Preaching: The 21st century context: i. Copland’s case study; ii. Legge on the Canadian Context

For next class read: Eunjoo Mary Kim, *Preaching in an Age of Globalization*, (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2010), chapter 2 “Globalization and the Context for Preaching” (pp. 19 – 42) and A Sermon: “*Remembering the Gift of God*, (pp. 113-120).

Also, Catherine Gunsalus Gonzales, “Preaching about the Global Witness of the Church: Loving the World as God Loves It” in *Preaching In and Out of Season* edited by Thomas G. Long and Neely Dixon McCarter (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990)

February 21: **READING WEEK**

February 28: Congregational Ecology and Preaching

First Hour: Presentation on readings from Eunjoo Mary Kim and her understanding of the 21st century U.S. ecology;

Second Hour: Discussion on how to frame a 21st century Canadian ecology and its implications for preaching

March 7: Preaching from an Ecological Context: Five Examples

Five students will each preach for no more than fifteen and no less than ten minutes, demonstrating in their sermons an understanding of the ecological framework of the Corinthian context and how that relates to their TFE (or alternate) context.

For next week read, Horsley, pp. 39-76; Meeks, chapter 4, “Governance” pp 111-139

March 14 The Authority of the Preacher: Paul’s Leadership at Corinth as described in chapters 1-4

For next week, read: Anna Carter Florence, *Preaching as Testimony*. (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2007), chapter 6 “The Wide-Awake Preacher, Living into the Tradition”, pp. 111 – 130.

March 21: Authority of the Preacher and the Modern Context

First Hour: Presentation on Florence and the nature of leadership/authority to preach;

Second Hour: Discussion on how to frame their authority to preach and the model of leadership it suggests.

March 28: Authority and Preaching: Five Examples

Five students will each preach for no more than fifteen and no less than ten minutes, demonstrating in their sermons an understanding of Paul’s claims to authority and leadership in a conflicted 1st century context and their claims to authority and leadership in 21st century Canada..

[These sermons may be directed to their fellow students rather than to a congregational context]

April 4: Preaching for Today’s Church: Learnings & questions for the journey ahead

COURSE POLICIES

Policies for courses are contained in the *TST Basic Degree/Advanced Degree Handbooks* and the *Knox Student Handbook*. The *Knox Student Handbook* policy section may be accessed at the following link:

(www.utoronto.ca/knox/pages/Academic%20Programs/Policies/Academic_policies.htm)

Note: The following information and the fact that it might apply differently to BD and AD students; if in doubt please ask:

Late Policy: 4 points deducted per week late.

Completion of Course Work: All course work (including any late work) must be completed by the end of term, the last day of exams. Only in the case of illness (with a note from a doctor), bereavement or other unusual circumstances will an extension be considered and this must be authorized by the Basic Degree Committee and the Faculty.

Style Guidelines for Papers: See Knox “Style Manual” booklet and *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations*, by Kate Turabian.

Email Assignments: Papers and assignments are not accepted by email, except by prior permission of the professor.

Consultation: Please do not hesitate to consult with me about any questions you may have.

Attendance: A minimum attendance of 80% is required for a passing grade. Habitual lateness for class will be counted as absence (cf. *Knox College Student Handbook [2008 – 2009]*, p. 36).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students should read carefully the academic discipline policy on, and severe penalties for, plagiarism and cheating. These are set out in the University of Toronto’s *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters* available through the Office of the TST Director (cf. *TST Basic Degree Handbook*, p. 18) and on the web (www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/pap/policies/behaveac.html).

GRADING SCHEME

The grading scheme for this course, as with all TST courses, is as follows:

A+	90-100	profound and creative
A	85-89	outstanding
A-	80-84	excellent: clear evidence of original thinking, of analytic and synthetic ability; sound critical evaluations, broad knowledge base.
B+	77-79	very good
B	73-76	good: good critical capacity and analytic ability; reasonable understanding of relevant issues, good familiarity with the literature
B-	70-72	satisfactory: adequate critical capacity and analytic ability; some understanding of relevant issues and with the literature
FZ	0-69	failure: failure to meet the above criteria

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Audio-Visual Resources: Walter Allum Sermon Collection in the Ewart Centre for Lay Education: McKay Resource Centre, Knox College. You may also view video on several of the Great Preachers on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship web-site www.calvin.edu/worship/stories/larue.php