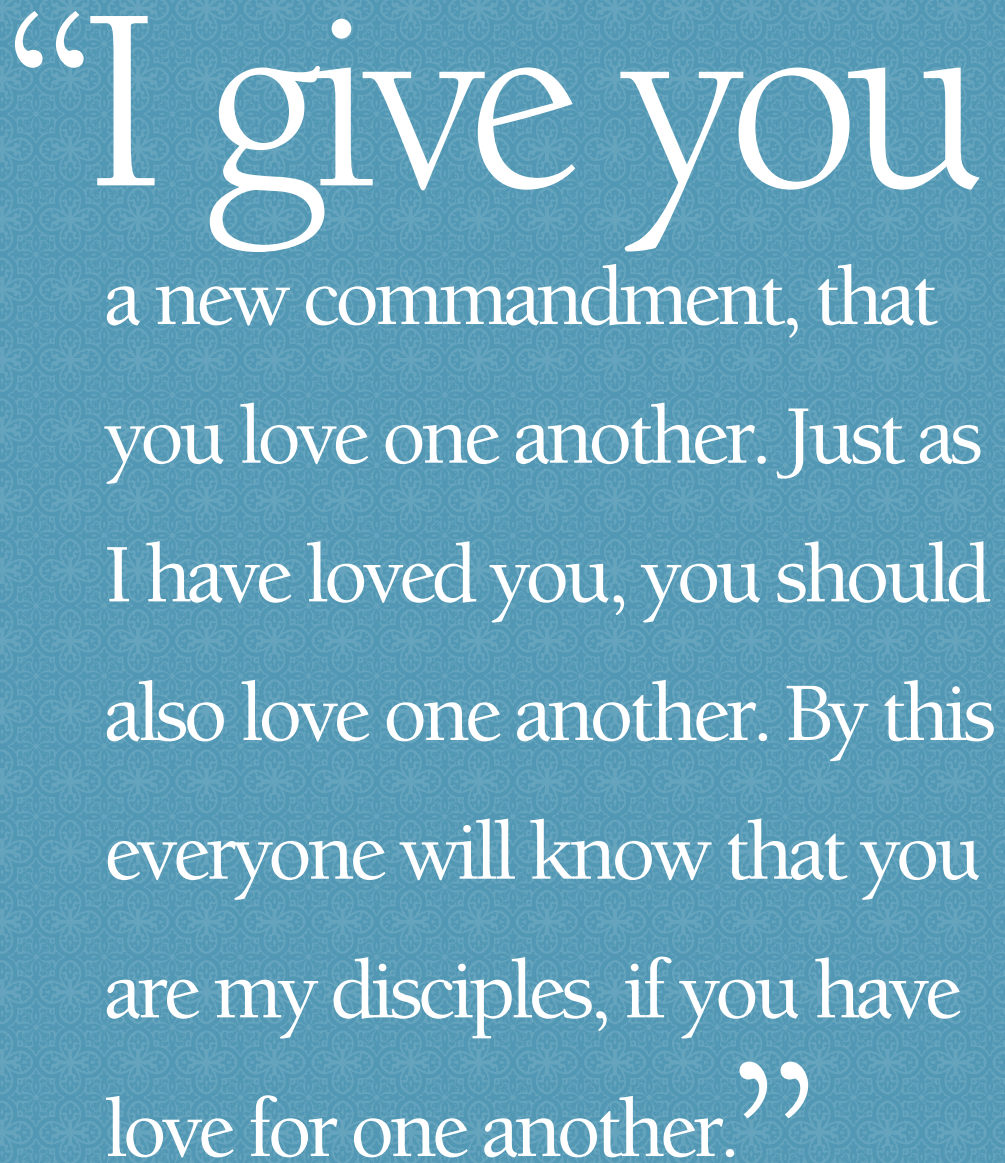


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are my disciples, if you have  
love for one another.”

JOHN 13:34-35

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# Welcome



## Welcome

In the grace and peace of Christ I warmly welcome you to Seminary of the Southwest.

You may be considering Southwest as a place to spend three years in preparation for ordained ministry in the Episcopal church, or you may wish to study counseling or pastoral care or spiritual formation. Perhaps you would like to teach on the faculty here or take a position on the staff.

I invite you to explore this place—a lively, growing, richly textured community of learning and prayer. Here at Seminary of the Southwest we seek to form mature, wise, and creative Christian leaders to participate in God's reconciling mission in the world. We do this through sustained attention to the Christian tradition in the company of and under the guidance of faculty who are not only intelligent, but also wise. We share this enterprise with students who become colleagues and leaders with us in ministry.

We undertake our education in the ancient traditions of the faith in the center of an alive, expanding, complex, and fascinating American city. Austin, Texas is culturally, linguistically, musically, ecologically diverse—a place full of opportunities to observe and participate in the gospel speaking to culture, and culture challenging the church, both with risk and with hope. Christ Chapel is built with a window of clear glass facing out to the University and the Capitol to the south of our campus. Seminary of the Southwest is a place set apart, but not enclosed.

Please come to discover this community of friends in Christ. And if you do join us, know that you will make a difference here. You will add to our colorful conversation and bring unique gifts to our projects and our celebrations. Having you be part of us will make us better, more faithful, and will contribute to transforming us.

May God look generously upon your exploration and bless you in your discovery.

I look forward to meeting you and greeting you in person.

Yours faithfully,

The Very Rev. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, Th.D.

DEAN AND PRESIDENT

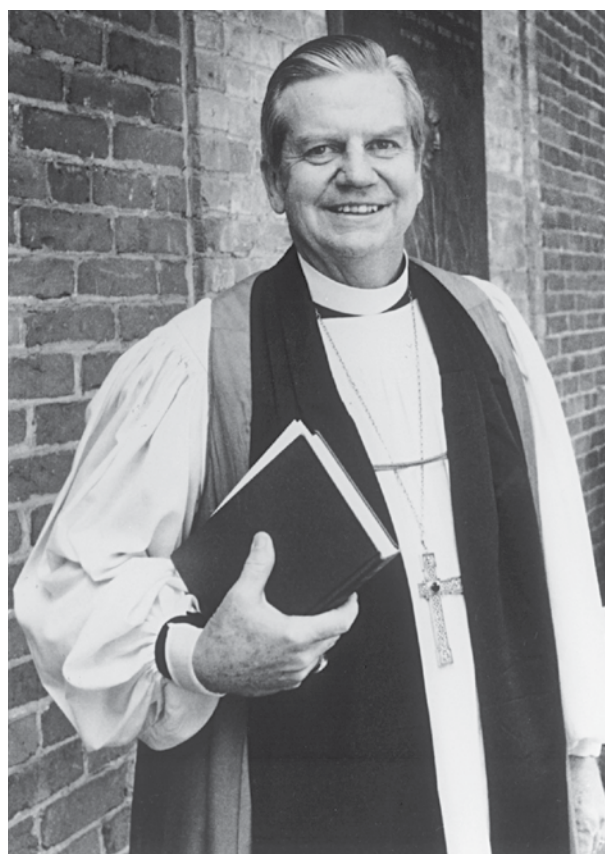
## About Seminary of the Southwest

Seminary of the Southwest is one of the ten accredited seminaries of the Episcopal Church. Our purpose is to foster Christian ministers who are faithful, imaginative, and skilled.

### Bishop John E. Hines, Founder of Seminary of the Southwest

"We sought to have a first class seminary which would not be just a local seminary—we wanted to avoid that—but which would eventually be a seminary of the whole church. It would utilize the wide open still frontier-like resources of the Southwest in terms of ideas and hopes and expectations and also fiscal realizations, and produce a seminary which could in reality not mind so much whether its graduates are ordained into the ordained ministry—although that would probably be its primary thrust—but would care whether or not their theological education was centered around some kind of dialogue between the Christian faith and culture."

*From an interview with Hugh Downs, 1981*



## The Very Rev. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, Th.D., Dean and President



John Hines' vision for the church in the Southwest included the creation of a seminary for the whole church, a new kind of theological school that would "interpret Christian theology in terms of the modern world." He imagined that it would function "as a place of theological training in which God's engagement with the world in

Christ Jesus would be boldly interpreted for potential priests in a fantastically changing era." From the post war years when student enrollment in seminaries boomed, through the struggles of the church over racism and Civil Rights, through to the turmoil of our own time, the changing era has changed more than once, and the fortunes of the church have shifted as well. But the confident and hopeful spirit that was present at its founding still animates the community of teaching and learning at Seminary of the Southwest. Faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the conviction of its power to address, learn from, critique, and transform culture shape what and how we teach here.

In 2016 Seminary of the Southwest embodies Hines' vision. The seminary provides training and formation for ordained leadership, prepares counselors, chaplains, and spiritual leaders in the Henderson Wessendorff Center, and offers resources used for local training for bi-vocational priests and deacons across the country through the Iona Initiative. Responding to the need for new kinds of pastoral leadership in parishes, hospitals, counseling centers, and communities, Seminary of the Southwest is a dynamic and fascinating environment to be formed for ministry.

## Our Mission, Vision, and Core Values

*The statements below represent the vision of our community. The statements of Mission, Vision, and Core Values were developed by a committee of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest (Seminary of the Southwest) in late 2006 and early 2007, as well as by the faculty of the seminary. They were approved by the Board of Trustees in February 2007, and the Core Values were amended in May 2012.*

### MISSION

Seminary of the Southwest forms men and women for the service of Christ in lay or ordained ministry within the church and the larger society.

### VISION

Be a community for formation and leadership within the church supported by a strength of program, endowment, and environment that assures excellence in theological and pastoral education.

### CORE VALUES

- Hospitality: creating a common life that welcomes difference and ensures that all voices are heard.
- Mutuality: nurturing a collaborative environment that promotes mutual inquiry and accountability.
- Respect: cultivating the virtues of patience, justice, and charity, so as to affirm the dignity of every member of the community.
- Rootedness: embodying the richness of the Episcopal and Anglican traditions in particular contexts, especially that of the American Southwest and its Hispanic cultures.
- Celebration: glorifying and enjoying God in worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship, so as to create a community of gratitude and gift.
- Conversation: listening to and critically engaging a variety of cultural and religious voices in order to commend the Christian tradition and discover fresh wisdom.



## Conversation Covenant

*Since 2005, the Conversation Covenant, developed by students, faculty, and administration, has guided the community as we have conversed about difficult issues from many perspectives. We have sought conversation that would generate insight and build up the community.*

A seminary community is a school of inquiry and interpretation: inquiry into the mystery of God in Jesus Christ and interpretation, in both action and reflection, of God's creative and redemptive love. Frank, confident, and trustful conversation is an essential part of our common learning. Often, though, we are led into difficult, even disturbing, conversations as we bring the length and breadth of our assumptions, hopes, opinions, and certainties, into the formative power of Christian faith. Avoiding the issues around which passion and disagreement reside might well be an easier path, but commitment to remaining in conversation with one another despite our differences is part of our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

In order to mark both our commitment to conversation and our recognition of the challenges, we affirm:

- that we are made in the image of God and must, therefore, treat one another with respect and dignity;
- that we are free to explore different ideas and beliefs as well as to grow and change in our theological convictions and practices of faith;
- that we share a common sinfulness and, therefore, will understand only partially and be mistaken frequently;
- that we do not have to agree in order to love one another;
- that our conversations, even our most passionate disagreements, take place in the Spirit whom we seek not to grieve, and we strive:
- to approach conversation with a willingness to listen and learn, acknowledging the value of opposing views;
- to treat one another as honest inquirers, attempting to discern God's truth in a complex world;
- to engage ideas without attacking or dismissing those that hold them;
- to acknowledge the limited perspective of our own experience and opinions, and be open to the possibility of changing our views;
- to challenge one another while seeking not to give offense;
- to consider challenges from others while striving not to take offense too readily;
- to consider the possibility that we might be mistaken, secure in the knowledge of the love and forgiveness we have all received in Christ;
- to serve reconciliation by sharing when we have been offended;
- to acknowledge stereotypes, to ask for clarification in order to avoid misunderstandings, and to make room for complexity.

## The Academic Catalog

This catalog provides information which is subject to change. It does not constitute any form of contractual agreement with current or prospective students. The authoritative current version of this catalog, including all changes and updates, can be found on the seminary website at [www.ssw.edu](http://www.ssw.edu).

## Accreditation

Seminary of the Southwest is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award master's degrees and post-baccalaureate diplomas. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Seminary of the Southwest.

Seminary of the Southwest is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada to award master's degrees and post-baccalaureate diplomas. Contact the Association of Theological Schools at 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15275-1103, or call 412-788-6505 for questions about the accreditation of Seminary of the Southwest.

The seminary belongs to the Council of Southwestern Theological Schools and the American Theological Library Association.

## Institutional Effectiveness

2015-2016 Academic Year

Graduation rates: 95%\* (MDiv and DAS)

Ordination rates: 100%\* (MDiv and DAS)

Retention rates: 91% (MDiv, MAR, MAC, MCPC, MSF)

Passing rate for State of Texas - 2015

Counseling Exam (for MAC students): 100%

*\*Based on incoming class for fall 2013*

## Admission

Seminary of the Southwest is a theological school of the Episcopal Church, and as such adheres to its creedal doctrine, spiritual discipline, and communal worship. Its primary purpose is to form men and women for the service of Christ in lay or ordained ministry within the church and the larger society. Southwest strives to be a community of formation and leadership within the church supported by a strength of program, endowment, and environment that assures excellence in theological and pastoral education. Seminary of the Southwest does not conceive its task in any narrow or exclusive way, but gladly welcomes women and men of all faith traditions who are seeking preparation for Christian service. Every effort is made to shape individual degree programs to meet the requirements of other denominations.

Seminary of the Southwest admits students without regard to race, sex, color, nationality, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of these factors in the administration of its admission policies, federal student aid programs, educational policies, housing policies, student activities, student employment, and other school administered programs.

Seminary of the Southwest offers the following graduate degrees: Master of Divinity (including the option of a Hispanic Church Studies concentration), Master of Arts in Religion (MAR); Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MACMHC); Master of Arts in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care (MCPC); and Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation (MSF).

In addition, the seminary offers diplomas in Anglican Studies and Theological Studies.

An undergraduate degree is generally required for admission to a degree program, although exceptions may be granted in extraordinary cases. Accreditation standards allow the admission of a few students who lack such degrees but are capable of meeting the same standards of performance.

Students enrolled in a degree program are considered regular students. Non-degree seeking students are classified as “special” and “auditors.” Special students are those who are registered for academic credit but are not enrolled in any degree program. Auditors are those who, with the permission of the appropriate instructors, are allowed to attend classes, but whose work is not credited.

Admission application forms are available by mail from the Office of Admissions, or they may be downloaded from the seminary’s web site at [www.ssw.edu/admissions/application](http://www.ssw.edu/admissions/application).

Interviews take place throughout the year, and offers of admission, awards of financial aid, and seminary housing assignments are made on a rolling basis. Applicants for admission are encouraged to consider the advantages of having these important decisions made early.

## Master of Divinity Non-Postulant Policy

For students who wish to enter the Master of Divinity program who are non-postulants, please note the following policy established by the Board of Trustees. Episcopal students seeking ordination, who have not received approval from a Commission on Ministry and therefore, are not postulants, may be admitted to the Master of Divinity program under the following conditions.

- Before acceptance, the Dean will contact the applicant’s bishop to inform him/her that Southwest is considering the admission.
- The Dean will request a letter from the bishop acknowledging the above conversation together with any comments on the proposed admission.
- The student’s transcript will include under “other information,” the words “This student is not pursuing/did not pursue the MDiv program for the purposes of ordination in the Episcopal church under the provisions of Title III.”
- Seminary of the Southwest will not support students in finding a sponsoring diocese and any discernment process into which the student enters must be



undertaken entirely at the student's own initiative and responsibility.

- Seminary of the Southwest will not sponsor non-postulants for taking the General Ordination Exam. All candidates need Diocesan sponsorship for this examination.

Students will receive an admission letter and policy statement stating all the above conditions.

### Screening of Prospective Students

All applicants are advised that under Texas law, a criminal history (including guilty pleas, pleas of no contest, acceptance of deferred adjudication and charges, whether pending or not, and regardless of whether an offense is classified as a felony or misdemeanor) involving violence, child abuse or neglect, or sex or drug related offenses as well as any criminal history involving offenses classified as felonies will preclude an individual from serving as a volunteer or an employee in many non-profit agencies as well as in church programs providing direct contact with children, elderly persons, people receiving mental health services, and persons in chemical dependency programs. Many applicants, particularly those in a discernment process in the Episcopal Church, may have already had this type of screening, and if so this may satisfy the seminary's requirement.



### Transfer Students

The seminary welcomes applications from students interested in transferring from an accredited graduate institution. Review of completed coursework is done in a timely manner with consideration given to both academic and personal needs.

### International Students

The seminary welcomes applications from prospective students residing in dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion outside the United States. The admission of these applicants depends upon the following:

- Satisfactory evidence of academic readiness
- English language proficiency
- Endorsement of provincial and diocesan authorities
- Availability of funds from non-seminary sources to cover all expenses above and beyond those for tuition, housing, and books. Seminary scholarship funds may be awarded to pay tuition, fees, and books for eligible students who demonstrate financial need, subject to the availability of institutional financial aid.
- Availability of seminary housing.

### Application Procedures

#### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Applicants to Seminary of the Southwest's graduate programs must hold an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university or its equivalent, unless specifically exempted from this requirement upon petition to the seminary. To be considered for admission, U.S. citizens should complete the following procedures.

#### MDiv, MAR, MCPC, MACMHC, MSF:

- Complete the online or paper application and send it, with the application fee, reference forms, autobiography, and screening questionnaire to Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admissions, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.
- Submit official transcripts of all previous college work. Official transcripts must be received in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution. The transcript should be mailed to: Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admissions, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.

### **TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

- Complete the online or paper application and send it, with the application fee, reference forms, autobiography, and screening questionnaire to: Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admissions, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.
- Complete the online or paper form, "Request to Transfer Credit," and submit official transcripts and syllabi for all courses for which transfer credit is requested to: Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admissions, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

International students must complete the following procedures to be considered:

- Complete the online or paper application and send it, with the application fee, letters of recommendation, autobiography, and screening questionnaire to: Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admissions, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.
- Submit official transcripts of all previous college work. Request a course-by-course evaluation of all academic credentials from non-U.S. colleges and universities from an official foreign credential evaluation service, such as World Education Services, Foreign Credentials Service of America or Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute. Copies of official or attested records of all prior university work, together with certified English translations should be sent to: Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admissions, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.
- Submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum acceptable score varies according to the testing format:

PBT (Paper Based Test): 550 or greater

CBT (Computer Based Test): 213 or greater

iBT (Internet Based Test): 79 or greater

Students who have achieved the minimum TOEFL score but whose English language abilities are still determined to be insufficient may be required to take advantage of classes offered at local institutions for assistance in English language instruction.

### **DIPLOMA IN ANGLICAN STUDIES, DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

Applicants to Seminary of the Southwest's diploma programs must hold an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university or its equivalent. To be considered for admission, U.S. citizens should complete the following procedures.

#### **DAS, DTS:**

- Complete the online or paper application and send it, with the application fee, autobiography, reference form, and screening questionnaire to: Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admissions, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.
- Submit official transcripts of all previous college work. Official transcripts must be received in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution. The transcript should be mailed to: Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admissions, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.

### **SPECIAL STUDENTS**

Special students are those who are registered for academic credit but are not enrolled in any degree program.

- Complete the online or paper application and send it, with the application fee, reference form, letter explaining what study is intended and why, and screening questionnaire to Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admissions, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.
- Submit official transcripts of all previous college work. Official transcripts must be received in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution. The transcript should be mailed to: Seminary of the Southwest, Attn: Admission, P.O. Box 2247, Austin, TX 78768.





## Application Deadlines

### DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION APPLICATION\*\*

Program	Fall Admission	Spring Admission
Master of Divinity	July 1	N/A
Master of Arts in Religion	July 1	N/A
Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling	July 1	January 1
Master of Arts in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care	July 1	January 1
Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation	July 1	January 1
Diploma in Anglican Studies	July 1	N/A
Diploma in Theological Studies	July 1	January 1

\*Please contact the Office of Admissions for further information regarding deadlines





## Admissions Criteria

### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a regionally accredited institution
- Minimum cumulative GPA on all undergraduate work should be at least a 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale)

## Acceptance

Review of an applicant's file will begin as soon as the applicant has submitted all items required for admission. Once the Office of Admissions has reviewed the file, the student will receive a letter from the seminary stating one of the following admission determinations:

Regular Acceptance  
Provisional Acceptance  
Acceptance Denied

## Admissions Categories

### REGULAR ACCEPTANCE

All admission requirements submitted. Minimum admissions criteria have been met.

### PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE

In some circumstances, applicants whose undergraduate GPA is below 2.5 or whose GRE/MAT scores are below minimum may be granted provisional admission. Provisional admission is granted only when all other indicators point to success in the desired program. Normally, provisional students who have maintained a 2.5 GPA in their first semester will be granted full acceptance.

### ACCEPTANCE DENIED

Reasons for denial are not shared with the applicant or anyone outside of the Admissions Committee. When an applicant is denied admission, that person must wait at least one calendar year before reapplying for admission. This does not imply any promise for admission in the future.

## Tuition and Fees

The following tuition and fees schedule apply only to academic year 2016-2017. Tuition and fees are subject to annual review and approval by the Board of Trustees.

### MDiv, MAR, DAS

#### Tuition

\$7,200 per semester for full-time programs; or \$600 for half-time *[see note 1]*

### MACMHC, MCPC, MSF, DTS, SPECIAL STUDENTS

#### Tuition

\$600 per credit hour

#### January Term (MDiv)

No charge for full-time students (unless Fall and Spring term "extra credits" already have been used) \$600 per credit hour for part-time students

#### CPE (MDiv & MCPC)

MDiv and MCPC students are responsible for all fees associated with CPE

#### Field Education (MDiv)

\$145 per credit hour (during the summer)

### ALL PROGRAMS

#### Auditor's Fee

\$196 for 14-week course *[see note 2]*

#### Meal Plans

Lunches are served three days per week. All MDiv, DTS, MAR, and DAS taking 9 or more hours are charged a meal plan fee of \$402.50 per semester for the Fall and Spring semesters. All MACMHC, MCPC, and MSF students will be charged a meal plan fee of \$140 per semester for lunches served every Saturday during the Fall and Spring semesters. There is also an optional Thursday evening meal available for students and their families. Meal plans are not available during the Summer semester.



### *Student Housing and Utilities*

A limited number of single-family houses are available for rent to married students with children who qualify for financial aid. The houses range in size from 2 bedroom/1 bath to 3 bedroom/2 bath and rent generally ranges from \$545 to \$1,965 per month plus utilities. Two apartment buildings are available for married students without children and single students. These efficiency units rent for \$450 per month, including Internet service. All student tenants are responsible for obtaining public utility services (electric, water, natural gas, telephone) in their name from local providers; the cost of natural gas is included in College Court apartment rent and need not be separately arranged with a utility provider. A security deposit is required for student housing. Pets are allowed, subject to a non-refundable pet fee.

### *Health Insurance Requirements*

All new and continuing students are required to have health insurance. Under this requirement, students must either purchase a Church Pension Group health insurance plan or provide documentation of enrollment in a comparable United States-domiciled plan.

### *Courses at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary & Austin Graduate School of Theology*

No charge for full-time students [see note 3]

### *Miscellaneous Fees*

Student Services Fee: \$364/semester for full-time students; \$234/semester for part-time students

Application fee \$55

Late registration fee \$35

Late application fee \$55

Yearly Student Association Activity Fee

\$95 MDiv, MAR, DTS, DAS, SPEC

\$50 MAC, MCPC, MSF

Student Services Fee: \$350/semester for full-time students; \$225/semester for part-time students

### **Notes:**

1. A full-time MDiv student is defined as one taking the required credits for each semester. A full-time MAR student is defined as one taking 12 credits a semester. Full-time MDiv and MAR students may take up to three credit hours beyond the required course load of the program each semester at no additional charge. The tuition for all hours above this amount is \$600 per credit hour.

2. All students enrolled for 12 or more hours and their spouses or partners may audit courses without charge with permission of the instructor and the Academic Dean.

3. Registration for courses at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Austin Graduate School of Theology is without charge for all full-time MDiv, MAR, and DAS students and all MACMHC, MCPC, and MSF students enrolled for nine hours or more. Students are individually responsible for payment, fees, and travel for courses taken for credit at institutions other than these two.

Payment of tuition and fees is made prior to the start of the current semester. See the Student Payment of Tuition, Fees, and Auxiliary Services policy for details. Please ask Enrollment Management for a copy.

### **TUITION REFUND POLICY**

A student who withdraws from the seminary or from individual courses receives a refund of a percentage of their tuition, subject to the following terms:

#### *Notice Requirements*

1. Timely notice of the student's request to withdraw from the seminary or from individual courses must be made in writing and submitted to the Office of the Registrar.
2. Written notice is deemed made when delivered to the Office of the Registrar via hand-delivery, email, or U.S. Mail.

#### *Tuition Refund Schedule*

1. Prior to or on the sixth day following the first class session of the course: 100%.
2. During the seventh to tenth day following the first class session of the course: 85%.
3. During the eleventh to fifteenth day following the first class session of the course: 65%.
4. After the sixteenth day following the first class session of the course: No refund

#### *Withdrawal Due to Active Military Service*

A student who withdraws from the seminary or from individual courses as a result of being called to active military service upon written request may receive a 100% tuition refund, subject to the notice requirements of this policy.



### *Special Refund Provisions*

1. Refunds are first applied to any current and outstanding debts owed to the seminary by the student or by the student's spouse.
2. Tuition paid by a sponsor, donor, or scholarship source will be refunded directly to the source, rather than directly to the student.
3. Tuition refunds will be issued no earlier than 21 days after written notice of withdrawal is received by the Registrar's office.
4. Refunds are first applied to any current and outstanding debts owed to the seminary by the student or by the student's spouse.
5. Tuition paid by a sponsor, donor, or scholarship source will be refunded directly to the source, rather than directly to the student.



### **Financial Aid**

Financing a seminary education is a shared responsibility among the individual student (and spouse/partner, where applicable), Seminary of the Southwest and, for students pursuing ordained vocational ministry, the church. Financial assistance is available to students who demonstrate financial need; it is awarded on a year-to-year evaluative basis. The total amount of financial aid granted by the seminary may not exceed demonstrated financial need. Demonstrated need is defined as the difference between the total resources available to the student from all sources and the total cost of attending Seminary of the Southwest.

Detailed information about the following types of financial assistance can be found on the Financial Aid sections of the seminary's website and Intranet:

1. **Institutional Aid:** Seminary of the Southwest provides institutional aid in the form of scholarship grants to students with demonstrated financial need. Endowments and gifts from supporters provide the resources for this support. Students enrolled in the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, Master of Arts in Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care, Masters of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation, Diploma in Theological Studies and the Diploma in Anglican Studies may, by demonstrating need, qualify for institutional aid subject to the availability of funds. Students must submit an Institutional Financial Aid application, a proposed budget of income and expenses, and a copy of their most recent federal income tax return in order to be considered.
2. **Outside Scholarships:** The Financial Aid Office strives to be a resource to seminarians by compiling and publishing a comprehensive list of outside scholarship opportunities. Students are encouraged to explore these opportunities and make their scholarship applications before established deadlines.
3. **Loans:** Federal Student Aid loans are available to students in master's-level degree programs through the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program of the U.S. Department of Education. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to qualify.



## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Financial Aid Office makes detailed information about financial assistance and the Institutional Financial Aid application accessible on the seminary's website. The same material in paper form will be provided to anyone upon request.

## STUDENT LOANS

New and returning students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to qualify for federal student aid. The FAFSA is available online. Once your file is complete, the Financial Aid Office will determine a student's eligibility to receive federal student aid.

## INSTITUTIONAL AID

New and returning students must complete an Institutional Financial Aid Application and submit it together with a copy of their most recent income tax return and W-2 forms to the financial aid office. The executive vice president reviews financial aid applications and determines eligibility and awards. Students who qualify for institutional financial aid are notified by email of the amount and type of aid awarded. An award letter is issued and must be signed and returned to the financial aid office. Tuition grants and scholarship awards are credited to the student's account by the accounting department; proceeds are first applied to unpaid seminary charges including, but not limited to, tuition, rent, and fees. This aid is subject to proportional adjustment should a recipient drop a course or withdraw from seminary. Students receiving grants and scholarships that exceed in aggregate the cost of tuition and course-related expenses (books, fees, etc.) are advised that excess funds may be subject to federal income tax. See Internal Revenue Service Publication 970, *Tax Benefits for Education*, for information on the taxability of scholarships.

## MDiv, MAR, DAS, AND DTS

Institutional financial aid is available to eligible **full-time** students (12 or more hours) in the above named programs in an amount up to 100% of the cost of tuition. For academic years 2016-2017, aid will not exceed \$12,900 in an outright tuition scholarship grant plus \$1,500 in work-study pay per year. This represents a full-time, full tuition scholarship.

50% financial aid is available to eligible **part-time** students (11 hours or less) in the above named programs.

## MACMHC, MCPC, MSF AND DTS\*

For students in the above named programs, 50% financial aid is available to those students who are eligible regardless of the number of hours taken.

## SPECIAL STUDENTS

Financial aid is unavailable for students classified as special students.

## WORK STUDY

Students in the MDiv, MAR, DAS, and DTS programs who are awarded institutional financial aid are required, as part of their aid award, to participate in the seminary's work study program. When a financial aid award includes a work-study assignment, the student is required to complete the minimum requirements of that assignment in each semester for which financial aid is awarded. Failure to do so without advance approval from the executive vice president will result in a charge to the student's account in an amount proportionate to the unearned work study award. Work study is an integral part of the seminary's institutional financial aid for eligible students.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The provision of financial aid is subject to available institutional funds.

Priority in the awarding of grants and in the assignment of housing is given to students who are postulants and who are enrolled in the MDiv program or another sequence preparing for ordination in the Episcopal Church.

A complete text of the seminary's financial aid policy and information about the seminary's efforts to reduce student debt can be found at <http://ssw.edu/admissions/financial-aid>.

All scholarships are available to eligible students subject to the availability of institutional financial aid resources. Renewal of scholarships is always dependent on available funds and upon meeting need-based eligibility requirements.

*\*DTS students taking a majority of their courses from the daytime curriculum on the non-ordination track will be eligible for up to 80% institutional financial aid. DTS students taking a majority of their courses from the daytime curriculum on the ordination track will be eligible for up to 100% institutional financial aid. DTS students taking a majority of courses from the Center program, will be eligible for up to 50% institutional financial aid.*

## Scholarship Endowment Funds

Tuition and fees and annual giving cover only part of the cost of seminary education. The seminary also depends upon income from endowments, trusts, and special purpose funds to support its work of equipping men and women for ordained and lay ministry. The generosity and faithful stewardship of many individuals over the years have provided the scholarship and special purpose funds listed below.

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

Bellamy Scholarship Funds for Women  
Noble and Elizabeth Field Scholarship Fund  
James Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Deborah Ann Scott Foundation Scholarship Fund

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ETHNIC GROUPS

Leo Alard Fund  
Thomas E. Grimes, Jr., Scholarship Fund  
Hispanic Ministries Scholarship Fund  
The Rev. Merrill L. Hutchins Memorial Fund

### BOOKS FOR SEMINARIANS

William Bennett Book Fund  
W.A. and E.L. Price Memorial Scholarship  
Gordon Swope Memorial Fund

### GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

G.W. Abbott Scholarship Fund  
William Seth Adams Scholarship Fund  
Martin Luther Agnew Jr. Scholarship Fund  
Louise Barekman Fund  
Benitez Scholarship Fund  
O.V. Bennett, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Bickler Memorial Fund  
Charles H. Broussard & Ethil Rollins Broussard Scholarship Fund  
Ona Brown Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene, Scholarship Fund  
Cilley-Donovan Scholarship Fund  
Class of 2002 Scholarship Fund  
William A. Clebsch Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Joe and Jessie Crump Fund  
Dorman Scholarship Fund  
Gundred Howe Embree Scholarship Fund  
Mary Flatten Scholarship Fund  
Katherine Gurley Scholarship Fund

John and Barbara Harrell Scholarship Fund  
Hardtner Scholarship Fund  
Anna Henderson Scholarship Fund  
Incarnation Scholarship Fund  
Kanouse Scholarship Endowment Fund  
Allen Manning Memorial Scholarship Fund  
McFaddin Southwest Fund  
Miscellaneous Scholarship Fund  
Patterson Scholarship Fund  
J. Fred Patten Scholarship Fund  
Hal B. Perry Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Irene Perry Scholarship Fund  
Dora Rubert Scholarship Fund  
Florence S. Skinner Scholarship Fund  
Martha McIntosh Spellings Scholarship Fund  
Spong Scholarship Fund  
Frank E. Sugeno Scholarship Fund  
St. Paul's, Waco, Fund  
Ellen Woods Memorial Fund  
Liston E. Zander Scholarship Fund  
Albert John Zellner Fund

## Academic Policies

The seminary's academic policies are contained in the Academic Code, a copy of which is provided to each student. Selected portions of the Academic Code follow.

### Grading Policy

All students will be graded under the letter grade system. Grade point averages are computed in order to track satisfactory academic progress. Some courses will be graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory. These courses are designated in the course listings of the Southwest catalog as satisfactory/unsatisfactory only.

### LETTER GRADING SYSTEM

- A Outstanding in all respects
- A- Outstanding in most respects
- B+ Proficient in all respects with some elements achieving a higher quality
- B Proficient in all respects
- B- Proficient in some respects but with some clear weaknesses

- C+ Showing development but lacking proficiency
- C Showing a basic level of development sufficient to pass a course but not sufficient to display proficiency in a program
- F Beginning level work that does not display sufficient knowledge to pass the course or assignment. No credit shall be given for a grade of F. A grade of F remains on a student's permanent record. If a grade of F is incurred in a required course, the course must be retaken.

AU Audit: course not taken for credit

Please note that, while grading is not calculated on the basis of a "bell curve," the faculty are committed to using the full range of letter grades, evaluating according to the quality of an individual's work. All professors provide criteria for evaluation on their course syllabi.

#### **PASS/FAIL SYSTEM**

- H (Honors) shall be given for work of extraordinary excellence.
- S (Satisfactory) shall designate work that satisfactorily meets or exceeds the expectations set for the task.
- U (Unsatisfactory) shall designate failure, and no credit shall be given for the course. In no case may a grade of U be changed or deleted from a student's permanent record. If a grade of U is incurred in a required course, the course must be retaken.

#### **OTHER SYMBOLS**

- W If a student withdraws after the add/drop deadline, but the professor/instructor is unable to evaluate the student's performance, a grade of W shall be given.
- WP/WF If a student withdraws after the add/drop deadline, but is doing passing work, the grade WP shall be given; otherwise such late withdrawal shall result in a grade of WF being given.
- I (Incomplete) is a temporary grade, prearranged between the instructor, the student, and the student's advisor, in cases of excusable failure to complete the work of a course. In order to change the grade, the

course requirements must be acceptably completed within the Due Date Guidelines stated below. In the event the conditions for changing the grade are not met, the course grade will automatically become a F.

- IP (In Progress) will be given when a grade and credit for this course has not yet been assigned or the course is continuing into the next semester, with neither grade nor credit being given until the latter semester is completed.

#### **DUE DATE GUIDELINES**

For an "I" received in the fall or spring semester, the instructor will set the due date for re-submission of conditional work, and submission of incomplete work to be no later than the second Friday of the following Fall or Spring Term.

For an "I" received in the spring semester for a student who is graduating, the instructor will set the due date for re-submission of conditional work and submission of incomplete work to be no later than the Friday before graduation.

For an "I" received in a Summer or January term, the due date may not be more than thirty days into the following full semester.

For an "I" received in Field Education, whether in a semester or a term, a longer period than stated above may be allowed because of the unusual nature of such courses.

Work is to be evaluated by the instructor and grades are to be submitted to the Registrar within two weeks of the instructor's receipt of the work.

The deadlines set in syllabi and the Academic Code are to be maintained, the consequence of noncompliance being an unsatisfactory mark (F).

This standard may be negotiated as provided for in Academic Code, thus setting a new deadline.

An F given for a course on the basis of failure to meet a revised due date stands on the transcript.

An F may not be removed from a student's transcript, except in the event of a successful appeal against the grade having been made according to the procedures in Academic Code.



If, with the instructor's permission, a student offers acceptable remedial work after the deadline, a passing mark may also be recorded for the course but without credit at whatever time the late submission is accepted.

**GRADE REPORTS**

Grade reports from Instructors are normally due within two weeks of the end of the course. For work in field education, practicum courses, or January Term courses, the deadline may be extended beyond two weeks, to four to six weeks.

Within one week after grades are received from instructors, the Registrar's office, or instructors will input grades into the online registration system for student's viewing.

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

Seminary of the Southwest complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX prohibits all public and private schools receiving any federal financial assistance, including federal student aid, from discriminating on the basis of sex in their education programs and activities. The Seminary is required to comply with the provisions of Title IX.

The Seminary admits students without regard to race, sex, color, nationality, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. The Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of these factors in the administration of its admissions policies, federal student aid programs, educational policies, housing policies, student activities, student employment, and all other school administered programs.

Questions regarding Title IX may be referred to the Seminary's Title IX coordinator or to the Office of Civil Rights of the U. S. Department of Education.

The Seminary's designated Title IX coordinator is:

Frederick L. Clement,  
Executive Vice President  
Seminary of the Southwest  
501 East 32 Street  
Austin, Texas 78705  
Telephone (512) 472-4133  
fred.clement@ssw.edu

The U. S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights may be contacted at:

U.S. Department of Education  
Office for Civil Rights  
Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Bldg.  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-1100  
Telephone: 800-421-3481  
FAX: 202-453-6012; TDD: 800-877-8339  
Email: OCR@ed.gov

**Transfer Credit Policy**

Academic work earned at other regionally accredited graduate level colleges or universities, or accrediting agencies recognized by the Department of Education may be transferred for credit to seminary programs. Such transfer credit is awarded at the discretion of the seminary, and only with consent of the Academic Dean. Applicants must have official transcripts sent directly from the previous institution to the Registrar's office. A grade of "B" or higher must have been earned to be considered for transfer credit.

The number of credits normally allowed for transfer for each degree program are:

Master of Divinity . . . . .	33 credits
(of which no more than 15 elective credits may be transferred into the program)	
Master of Arts in Religion . . . . .	15 credits
Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling . . . . .	24 credits
Master of Arts in Chaplaincy . . . . .	24 credits and Pastoral Care
Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation . . . . .	12 credits

Transfer credit is not allowed for any of the diploma programs.

The core course requirement (12 hours) is waived for any student pursuing the MCPC or MSF who has a master's level degree or above from an accredited theological institution.

Course work older than ten years will not be considered for transfer credit. This applies to all of the master's programs.

To request transfer credit, applicants should complete the appropriate form and submit it with their application for admission. At the same time, applicants shall also submit course descriptions, syllabi, and official transcripts for all courses for which transfer credit is requested. Transfer credit is granted when the courses being transferred are determined to be comparable in both content and method.

Current students requesting a review of transfer credits should see the Registrar's office for a form. Transcripts, course descriptions and syllabi for all courses will normally be required. The Academic Dean will make the final determination about courses. Once the decision has been made, the Academic Dean will forward a report to the Registrar.

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy**

At the seminary, students are full members of this community of formation for ministry. Specific rights and responsibilities of students are set forth below. These rights are ensured by the faculty, administration, and board of trustees.

Students may participate in institutional decision-making through their elected student council, by serving on the Community Life and Worship committee, faculty search committees, and task forces, and by participation in meetings called by the Dean at the request of the student officers. The Academic Dean, or a representative appointed by the Academic Dean, may be invited to attend meetings of the student body called by the student council.

Students are represented in the Board of Trustees by one Senior student officer who sits as a member of the Board with voice and no vote.

The Seminary admits students without regard to race, sex, color, nationality, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. The Seminary does not discriminate on the basis of these factors in the administration of its admissions policies, federal student aid programs, educational policies, housing policies, student activities, student employment, and all other school administered programs.

Academic grounds for dismissal are detailed in the Academic Code which is distributed to all students.

Personal grounds for dismissal include all forms of dishonesty, immorality (including sexual harassment) and disruptive behavior that might be harmful to the learning process or to the seminary's community life.

The decision to dismiss a student will be discussed by the Faculty and Administrative Council (FAC). After discussion the Dean and President and regular faculty will meet to vote on dismissal. In the case of a Center student, the director of the Center will be included in the latter meeting with voice and vote.

The student concerned may request a formal hearing from the faculty, after which, if the decision is reaffirmed, it will become final.

### **Transcripts**

An official transcript will be sent by the Registrar to a designated official, agency, or institution at the written and signed request of any student, former student, or graduate of the seminary. No other person is authorized to request a transcript for a student, former student, or graduate. Transcripts are sent only when the student has met all financial obligations to the seminary. A transcript fee of \$10 per copy is charged for transcripts requested after withdrawal or graduation from the seminary.

Upon the death of any student, former student, or graduate, requests for transcripts will be sent to family members only when a copy of the death certificate has been supplied to the Registrar. A transcript fee of \$10 per copy is charged for requested transcripts.

### **Auditing**

Any course may be audited, subject to class availability and the consent of the instructor and whatever conditions he or she may impose. Auditors earn no academic credit and their participation in classroom discussion, as well as the evaluation of their work, is at the discretion of the instructor.

Full-time students (12 or more hours) and their spouses may audit courses without charge with permission of the instructor and the Academic Dean.

All auditors must register. To do so they get written permission from the instructor and the Academic Dean, present the permission form to the Registrar and pay the fee, if any, to the Accounting Office.

## Awarding and Conferring Degrees

The Board of Trustees awards degrees during its May meeting each year. MACMHC and MCPC degrees are also awarded by the Board of Trustees during their October and February meetings. Degrees and diplomas are conferred during formal commencement services each May.

## The Booher Library

### MISSION

The Booher Library provides space, resources, and services in support of the Seminary's mission. Traditional library practices are paired with new and innovative approaches to fostering information literacy and a lifelong love of learning.

### SPACE

The Library offers a comfortable, welcoming space for relaxed conversation with other students and faculty. WiFi connection, computers, and printer/copier machines are available. Both open tables and individual carrels (some of which may be reserved) are provided for study. Secluded, quiet study rooms are available by reservation. Off the main lobby, the Judge Charles Black Room provides an inviting setting for meditation, reading, and conferences among the shelves of English literary and historical books. The Library also offers complimentary coffee, tea, and snacks.

### RESOURCES

The Booher Library collects material supporting the study of the seven canonical areas, the social sciences, the humanities, and other special areas of interest to the Seminary community, including an abundance of materials concerned with the tradition and history of the Episcopal Church.

The Library offers a growing number of electronic resources, including:

- *ATLAS Full-Text Plus*, a comprehensive index to religious periodicals with full-text access to journal articles
- *PsycARTICLES*, a robust database with full-text access to more than 100 landmark journals in behavioral science and related fields such as education, nursing, and neuroscience.
- *PsycBOOKS*, a full-text database with thousands of scholarly and professional titles published by APA,

including the most recent titles in psychological and behavioral science, plus a substantial backfile of classic and historic works.

- *Cambridge Histories Online*, a collection of more than 300 e-books encompassing a range of historical subject areas.
- *Oxford Handbooks Online* (Religion and Psychology), a collection of articles written by the world's leading scholars.
- *Oxford English Dictionary*, a tool that is widely regarded as the accepted authority on the English language.
- *JSTOR Religion & Theology Collection*, a resource that covers the history and philosophy of religious thought spanning traditions, periods, and critical approaches.
- *EBSCO Books*, a collection of over 23,000 e-books.
- *Mango Languages*, a language learning tool featuring over 70 languages.
- *TexShare Databases*, a large collection of research databases, full-text e-journals, and other documents.
- *Accordance* Bible study software installed on library computers.

Resources can be accessed through *Seeker*, the Library's discovery tool, or through the online catalog shared with Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (APTS).

### SERVICES

The professional staff is available to assist students with finding, retrieving, and assessing library resources. Workshops designed to help students use resources efficiently and effectively are offered throughout the academic year. The Library also employs student workers who are happy to assist with the use of library resources.

The Booher Library collaborates closely with the Stitt Library at APTS, just a few blocks away. A slightly longer walk takes seminarians to the fifth largest library in the United States, the General Libraries of The University of Texas at Austin, including the Harry Ransom Center for rare books and cultural materials and the unequalled Benson Latin American Collection. All these libraries extend borrowing privileges to our students [and we extend such privileges to their students] free of charge. The Internet and the OCLC international network of libraries provide materials unavailable locally.



## Hispanic Church Studies

Hispanic Church Studies has been a part of the seminary's MDiv curriculum for over thirty years. Throughout that time, the seminary has offered a variety of courses, programs, and means of support to prepare leaders for Hispanic/Latino ministry. The seminary recognizes that demographic shifts make it increasingly necessary for all students to have some familiarity with the tools for ministry with Hispanic/Latino populations.

Through the study of Hispanic/Latino theology and culture and through engagement with specific resource persons, texts, and contexts, all students will be able:

- To identify historical, cultural, and devotional expressions of Hispanic/Latino Christian faith;
- To display a receptivity toward innovation, enculturation, and difference for the purpose of extending the Christian community to include a variety of groups of people.

## Hispanic Church Studies Concentration

The Hispanic Church Studies concentration is a curricular specialization offered by Southwest to prepare and equip students who have discerned a particular calling to or are exploring ministry with Hispanic/Latino communities.

Through the study of Hispanic/Latino theology, culture and Christianity and through engagement with specific resource persons, texts, and contexts, concentration students will be able:

- To evaluate a diversity of models of ministry in Hispanic/Latino settings, including ministry with Spanish-dominant, immigrant communities and ministry with English-dominant, acculturated communities;
- To apply skills for pastoral ministry in Hispanic/Latino and multicultural contexts;
- To interpret theological and social issues from the perspectives of various Hispanic/Latino and Latin American theologians.

Students complete the concentration by taking two 3-credit hour elective courses offered through the concentration and two required courses for all MDiv students. All junior MDiv students enroll in the course "M1320 Encuentro: Mission in Latino Contexts." Likewise, all middler MDiv students enroll in the required course "P2140 Ministry

Across Cultures." Students enrolled in the Hispanic Church Studies Concentration are required to undertake their placement for this course in a Hispanic/Latino setting.

Students in the concentration will gain cultural competency while acquiring skills and sensibilities for the practice of ministry in Hispanic communities. The seminary's offerings in Spanish language acquisition will assist students who desire to minister in Spanish-speaking settings but are not yet proficient in the language. Students in the concentration take all their required courses with their MDiv peers while using their elective courses for the concentration. The courses in the concentration are also available as electives for all students. Students who complete the concentration graduate with a transcript that indicates completion of the Hispanic Church Studies concentration. Students in the MAR, MCPC, MSF, DTS, and DAS degree programs may also tailor their studies to take advantage of the concentration. For further information on the Hispanic Church Studies Concentration, please contact Rev. Al Rodriguez, Interim Director of Hispanic Church Studies.

## Spanish Language Learning

A course in Spanish language learning is offered each semester by Dr. Horacio Peña, Instructor of Spanish. The course is tailored to address Spanish language acquisition in pastoral settings.

## Library Resources at Southwest

- La Colección Hispana includes theological, Biblical, and liturgical books in Spanish, plus holdings from other seminaries.
- Winterbotham Collection preserves historical works in Spanish from 18th-20th centuries.
- Hispanic and Spanish-language scholarly journals in theology and religion are available.
- Students receive borrowing privileges at the Benson Latin American Studies library in Austin, one of the largest Latin American Studies libraries in the world.

## Special Summer Programs

- Language immersion in Latin America is available for credit.
- The Panama Project. The Seminary Council on Mission (SCOM) an organ of the Council of Deans of Episcopal Seminaries, selects up to four students each year to attend a four-week immersion program in the Episcopal Diocese of Panama each June.
- Hispanic Summer Program (Programa Hispano de Verano) offers two weeks of for-credit courses from Hispanic perspectives. It is funded by a consortium of seminaries, and the site rotates each year. Successful completion of the Hispanic Summer Program course can count towards the Hispanic Church Studies Concentration. Ten percent of the Hispanic Summer Program student body consists of non-Hispanic students.
- Students may apply for two different grants that will allow them to learn about the church in mission in Latin America or in Hispanic communities in the United States. The Seminary Consultation on Mission (SCOM) grant and the Evangelical Education Society of the Episcopal Church (EES) grant.

### *Crossing the Border Conference*

The seminary co-sponsors a day-long “Crossing the Border Conference” on a Saturday once a semester with Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the Lutheran Seminary Program In the Southwest. The conference is in Spanish and free of charge for students. Participants come from a variety of denominations to hear Hispanic theological educators teach on theological and pastoral issues relevant to the Hispanic community.

### *Nuevos Horizontes Conference*

In the year that the Nuevo Amanecer Conference does not occur, Seminary of the Southwest sponsors a denomination-wide conference on Hispanic ministry on the campus of the seminary in August. The conference is bilingual and free of charge for students.

Students are made aware of various other conferences, workshops, and seminars that occur throughout the year. When possible, students receive financial support to attend these events.

For more information on Hispanic Church Studies at Southwest, visit [www.ssw.edu](http://www.ssw.edu) or contact the Admissions office at 512.472.4133 or [seminary@ssw.edu](mailto:seminary@ssw.edu).

## ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

### Continuing Education

Southwest appreciates the importance to clergy and lay leaders of continuing their education and offers numerous opportunities to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs):

- Each summer, the seminary presents a week-long continuing education session on campus for clergy and lay leaders. Meant to give you “food for the journey” the content will have practical application back home, and the learning shared with faculty and friends will renew and refresh you.
- Lecture series in September (Blandy Lectures), February (Payne Lecture), and March (Harvey Lectures) presented by distinguished scholars and leaders in the Church offer additional learning and renewal opportunities.

Southwest will award hours towards CEUs. Your individual dioceses will convert these hours into CEU credits according to their diocesan guidelines. Additional information and registration information is available at [www.ssw.edu](http://www.ssw.edu).

### Center for Writing and Creative Expression

The Center for Writing and Creative Expression (CWCE) equips students in all programs to communicate skillfully and gracefully in a variety of modes and contexts—academic, professional, and personal. To that end, it offers workshops, one-on-one consultations, long-term writing partnerships, topical writing circles, and an online resource library. The CWCE also encourages creative expression through language and the arts. It publishes an annual literary journal, *Soul by Southwest*, and hosts bridge-building events between our campus and the broader Austin arts scene.

### English Language Instruction

Proficiency in English is necessary for study at Southwest even though some classes are offered bilingually. Foreign students whose English is less than adequate may be admitted for a period of study at The University of Texas intensive English program before beginning their theological courses. Persons interested in this possibility should request further information from the Director of Enrollment Management.

## Special Assistance

Although opportunity varies from year to year, the seminary offers several types of special assistance in addition to the Spanish and English language instruction described above. These may encompass tutorial assistance in particular courses; coaching in speech for preaching and liturgical reading; and a writing center that provides help with English composition, analysis and argument.

## Lectureships, Continuing Education, and Special Events

The seminary hosts three principal annual lectures and other special events which provide a platform for speakers of interest on campus and in the community at large. The Alumni Association sponsors the Blandy Lectures in late September; the Bishop Claude Payne Lectureship in Mission and Leadership in February by the seminary's board of trustees; and the Harvey Lectures in March by the Student Association.

### 2015-2016 SPECIAL EVENTS:

#### **Black History Month**

February

#### **Payne Lecture**

February 11

#### **Central Texas Colloquium on Religion Research Conference**

February 20

#### **Southwest Showdown Barbeque**

March 5

#### **Easter Triduum**

March 24-26

#### **Harvey Lecture**

April 4

#### **Commencement**

May 24

#### **Matriculation**

August 28

#### **Blandy Lecture**

September 27-28

#### **John Hines Day**

October 6

#### **Hispanic Heritage Month**

October

All events, except Commencement are held on the seminary campus, 501 E. 32nd Street, Austin, Texas. Details will be available on the website or by calling 512.472.4133.

## Monday Connection

This outreach ministry of the seminary serves the Austin business and professional community. Three times a year, speakers from business, industry and the professions make luncheon presentations about how the lessons learned on Sunday connect with their work on Monday. The program is organized and supported by a host committee of lay Christians from the greater Austin area.

Speakers in the past few years have been:

- J. Brent Walker – “*The Use and Abuse of Religion In Politics*”
- Gene Shepherd – “*God’s Biggest Life Challenge*”
- Tom Spencer – “*Cultivating Peace and Respect through Interfaith Action*”
- Alan Graham – “*What Is HOME and How Do We Get There?*”
- Sherron Watkins – “*What is Faith?: Sherron Watkins, the Enron whistleblower, shares her journey through the Enron scandal*”
- Gilbert Tuhabonye – “*This Voice In My Heart*”
- Elizabeth Neeld – “*Sometimes We Need a Story More Than Food*”
- USMC General Charles F. Bolden, Jr. (ret.) – “*To Represent Christ and His Church*”
- Dr. Arthur Sands – “*The Second Tree*”
- Coach Rick Barnes – “*Christian Leadership*”
- President Bill Powers – “*The Book of Job*”





# Curriculum



## Degrees Offered

### MASTER OF DIVINITY

### MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION

### DIPLOMA IN ANGLICAN STUDIES

### DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

### MASTER OF ARTS IN CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL CARE

### MASTER OF ARTS IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

### MASTER OF ARTS IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## Master of Divinity

The Master of Divinity degree is designed as a three-year program of preparation for ministry. It is the normative degree to prepare persons for ordained ministry, and it can also be used by those working towards general pastoral and religious leadership responsibilities in congregations and other settings. Postulancy—or for non-Episcopalians, the analogous formal ecclesiastical endorsement—is not a prerequisite for admission to the Master of Divinity program (for procedures regarding non-Postulants, [see page four](#)).

Seminary of the Southwest collaborates with diocesan authorities and follows canonical requirements in the processes of discernment and formation for ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. These processes work best when there is good communication among applicants, their dioceses and the seminary. Episcopal applicants for the Master of Divinity degree should therefore be familiar with the policies of their own dioceses regarding seminary admission. Applicants who are not in a diocesan process leading toward ordination are urged to consider consultation with their parish or diocese. Similar advice is extended to applicants from other denominations.

The curriculum at Seminary of the Southwest follows a path focused on three areas of formation: being, knowing, and doing. The seminary's foundational attention to academic excellence (knowing) is complemented by attention to character (being) and skill (doing). Each program seeks to produce well-rounded, thoughtful graduates who have

become not only proficient in a field of study but wise and charitable in its practice.

Graduates of the Master of Divinity program at Seminary of the Southwest will display integral formation in these three areas:

- **Being:** They will embody faithful Christian living as persons of well-formed character and generous intellect, exhibiting spiritual maturity, self-understanding, healthy relationships, and social concern.
- **Knowing:** They will demonstrate proficient knowledge of Scripture, History, Theology, Liturgy, Ethics, Pastoral Theology, and Contemporary Context, with particular attention to Anglican and Episcopal perspectives.
- **Doing:** They will be prepared to exercise leadership in the church and in the public square, bringing the tradition to bear on the challenges of the contemporary world as they proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and carry out Jesus' ministry of healing and reconciliation.

The curriculum implements our conviction that Christian leaders are best prepared through a disciplined engagement in worship and prayer, accompanied by a knowledge of the Christian tradition that is both critically examined and effectively related to the social and historical environment in which it is to be lived and proclaimed. The faculty at Southwest seeks to engage the particular traditions of Episcopal/Anglican Christianity in a way that provides critical tools for evaluation as well as a deep appreciation of the rich diversity afforded by membership in a worldwide communion of churches.

The curriculum at Southwest is designed to foster a faith and practice in which growth in the knowledge and love of God is rooted in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. Grounded in Christ's reconciling work, faithful disciples negotiate the boundaries that determine forms of identity, as well as divide and separate human beings. Consequently, the education we offer seeks to reach across the ethnic, racial, sexual, economic, and political boundaries that stand in the way of reconciliation. We wish our students to engage in reconciliation not just theoretically, but practically, addressing contemporary social divisions and conflicts with an intelligence and will shaped by "the mind of Christ."

Study at Southwest is a crucial stage in formation for ministry, a process that begins with the development of



Christian character before students enter seminary and continues with apprenticeship in ministry after they leave. The seminary attempts to model the kind of Christian community that the Gospel demands: a hospitable shared life of prayer, worship, study, and work that witnesses to God’s glory and serves God’s loving will.

From their participation here in study and practice, we trust students will dedicate themselves with joy and confidence to the challenging and holy calling to ministry.

The sequence of courses is shown in the following tables.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Complete satisfactorily 90 credits of required and elective courses within three years of study (a four-year plan of study is available)
2. Full-time enrollment (12 credits or more) during the two consecutive semesters immediately preceding graduation
3. Each candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary.



**STRUCTURE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY CURRICULUM**

**JUNIOR YEAR**

**Fall Semester**

B1310	Biblical Studies: History & Hermeneutics I . . .	3
H1310	History of Christianity I . . . . .	3
L1140	Liturgical Music I . . . . .	1.5
L1310	Liturgy I: Worship and Theology . . . . .	3
P1130	The Craft of Ministry I . . . . .	1.5
<b>Total Credits . . . . .</b>		<b>12</b>

**January Term**

M1320	Encuentro/Mission in Latino Contexts . . . .	3
<b>Total Credits . . . . .</b>		<b>3</b>

**Spring Semester**

B1320	Biblical Studies: History & Hermeneutics II. . .	3
H1330	History of Christianity II . . . . .	3
L1150	Liturgical Music II. . . . .	1.5
P1140	The Craft of Ministry II . . . . .	1.5
T1310	Theology . . . . .	3
T1330	Introduction to Missiology . . . . .	3
<b>Total Credits . . . . .</b>		<b>15</b>

**Summer Term**

P1010	Clinical Pastoral Education. . . . .	0
<b>Total Credits . . . . .</b>		<b>0</b>



## MIDDLER YEAR

### Fall Semester

B2310	Biblical Studies: History & Hermeneutics III. .	3
L2310	Preaching . . . . .	3
P2110	Middler Parish Field Education . . . . .	1
TE2310	Theological Ethics I . . . . .	3
	Elective . . . . .	3
	Elective . . . . .	3
	<b>Total Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>16</b>

### January Term

P2140	Ministry Across Cultures . . . . .	1
	<b>Total Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>1</b>

### Spring Semester

L2340	Liturgy II: The Prayer Book, its History and Use . . . . .	3
P2120	Middler Parish Field Education . . . . .	1
P2320	Pastoral Theology I: Foundations of Pastoral Ministry . . . . .	3
TE2320	Theological Ethics II . . . . .	3
	Elective . . . . .	3
	Elective . . . . .	3
	<b>Total Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>16</b>

### Summer Term

## SENIOR YEAR

### Fall Semester

H3310	Anglican Studies . . . . .	3
H3330	The Episcopal Church: Past and Present . . . .	3
P3310	Senior Parish Field Education. . . . .	3
P3330	Pastoral Theology II: Church Leadership for Congregational Development . . . . .	3
	Elective . . . . .	3
	<b>Total Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>15</b>

### January Term

### Spring Semester

F3320	Introduction to Discipleship and Vocation . . . . .	3
L3310	Liturgical Leadership in the Episcopal Church . . . . .	3
P3320	Senior Parish Field Education. . . . .	3
	Elective . . . . .	3
	<b>Total Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>12</b>

**Notes:** GOEs to be taken in January of the third year.  
Students pursuing the Hispanic Church  
Studies concentration must take two electives in  
the HCS concentration available fall  
and/or spring semester.

Students must take one Theology elective and  
one Preaching elective.

For students who are not on the ordination  
track, please review the Theological Field  
Education Policy.



## Master of Arts in Religion

The Master of Arts in Religion (MAR) is an academic degree designed to combine a foundational theological education with sufficient flexibility to allow students to pursue particular interests. It may be the highest degree a student plans to pursue, and so be used for personal enrichment or appropriate vocational training; one may also pursue the MAR as a transitional degree in preparation for further advanced studies.

Students who enroll in the MAR are seeking formation in the life of Christian theological scholarship. The program regularly attracts students from a wide variety of religious backgrounds, and these students work together throughout their time here as they develop research plans. Each student works with a common program advisor in the initial stages of her or his studies, and then is assigned to a field-specific faculty member in their second semester. All MAR students are invited, though not required, to participate in chapel worship and other community events on campus.

The curriculum at Seminary of the Southwest follows a path focused on three areas of formation: being, knowing, and doing. The seminary's foundational attention to academic excellence (knowing) is complemented by attention to character (being) and skill (doing). Each program seeks to produce well-rounded, thoughtful graduates who have become not only competent in a field of study but wise and charitable in its practice.

Graduates of the Master of Arts in Religion program at Seminary of the Southwest will display integral formation in these three areas:

- **Being:** Exhibit the scholarly disciplines that accompany and support a curious and charitable intellect;
- **Knowing:** Acquire foundational knowledge of the content and methods of biblical studies, church history, theology, and Christian ethics;
- **Doing:** Demonstrate skills for sharing theological knowledge and engaging in theological argument in both written and oral form.

MAR students are invited, but not required, to participate in all aspects of community life at the seminary. They may take courses from the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Arts in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, and Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation

sequences. Students may also take advantage of offerings from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the Austin Graduate School of Theology.

We offer two tracks for MAR students: a general studies track and a concentration track. Students may take a concentration in one of the following subjects: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Ethics, Theology, Hispanic Church Studies, or Liturgics.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete satisfactorily 51 credits of required and elective courses within two years of study (five years for part-time study)
2. All students must complete a thesis or comprehensive exam
3. Each candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary

### Course Requirements for the Concentration Studies Track - Thesis Option

Biblical Studies . . . . .	6 credits
Historical Studies . . . . .	6 credits
Theological Studies . . . . .	6 credits*
Theological Ethics Studies . . . . .	6 credits
MAR Research & Writing Course . . . . .	3 credits
Area of concentration . . . . .	12 credits (including distribution credits)
Thesis . . . . .	6 credits (includes 1 semester of preparation and 1 semester of writing)
Electives. . . . .	6 credits



**Course Requirements for the  
General Studies Track - Thesis Option**

Biblical Studies . . . . .	6 credits
Historical Studies . . . . .	6 credits
Theological Studies . . . . .	6 credits*
Theological Ethics Studies . . . . .	6 credits
MAR Research & Writing Course . . . . .	3 credits
Thesis . . . . .	6 credits (includes 1 semester of preparation and 1 semester of writing)
Electives. . . . .	18 credits

*\*Liturgy 1 may be counted as three hours of theology credit*

**Course Requirements for the Concentration  
Studies Track - Comprehensive Exams Option**

Biblical Studies . . . . .	6 credits
Historical Studies . . . . .	6 credits
Theological Studies . . . . .	6 credits*
Theological Ethics Studies . . . . .	6 credits
MAR Research & Writing Course . . . . .	3 credits
Area of concentration . . . . .	12 credits (including distribution credits)
Comprehensive Exams . . . . .	3 credits
Electives. . . . .	9 credits

**Course Requirements for the  
General Studies Track - Comprehensive Exams Option**

Biblical Studies . . . . .	6 credits
Historical Studies . . . . .	6 credits
Theological Studies . . . . .	6 credits*
Theological Ethics Studies . . . . .	6 credits
MAR Research & Writing Course . . . . .	3 credits
Comprehensive Exams . . . . .	3 credits
Electives. . . . .	21 credits

*\*Liturgy 1 may be counted as three hours of theology credit*

**Diploma in Anglican Studies**

The Diploma in Anglican Studies is a one-year qualification designed to meet the needs of those seeking ordination in the Episcopal Church. Normally, students will have either completed a Master of Divinity in a non-Episcopal school or have initially studied for ordination with a diocesan school or program. The DAS is also especially suitable for clergy coming from another communion or for laity who want a foundational education in Anglican theology, spirituality, and polity. As part of the core of their formation, DAS students take up responsibilities for worship and preaching in the Seminary chapel. An Anglican studies year provides a rare opportunity to combine classroom study of Anglicanism with living and praying within an Episcopal community, being formed by its ethos and spirituality.

Because our DAS students come with varied backgrounds in theological study and lay ministerial experience the DAS is designed to provide the flexibility needed to meet diocesan requirements as well as student need interest. The program's director works individually with students to plan their course of study, helping them get the very best from their program. Although individually tailored, typical classes most DAS students will take include: H3310 Anglican Studies, H3330 The Episcopal Church: Past and Present, L1310 Liturgy I: Worship and Theology, L2340 Liturgy II: The Prayer Book, its History and Use, and L3310 Liturgical Leadership in the Episcopal Church.

Field education is a vital component of all preparation for ordained ministry. The professor of Pastoral Theology and Director of Field Education works with DAS students to discern whether a structured field education experience should be part of the student's DAS program. The Austin area has a broad range of parish field education opportunities that allow us to match student needs and strengths with a parish and supervisor that will best contribute to the student's formation.

Opportunities exist for education, mandated by dioceses, in anti-racism, professional sexual ethics, "Safeguarding God's Children" and "Title IV."



## DAS PROGRAM GOALS

Students who successfully complete in the DAS program will be able to:

- Being: Display an understanding of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church, its biblical, theological and liturgical tradition, its history and moral theology, and practices of ministry and pastoral care.
- Knowing: Apply knowledge of the Anglican tradition to bear on the challenges of the contemporary church and world.
- Doing: Exercise leadership in Anglican and Episcopal church communities and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, carrying out the ministry of healing and reconciliation.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete satisfactorily 24 credits of courses within one year of study (two years for part-time study)
2. Each candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary

## Diploma in Theological Studies

For those who do not seek a master's degree, the seminary offers a Diploma in Theological Studies. The DTS is awarded to a regularly admitted student who has earned at least 18 credits at or through the seminary in an approved course of study within a three-year period. Please note that the credit hours listed are a minimum. More may be taken as desired.

This diploma is ideal for those who wish to enrich their knowledge in particular academic areas without being committed to the completion of a master's degree.

Applicants will complete all items in the application form except for the requirement for the GRE or MAT testing. Appropriate diploma courses may be applied to the master's degree should the student decide to pursue those studies. Additional admissions requirements may apply.

Prior to being awarded the diploma, a candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary and all requirements must be completed within three years from the date of entry into the program.

## DTS PROGRAM GOALS

The curriculum at Seminary of the Southwest follows a path focused on three areas of formation: being, knowing, and doing. The seminary's foundational attention to academic excellence (knowing) is complemented by attention to character (being) and skill (doing). Each program seeks to produce well-rounded, thoughtful graduates who have become not only competent in a field of study but wise and charitable in its practice.



Graduates of the Diploma in Theological Studies program at Seminary of the Southwest will display integral formation in these areas:

- Being: Acquire the discipline of close reading and critical thinking and develop a curious and generous intellect.
- Knowing: Gain familiarity with the Bible, explore the principle developments in the history of Christian institutions and theology, achieve an understanding of major theological topics and relate them to Christian faith and practice with imagination and creativity.
- Doing: Conduct integrative research within a theological area and demonstrate competency through clear articulation of conceptual and theological ideas by way of regular class writing.

#### **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Complete satisfactorily 18 credits of courses within one year of study (two years for part-time study)
2. Each candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary



### **The Loise Henderson Wessendorff Center for Christian Ministry and Vocation**

The Center for Christian Ministry and Vocation (Center) at Seminary of the Southwest is founded on the principal that God calls all Christians to the service of the Gospel. For both lay and ordained persons using the gifts and skills God has given us, ministry is part of the fruitfulness of baptism. The mission of the Center is to support Christians in discerning what it means to respond faithfully to God's call in their particular lives and circumstances. Through its programs and degrees, the Center provides educational opportunities for men and women from any denomination (or from a non-denominational community) to strengthen their knowledge of theology, scripture, and ethics, as well as pursue more specific training in chaplaincy, counseling, and spiritual formation.

Because of the almost unparalleled access chaplains, counselors, and spiritual advisors have to the inner lives of others, it is vital that each caregiver process their own emotional and spiritual wounds. Each MACMHC and MCPC student in the Center will engage in at least 6 confidential counseling sessions offered by a licensed psychotherapist. MSF students will have at least 6 spiritual direction sessions from a qualified spiritual director. The Seminary will subsidize these 6 sessions and provide a list of providers who use a sliding scale of payments based on income and need. Each student will provide a brief essay on what he or she learned in the process.

The Center offers the following degrees, which are open to and designed for lay persons:

#### **MASTER OF ARTS IN CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL CARE**

#### **MASTER OF ARTS IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

#### **MASTER OF ARTS IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

## Master of Arts in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care (MCPC)

The MCPC is a 72-hour degree designed for people interested in pastoral care in a variety of contexts. The core curriculum (4 courses) provides a biblical, theological, historical, and ethical foundation for pastoral ministry. Other required course work equips the student for general chaplaincy ministry in a variety of settings. Elective courses enable students to broaden and deepen their understanding of particular ministries in specified settings (e.g., hospice, VA hospitals, prisons, workplaces, disaster relief). The curriculum provides the requisite 72 credits specified by the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC) for recognition as a Board Certified Chaplain (BCC). Students or prospective students seeking board certification by the APC should review carefully the information at <http://www.professionalchaplains.org/> to learn about additional requirements for certification.

Prior to being awarded the degree, a candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary and all requirements should be completed within six years from the date of entry into the program.

### MCPC PROGRAM GOALS

Through core courses in Biblical studies, history, theology and ethics and an in-depth study of issues in and approaches to chaplaincy, students will:

Being—Character Objectives:

- Display self-awareness, virtuous character, spiritual depth, and relational maturity

Knowing—Content Objectives:

- Articulate the scriptural, theological, ethical, and pastoral foundations of ministry and how they inform the theory and practice of pastoral care and chaplaincy
- Integrate relevant perspectives from the social sciences

Doing—Practical Objectives:

- Use appropriately a range of practices and strategies, including significant resources of the Christian tradition in the practice of ministry
- Demonstrate pastoral sensitivity within religiously and culturally diverse ministry settings

### Course Requirements for the MCPC (72 hours)

Core Curriculum . . . . . 12 credits

CMH5309 Interpretation of the Bible for  
Counseling and Ministry

CMH5310 Ethics for Counseling and Ministry

CMH5311 American Religions for Counseling  
and Ministry

CMH5312 Theological Studies for Counseling  
and Ministry

Required Courses . . . . . 45 credits

F5316 Practicum in Theological Reflection

L5310 Liturgy and Ritual in the Pastoral Context

P2610 Clinical Pastoral Education

P5307 Multiculturalism and Diversity Issues  
in Pastoral Care

P5310 Preaching and Teaching for the Chaplain

P5320 Organizational Development and  
Systems Theory

P5330 Issues of Identity and Authority in Chaplaincy

P5340 Issues in Death and Dying

P5350 Issues in Loss and Bereavement

P5360 Ministry in Times of Crisis

P5370 The Life-Cycle in Pastoral Context

P5390 Medical Issues and Healing Presence

W5308 MCPC Capstone Seminar

W5309 Writing in Vocational Contexts

Elective Courses . . . . . 15 credits

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete satisfactorily 72 credits of courses within six years of study
2. CPE is a requirement for this degree
3. Each candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary



## Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MACMHC)

The MACMHC program offers a 66-hour degree designed for students seeking graduate-level instruction in professional counseling that prepares the student to pass the Texas state LPC qualifying exam and provides an opportunity to integrate professional counseling competencies with spiritual, religious and ethical values. All MACMHC courses address the knowledge, skills, and dispositions required for competent professional counseling practice in a diversity of settings. The four courses in spiritual integration provide additional Biblical, theological, historical, and ethical foundation for integrating spiritual, ethical, religious and multicultural competency with counseling theories and techniques.

Prior to being awarded the degree, a candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary and all requirements should be completed within six years from the date of entry into the program.

### Notes on Professional Counseling Licensure:

- The MACMHC curriculum provides the academic foundation, including the 300-hour practicum requirement, specified by the State of Texas for the credential of Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). While conforming to the state requirements, courses in the MACMHC program at the Seminary are taught from a Christian faith perspective such that professional counseling and spiritual competency are both emphasized. Requirements for the LPC license in Texas include (1) completion of a graduate degree of at least 60 hours as specified by the Department of State Health Services, (2) a passing score on the National Counselor Examination (NCE) required by the State of Texas, and (3) a post-graduate supervised internship of at least 3000 hours. As with other counseling programs, the MACMHC program at Seminary of the Southwest does not administer the NCE after graduation nor provide for placement in a post-graduate internship. Students and prospective students are urged to obtain current requirements for licensure from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors at (512) 834-6658 or at [https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/lpc\\_apply.shtm](https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor/lpc_apply.shtm). If pursued, successful completion of post-graduate licensure is the responsibility of the student and not of the Seminary of the Southwest. Students from states other than Texas are responsible for determining the requirements of those state examining boards.

## PROGRAM VISION, MISSION & GOALS

The vision of the Seminary of the Southwest's MACMHC program is to empower transformation through mutuality.

The mission of the Seminary of the Southwest's MACMHC program is to prepare counselors to provide spiritually competent mental health services in urban and rural settings.

Our goal is to graduate culturally and spiritually competent counseling professionals who have experienced formation and transformation in the three areas of 1) being, 2) knowing, and 3) doing. By doing this, we intend to help meet the mental health needs of diverse communities and move the counseling profession forward in the theory and practice of psychological and theological integration.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Through in-depth study of counseling theory and ethical practice in a multicultural society, as well as spiritual integration courses in Bible interpretation, American religions, theology and ethics, students will experience formation and transformation in the three competency areas of Being, Knowing, and Doing:

### Being–Disposition Objectives

- Students will display a professional counselor identity in relation to self, including self awareness, openness, and a commitment to personal and spiritual well-being.
- Students will display a professional counselor identity in relation to others, including character, cultural empathy, and professionalism.

### Knowing–Content Objectives

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of professional orientation, assessment, helping relationships, group, human growth and development, career development, research, social, cultural and family diversity, counseling theories, abnormal behavior, ethics, crisis and trauma, psychopathology, couples, parents and family systems, and addictions as it pertains to clinical mental health counseling.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of the influence of culture, religion and spirituality on clients' and counselors' worldview

### Doing–Skill Objectives

- Students will competently perform the tasks of assessment, treatment planning, case formulation, and strategies of consultation, prevention, and

intervention with the highest standards of professional ethics

- Students will commit to and engage in personal, relational, and spiritual practices capable of sustaining the vocation of a professional counselor

Core Spiritual Integration Courses . . . . . 12 credits

CMH5309 Interpretation of the Bible for Counseling and Ministry

CMH5310 Ethics for Counseling and Ministry

CMH5311 American Religions for Counseling and Ministry

CMH5312 Theological Studies for Counseling and Ministry

Pre-Requisite Courses . . . . . 36 credits

*Courses below must be taken before enrolling in the Clinical Practicum (CMH5320)*

CMH5301 Professional Orientation and Counselor Identity

CMH5302 Assessment and Testing

CMH5303 Helping Relationships and Methods

CMH5304 Group Counseling

CMH5305 Human Growth and Development Across the Lifespan

CMH5306 Career and Lifestyle Development

CMH5307 Research and Evaluation

CMH5308 Social, Cultural and Family Diversity

CMH5313 Introduction to Counseling Theories

CMH5314 Abnormal Behavior

CMH5316 Ethics in Counseling Practice

CMH5319 Crisis and Trauma Counseling

Clinical Practicum and Internship Courses . . . . . 9 credits

CMH5320 Clinical Practicum

CMH5321 Clinical Internship I

CMH5322 Clinical Internship II

Non Pre-Requisite Courses . . . . . 9 credits

CMH5315 Psychopathology

CMH5317 Couples, Parents and Family Systems

CMH5318 Addictions Counseling

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete satisfactorily 66 credits of courses within six years of study
2. For Candidacy - Student Counseling Requirement; Capstone Paper, Advisor Recommendation  
For Graduation - Comprehensive Examination (CPCE)
3. Each candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary

## Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation (MSF)

The MSF is a 48-hour degree that engages the theology and practice of Christian spirituality and spiritual direction. The MSF is designed for students who wish to explore the spiritual tradition of the Christian path as well as for lay and ordained ministers seeking to develop skills in spiritual direction.

The core curriculum (4 courses) provides a biblical, theological, historical, and ethical foundation for pastoral ministry. Other required course work allows students to specialize in spiritual direction or spiritual formation. Students who desire to serve as spiritual formation leaders in parish, retreat, and Christian education programs follow the spiritual formation track, allowing them to tailor a program that culminates in a project that will help them define their future ministry. Students who desire to serve as spiritual directors follow the spiritual direction track, allowing them to make use of their academic degree in a spiritual direction practice.

## MSF PROGRAM GOALS

Through core courses in Biblical studies, history, theology, and ethics, as well as an in-depth study of issues in and approaches to spiritual direction and formation, students will achieve objectives in three areas:

Being—Character Objectives:

- increase self-awareness and develop habits of reflection that will further personal spiritual formation and/or professional development as a spiritual director. Students will show evidence of growth in this area by completing a minimum of six spiritual direction sessions and submitting a reflection essay on their personal and spiritual growth.

Knowing—Content Objectives:

- master the biblical and theological foundations of ministry, understand how they inform the theory and practice of spirituality, identify the spiritual dimensions in various ministry settings within a religiously plural and culturally diverse society, and integrate relevant perspectives from the social sciences. Students will provide a portfolio that will show evidence of their ability to think theologically, ethically, and professionally in their spiritual formation or development as a spiritual director.

Doing—Practical Objectives:

- gain proficiency in a range of spiritual practices and strategies, including significant resources from the Christian traditions, and demonstrate facility with them personally and in the practices of spiritual direction. Students in the spiritual direction emphasis will show evidence of their growth through their practicum supervisor's evaluation. Students in the spiritual formation track will submit a project showing evidence of how they have exercised their spiritual formation interests in a ministry context.

**Course Requirements for the  
MSF Spiritual Direction Track (48 hours)**

Core curriculum . . . . . 12 credit hours

- CMH5309 Interpretation of the Bible for  
Counseling and Ministry
- CMH5310 Ethics for Counseling and Ministry
- CMH5311 American Religions for Counseling  
and Ministry
- CMH5312 Theological Studies for Counseling  
and Ministry

Required courses. . . . . 21 credits

- F5304 Prayer, Action & the Contemplative Life
- F5310 Practicum in Spiritual Direction
- F5330 Introduction to Discipleship & Vocation
- F5331 Theory in Spiritual Direction
- F5337 Spiritual in the Workplace
- P5307 Multiculturalism and Diversity Issues in  
Pastoral Care
- W5309 Writing in Vocational Contexts

Elective courses . . . . . 15 credits

**Course Requirements for the  
MSF Spiritual Formation Track (48 hours)**

Core curriculum . . . . . 12 credits

- CMH5309 Interpretation of the Bible for  
Counseling and Ministry
- CMH5310 Ethics for Counseling and Ministry
- CMH5311 American Religions for Counseling  
and Ministry
- CMH5312 Theological Studies for Counseling  
and Ministry

Required courses. . . . . 24 credits

- F5304 Prayer, Action & the Contemplative Life
- F5330 Introduction to Discipleship & Vocation
- F5333 Practicum in Spiritual Formation
- F5337 Spiritual in the Workplace
- P5307 Multiculturalism and Diversity Issues in  
Pastoral Care
- W5305 MSF Project Preparation
- W5306 MSF Project Writing
- W5309 Writing in Vocational Contexts

Elective courses . . . . . 12 credits

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Complete satisfactorily 48 credits of courses within six years of study
2. Monthly spiritual direction for the duration (fall and spring semester) of the time the student is in the degree program. The first six sessions will be subsidized.
3. Each candidate must fully discharge all financial obligations to the seminary





# Course Listings



## Course Descriptions

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### KEY TO COURSE LISTINGS

- B Biblical Studies
- CMH Clinical Mental Health Studies
- F Formation Studies
- H Historical Studies
- I Independent Study
- L Liturgical Studies
- M Multicultural Studies
- P Pastoral Studies
- S Student Led Colloquy
- T Theological Studies
- TE Theological Ethics Studies
- W Writing and Research Studies

### NUMBERS

**First Digit** (for MDiv):

- 1 Junior
- 2 Middler
- 3 Senior
- 4 MDiv & MAR Electives
- 5 MACMHC, MCPC, & MSF

**Second Digit:** Number of Credit Hours

**Third & Fourth Digits:** Differentiating Course Numbers

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### Biblical Studies

Through the study of Biblical texts, critical and hermeneutical methods, and influential contemporary interpretations, students will:

- identify and describe the content and theological perspectives of Biblical authors in major literary genres in the Bible and be able to describe the history of the canon;
- create sermons, curricula, and public presentations that imaginatively engage the Biblical text with the contemporary context;
- identify and analyze the way different cultural contexts affect Biblical interpretation;
- critically evaluate theological perspectives in the Biblical texts in light of contemporary theological and ethical realities.

### REQUIRED COURSES

#### **B1310 Biblical Studies: History and Hermeneutics I**

An overview of biblical history, and an introduction to Second Temple Judaism as the matrix in which the Old and New Testaments originated. Attention is given to the formation and reception of the Pentateuch and literary critical study of the Gospel of Mark in Its Roman Imperial context. Emphasis is placed upon the acquisition of skills in the close reading of biblical texts.

*Professor Bishop and Patterson*

#### **B1320 Biblical Studies: History and Hermeneutics II**

Study of the Deuteronomistic History in light of Israel's experience of exile and restoration, and exploration of early Christianity in the context of Hellenistic Judaism, focusing on the presentation of Jesus in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Paul's letters and other documents of the New Testament. Emphasis is placed on the ability to interpret the scriptures in light of their historical contexts.

*Professor Bishop and Patterson*

#### **B2310 Biblical Studies: History and Hermeneutics III**

Methods and strategies of interpreting texts for teaching and sermon preparation, focusing on prophetic and poetic literature from the Old Testament, the Gospel of John, and Revelation.

*Professor Bishop and Patterson*

### ELECTIVE COURSES

#### **B4100 Further Studies in Biblical Hebrew**

Continued study of Hebrew for those who have completed B1310. Electronic resources will be the primary tools used for language study.

*Professor Bishop*

#### **B4105 Further Readings in New Testament Greek**

Translation of texts from the New Testament and discussion of the pertinent grammatical, syntactical and interpretive issues.

*Professor Kittredge*

### **B4303 Paul's Letter to the Romans**

Study of Paul's Epistle to the Romans through close reading of the text. Using various methods of interpretation, including historical-critical and rhetorical approaches, this course attempts to understand Paul's letter in its ancient social context. The investigation is to be the basis for ongoing discussion of the hermeneutical and theological issues raised in this epistle.

*Professor Kittredge*

### **B4307 Women in Early Christianity**

Explores the ministry of women in early Christian communities as witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, missionaries, teachers, ascetics, martyrs, and deacons. Texts include the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the non-canonical Gospel of Mary, the Acts of Paul and Thecla, and the Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicitas. Special attention will be given to the methodological and theoretical issues surrounding the study of women in the ancient world.

Prerequisite: B1320, or permission of the instructor

*Professor Kittredge*

### **B4309 Seminar in Prophetic Literature**

Examines the prophetic literature of the Old Testament using both historical-critical and literary methods. Attention will be given to the theology and social critique of the prophets. Each semester will focus on a specific prophetic book or a collection of prophetic books (such as the Minor Prophets).

Prerequisite: B1310 and B1320

*Professor Bishop*

### **B4310 Seminar in the Poetry of the Old Testament**

This seminar examines the style, theology, and function of poetic literature in the Old Testament. This seminar will concentrate on one corpus of poetic texts in the Old Testament each time it is offered. Attention will be given to engaging poetic texts for preaching and teaching in parish settings.

Prerequisite: B1310 and B1320

*Professor Bishop*

### **B4314 The Gospel of Luke**

A literary, social, historical, political and theological examination of Luke's contribution to early Christian literature.

*Professor Patterson*

### **B4315 The Pauline Literature**

An in-depth study of the letters of Paul with some attention given to the Deutero-Pauline literature in the New Testament. Students approach Paul's letters with consideration of their rhetorical purposes, the social contexts of their communities, and the theological and moral foundations of Paul's arguments.

*Professor Patterson*

### **B4316 Theologies of the Old Testament**

This course examines the varieties of theological understanding present in the Old Testament. Students will explore biblical texts that appropriate common themes and images including, but not limited to, creation, covenant, land, theodicy, Temple, and Torah. Students will engage biblical texts using a variety of contemporary hermeneutical approaches, including but not limited to, post-colonial, feminist, socio-historical, mujerista, and African-American.

*Professor Bishop*

### **B4317 Metaphors in the New Testament**

Some of the most vivid teaching in the New Testament is conveyed by means of metaphor, images that stay in the mind and continue to unfold as guides for Christian reflection and practice. Many of these metaphors (vineyard and vine, shepherd and sheep, banquet, king, body, sacrifice) have extensive roots in the Old Testament, as well as in Greco-Roman literature and philosophy. This seminar explores some of the most significant metaphors in the New Testament as a foundation for teaching and preaching in the church, with special attention given to how metaphors function in theological reflection.

*Professor Patterson*

### **B4318/T4326 Divine Revelations**

Revelation is the unspoken doctrine that lies beneath many contemporary theological questions, such as the authority of the Christian scriptures, the truth-value of the practices and writings of other religions, the ability of the natural world to speak of God, and the recognition of the presence and action of God in the life of a person or a community. In fact, the very possibility of God's acting within history assumes some account of revelation. This team-taught seminar uses the resources of biblical studies and theology to explore historical ways of understanding revelation as well as ways to construct a coherent theology of revelation today.

Prerequisite: B1310 and B1320

*Professor Patterson and Professor Baker*



### **P5303 The Bible as a Resource in Pastoral Care**

A study of the Gospel of Luke and other selected texts of the New Testament as a resource and grounding for pastoral care in a variety of settings. Human experiences such as sickness, healing and anointing; death and dying; and repentance and reconciliation are brought into conversation with the scriptures and, where appropriate, the relevant rites in the *Book of Common Prayer*, in order to assist lay and ordained ministers to reflect critically upon the meaning and significance of their pastoral responses to human need.

**Professor Patterson**

### **Formation Studies**

By exploring a range of approaches to corporate spiritual formation across the human lifespan, students will learn:

- to employ the biblical and traditional vocabulary of vocation and spiritual practice in order to articulate their own and others' vocations, both individual and corporate;
- how to develop coherent and effective patterns of ordained and lay leadership in congregations in order to carry out a common mission.
- how to design a plan of spiritual formation for a specific parish setting that takes into account the parish's particular context and vocation to ministry
- how to assist others to practice and reflect theologically upon a range of spiritual practices from the Christian tradition.

### **REQUIRED COURSES**

#### **F3320 Introduction to Discipleship and Vocation**

Every aspect of the life of a spiritual community has the potential to be an element in the formation of the people as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. This course introduces future priests and other spiritual mentors to the characteristics of Christian discipleship and to the role of ministers in serving the discipleship of others. In addition, students study the vocations of people across the lifespan, learn how to help others discern their vocations, and create a wide variety of learning experiences to help Christians of all ages to live into their various calls.

**Professor Patterson**

### **Hispanic Church Studies**

Through the study of Hispanic theology, culture and Christianity and through engagement with specific resource persons, texts, and contexts, students will learn:

- to identify historical, cultural, and devotional expressions of Hispanic/Latino Christian faith;
- to display a receptivity toward innovation, enculturation, and difference for the purpose of extending the Christian community to include a variety of groups of people;
- to evaluate a diversity of models of ministry in Hispanic/Latino settings, including ministry with Spanish-dominant, immigrant communities and ministry with English-dominant acculturated communities;
- to apply skills for pastoral ministry in Hispanic/Latino and multicultural contexts;
- to interpret theological and social issues from the perspectives of various Hispanic/Latino and Latin American theologians

### **REQUIRED COURSES**

#### **M1320 January Encuentro: Mission in Latino Contexts**

First-year students will spend up to three weeks in the January term observing, participating in, and considering the church in mission along the Texas/Mexico border and in various Spanish-speaking contexts throughout Texas. Experiential learning occurs with trips to the Texas/Mexico border and in Latino/a congregations throughout Texas. Students learn about the history, culture and contemporary realities of Latinos/as to gain skills in intercultural dialogue and ministry that they can transpose to other cultural settings. Students need to reserve the month of January for the course, as class is held daily and there are two weekend trips involved.

**Adjunct Professor Rodriguez**

## ELECTIVE COURSES

### M4307 Beginning Spanish for Ministry

This course is an introduction intended to provide basic proficiency in Spanish, using materials that illustrate significant pastoral aspects of Latino culture and teaches basic elements of the Episcopal liturgy in Spanish.

**Instructor Peña**

### M4308 Spanish Immersion Course

This off-campus course is designed for students who choose to study the Spanish language abroad, either in Mexico, or in another Latin American country.

**Staff**

*Note: Certain criteria apply*

### M4312 Intermediate Spanish for Ministry

Through this course, the student will become proficient in using and differentiating the preterit and imperfect tenses. At the end of the semester, the class participants will be able to compare, contrast, differentiate and use the two tenses. Besides the Spanish text for grammar and practice, the other books used in the course will be the Bible, "Dios habla hoy", and the Spanish language Book of Common Prayer (Libro de Oración Común). Articles about Hispanic Culture and themes related to Hispanics, immigration, religion and education are part of the class. Hispanics will be invited to speak in Spanish to the class about topics which affect their lives as Hispanics.

**Instructor Peña**

### M4320 Theologies of Liberation

Religion is a powerful force for social transformation. This underlying theme of the course is explored as we examine the origins of Latin American Liberation Theology in the 1960s and gradually widen our scope to include various forms of theologies of liberation, such as Black Liberation Theology, U.S. Latino/a Theology, Feminist Theology, Womanist Theology, Eco-Liberation Theology and theology from the LGBT perspective. This course strives to provide various examples in which religion and theology respond to human conflict, struggle, and injustice, and provide a particular response for reconciliation and hope in situations of oppression and despair. The issues and persons studied in the course require an openness to dialogue and a willingness to explore non-traditional theological positions that advocate for social change.

**Adjunct Professor Alanis**

### M4323 Sharing the Faith Without Killing the Culture: Evangelism in the Hispanic Tradition

This course raises the question "How is the Christian faith communicated to other peoples without violating their culture and dignity?" We explore the theological and biblical bases for evangelism, and also review the impact and the questions that arise from evangelization/evangelism, especially of mestizo and indigenous peoples. The course brings these and other questions to bear on the following periods: 1) The Spanish conquest and evangelization of the Americas, 2) The Protestant missionary activity in Mexico and among Mexican Americans in the U.S. Southwest, 3) Contemporary efforts at evangelism among U.S. Hispanics.

**Staff**

### M4327 Borderlands Christian Thought

This course has been designed in order to take responsibility for the geo-economic, cultural and political context of the borderlands in which Christian theology has been taught and preached since its arrival, five hundred years ago. Mainstream Roman Catholic and Protestant theologies will be revisited from the perspectives of Pentecostalism, Chicano, Native American, African-American and Hispanic Liberation Theologies.

**Adjunct Professor Alanis**



**M4328 Emerging Ministry Among American Latinos**

This course offers a panoramic look at the emerging mission field represented by the American born Hispanic/Latino population. It intends to add a missing segment to the traditional Hispanic/Latino model, as carried out by the Episcopal Church and other mainline denominations, which focus primarily on predominantly Spanish-speaking, first generation Latinos. The course will guide the student in discerning and exploring the strategy processes necessary in reaching out to the more English dominant and American acculturated Hispanic/Latino population, which represents 65% of the Hispanic/Latino population. Besides acquiring a fundamental picture of the American born Latino, this course aims to provide a hands-on capability necessary to design and carry out an evangelistic approach to this more bilingual, acculturated and assimilated Latino demographic.

*Adjunct Professor Rodriguez*

**M4330 Addressing the Multicultural Realities of Hispanic/Latino Ministry**

This course offers a practitioner's perspective of Hispanic/Latino Ministry, drawing the comparisons between the pastoral care and worship aimed at immigrant and first generation Hispanics, and the emerging ministry models focusing on second and third generation, U.S. born Latinos, which comprise the majority of the Latino population in the U.S.

*Adjunct Professor Rodriguez*

**M4331 Latino Liturgy and Worship in an Episcopal Context**

This course provides a broad review and hands-on feel for leading worship services, liturgies and rituals carried out in the average Episcopal, Spanish-speaking congregation, including designing bilingual services for a multicultural setting. The course also delves into the cultural and popular religion forms of Latino ceremonies and rituals associated with such events as the feast day of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Día de los Muertos, Las Posadas and other seasonal and pastoral services.

*Adjunct Professor Rodriguez*

**M4332 The Image of God in the Christian Tradition**

This course will examine the history of the Imago Dei (image of God) concept from the time of its Jewish origins to its development as a subversive notion by the early church community and beyond through the post-modern era. The concept will be examined as a source of resistance to dominant ideologies and as a hermeneutical key for self-understanding and ethical deliberation among marginalized communities, including the Hispanic/Latino/a, Native American, African-American, Feminist, GLBT and Asian. Particular focus will be given to the way marginalized communities express their resistance to imposed definitions and seek self-definition through liturgical, confessional, prose and poetic expression, popular religion and other practices of liberation that enhance personal and communal awareness and lead to social change.

*Adjunct Professor Alanis*

**M4333 A Potpourri of Topics in Latino/a Realities**

This seminar will provide the student with a potpourri of topics such as theology and ethics from the broad range of the Latino/a worldview and will incorporate mediums for ministry such as art, film, the Latino/a liturgical calendar, pastoral care and counseling and scripture study for devotions that promote healing, liberation and inclusion of those outside the traditional church walls. Students will be invited to explore subjects of interest.

*Staff*

**M4334 El Año Eclesiástico - The Church Year in Latino Ministry**

This class will use the Seasons, Feasts and Fasts of the Church as a lens through which we'll examine the theory and practice of Episcopal Latino Ministry. We will explore the practice of ministry in various Latino contexts (both English and Spanish dominant congregations), consider some of the Theology and History of Latino Christianity, and weigh points of resonance and dissonance between Northern American and Latin American Christian Traditions. This class aims to provide a balance of the theoretical and practical instruction, and be of particular use to students considering serving in multicultural or Latino ministry contexts. All class resources will be in English.

*Adjunct Professor Pearson*



## Historical Studies

Through the study of representative movements, theologians, texts and institutions, students will learn:

- to give a critical and informed account of principal developments in the history of Christianity in terms of practices, institutions, theology, and the development of Anglicanism;
- to explore the relationships between theological, institutional, cultural, and social developments;
- to recognize the impact of cultural changes, encounters, and conflicts on the development of Christian practices, institutions, and doctrines;
- to read appreciatively and critically diverse and influential texts in the history of Christian theology interpreting these texts with a view to their present significance for Christian faith and practice;
- to integrate their interpretation of Christian doctrinal texts with their interpretation of primary sources concerning the Christian life; and
- to develop methods of communicating historical perspectives in congregational life and other ministry settings and stimulating historical inquiry in the contemporary life of the church, both individually and corporately.

## REQUIRED COURSES

### H1310 History of Christianity I

This course is an introductory survey of the history of Christianity from its origins to the late medieval period. Primary readings will focus on the relationship between church and society and the cultural location of developments in doctrine, authority, and practices.

Major themes will include:

- Christian origins and its Jewish and Hellenistic roots
- the diversity of Christian theologies
- the global spread of Christianity
- Christological and Trinitarian controversies;
- the relationship between church and society
- the diversity and complexity of Christian life, practice and belief
- reform movements

*Professor Joslyn-Siemiatkoski*

### H1330 History of Christianity II

This course is an introduction to the history of Christianity from the fifteenth to twentieth centuries. Primary source readings will provide a balance between the development of Western forms of Christianity and the emergence of Christianity as a global religion.

Major themes will include:

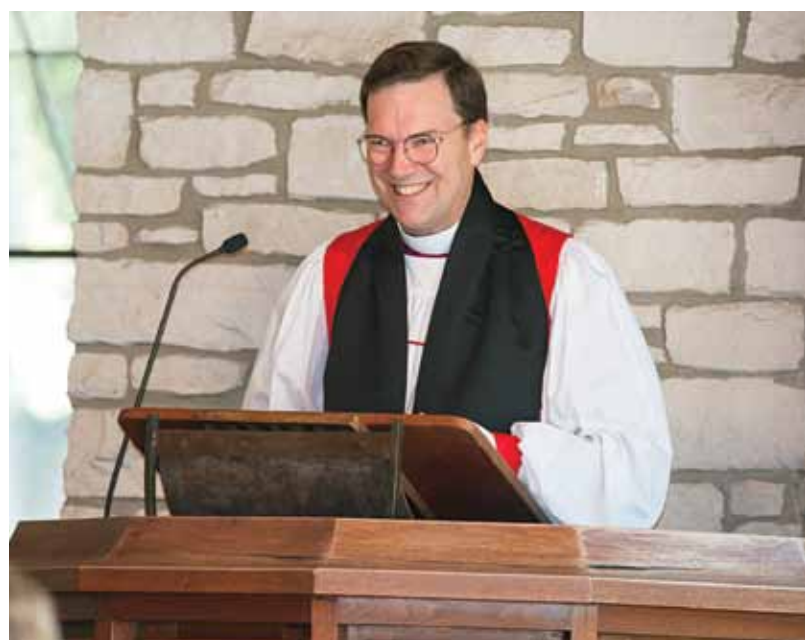
- the diversity and complexity of Christian life, practice and belief
- the encounter of western Christianity with other cultures
- the continued global spread of Christianity
- the development of Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Christianity
- the presence of under-represented groups within Christian movements
- the emergence of modernity and Christian engagement with it

*Professor Joslyn-Siemiatkoski*

### H3330 The Episcopal Church: Past and Present

This course will examine the history of the Episcopal Church and its current ecclesiastical context as part of the Anglican Communion and the Church Universal. The first half of the course will be an examination of the development of the Episcopal Church from colonial origins to a multi-national church. The second half of the course will focus on the contemporary structures of the Episcopal Church, dealing with current issues of ecclesiology, polity, and debates on provincial and global levels.

*Professor Joslyn-Siemiatkoski*



## ELECTIVE COURSES

### H4313 English Reformations

This course will examine the complex history of the English Reformation from its origins in the 1520s to the Toleration Act of 1688. Emphasis will be placed on reading primary sources in order to chart the competing understandings of the nature of the English church in this period. Portions of each class will involve discussion of how to apply course content to the contemporary context of Anglicanism.

*Professor Joslyn-Siemiatkoski*

### H4314 Undoing Anti-Judaism

The purpose of this class is to develop strategies by which the anti-Judaism endemic to Christian traditions can be recognized and undone. This course will begin with an examination of the development and workings of Christian anti-Judaism. Attention will then turn to how such anti-Judaism has entered into Christian life and practice, especially within the context of teaching, preaching, and worship. The course will conclude with practical exercises in constructing positive understandings of the relationship between Judaism and Christianity in teaching, preaching, and worship.

*Professor Joslyn-Siemiatkoski*

## Anglican Studies

At the culmination of the Anglican studies portion of the curriculum, students will:

- narrate in broad strokes the development of Anglicanism
- exhibit confidence with Anglican approaches to Christian discourse and decision making
- reflect thoughtfully on the integration of one's Anglican context and one's own vocation

## REQUIRED COURSES

### H3310 Anglican Studies

A survey of the spiritual and theological tradition of Anglicanism set within its history and polity. We pay special attention to key figures and movements such as Hooker, the Caroline Divines, the Latitudinarians, Evangelicalism, Coleridge, Anglo-Catholicism, Ecumenism, and the Inklings. The contribution of these movements to Anglican ecclesiology constitutes a running theme. An overview of the ecumenical and global context of current Anglicanism concludes the course.

*Professor Jennings*





## Liturgical Studies

To prepare students for liturgical ministry and leadership in various contexts and settings and to introduce the scholarly study of liturgy and music:

- Display competence in liturgical and theological reasoning
- Articulate the development of Christian liturgy and its theology
- Reflectively integrate liturgy and ministry

## REQUIRED COURSES

### L1310 Liturgy I: Worship and Theology

Students will explore the Christian encounter with God and God's work in worship, ritual and liturgy. We will study the history of, and reflect theologically upon the various ecumenical traditions of the divine service (liturgy) along with various other significant and related ritual mysteries of the church. Students will take an examination in liturgical theology and complete various assignments.

*Professor Jennings*

### L2310 Preaching

Introduction to Homiletics as the art of preparing and designing sermons. Study of different homiletic styles and sermon forms. It also includes a brief overview of the discipline's history and theology.

*Professor Jackson*

### L2340 Liturgy II: The Prayer Book, its History and Use

Students will study the history of the current Episcopal Prayer Book. Gaining acquaintance with its historical and practical dimensions, students will learn to plan prayer book services. Students will take an examination in Prayer Book history and complete liturgical projects and compositions.

*Professor Jennings*

### L3310 Liturgical Leadership in the Episcopal Church

Students will explore the spiritual, theological, and physical aspects of ordained liturgical leadership. Through reading, discussion, and various practical exercises, students will work toward developing and being able to articulate a sense of themselves as confident and compassionate presiders over the liturgy. Baptism, marriage, healing, and other special rites of the Episcopal Church will also be considered in their Eucharistic and pastoral contexts.

*Professor Jackson*

## ELECTIVE COURSES

### L4300 Seminar on Liturgical Theology

If theology is the contemplation of the triune God in scripture, then liturgical theology names a liturgical approach to theology: liturgical contemplation and contemplation of liturgy, the relationship of doxology to trinitarian teaching, the liturgical reading of scripture. We will read scripture, ancient mystagogy and contemporary scholars' work in the field. Students will deliver a presentation and a final paper.

*Professor Jennings*

### L4304 New Media in Worship and Preaching

Participants in this seminar/workshop will reflect theologically, rhetorically, and pastorally on the recent increase in technology and media in the worship arts, especially preaching. Considering some primary sources on visual presentation of information, we will work together to understand whether and if so, how technology and media can enhance our ability to worship. Participants will offer sermons and/or worship experiences to the group for reflection and critique.

*Professor Jackson*

### L4305 Political Preaching

A course on the history, theology, and practical issues surrounding preaching on political issues. What has been the relationship between Christianity and the political system in the past and present? What are the commitments I have as a preacher to my own beliefs, community, my bishop, my denomination, the secular government? What do IRS regulations say I can or can't say, and about what? Students will engage a combination of written material, lecture, discussion, and their own original political sermons.

*Professor Jackson*

### L4311 Preaching the Sacraments

Study and practice of doctrinal preaching, with special emphasis on the Sacraments. Intermediate instruction on homiletic construction and form, with attention to effective delivery. Students will participate in peer evaluation through questionnaires and group discussion as well as feedback from the instructor.

Prerequisite: L2310 or the equivalent

*Professor Jackson*



### **L4312 Pastoral Preaching**

Study and practice of pastoral preaching, with special emphasis on weddings, funerals, baptisms, and pastoral crises. Intermediate instruction on homiletic construction and form, with attention to effective delivery. Students will participate in peer evaluation through questionnaires and group discussion as well as feedback from the instructor.

Prerequisite: L2310 or the equivalent

**Professor Jackson**

### **Music Studies**

See the learning outcomes under Liturgical Studies on page 42.

### **REQUIRED COURSES**

#### **L1140 Liturgical Music I**

The purpose of this two-semester sequence is to acquaint students with some of the history and principles of liturgical music, to survey the Hymnal 1982 and its supplements, to increase students' enjoyment and appreciation of church music, to practice liturgical music, and to improve students' singing ability.

*Note: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Only*

**Lecturer McClure**

#### **L1150 Liturgical Music II**

The purpose of this two-semester sequence is to acquaint students with some of the history and principles of liturgical music, to survey the Hymnal 1982 and its supplements, to increase students' enjoyment and appreciation of church music, to practice liturgical music, and to improve students' singing ability.

*Note: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Only*

**Lecturer McClure**

### **Pastoral Studies**

Through engagement with classic and contemporary texts and issues in pastoral and practical theology in conjunction with a process of contextual education and experiential learning, students will:

- Display self-knowledge and vocational clarity within the ministerial roles and contexts to which they are called.
- Demonstrate skills for the exercise of pastoral ministry with individuals and faith communities, appropriate to different settings and needs and bringing to bear the resources of the Anglican tradition and the Episcopal Church. These skills include practices of ministry, relationships that are marked by respect, mutuality and an appreciation for the vocation all Christians share through Baptism, and theological and critical reflection.
- Interpret and understand faith communities so as to exercise grounded and imaginative leadership as ministers of the Good News.
- Develop the habits and dispositions that will contribute to life-long learning and sustainable ministry.

### **REQUIRED COURSES**

#### **P1130 The Craft of Ministry I**

This course introduces students to the life and work of ministry through experiential learning and reflective practice. Students will explore their own sense of themselves as learners, ministers, and community members through lectures, reading assignments, theological and narrative reflection and writing, and also small group work. They will also begin to develop a Rule of Life that encompasses the physical, financial, spiritual, and vocational practices that support their ministry here at the seminary and throughout their career. This course also introduces students to the Theological Field Education program and prepares them to be successful in CPE and their TFE placements.

*Notes:* • This course is only open to MDIV students

• Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only

**Professor Jackson**

**P1140 The Craft of Ministry II:  
Thinking Theologically**

One important aspect of the ministerial vocation is the ongoing development of a intellectual life. How do we receive and engage with new ideas, events, and experiences from the intersecting worlds of theology and culture? This course will explore critical thinking as it is employed in theological education, especially in the development of reading and writing skills, research methods, and theological reflection. Assignments will include a short research project. This course is open only to students in the MDiv program.

Prerequisite: P1130

*Note: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Only*

**Professor Jackson**

**P2320 Pastoral Theology I:  
Foundations of Pastoral Ministry**

This course introduces students to key dynamics and frameworks for understanding pastoral identity and role, the pastoral relationship, and ministerial practices within the context of the Anglican tradition, the ecclesiology and theology of the Episcopal Church, and the contributions of other disciplines such as psychology, human development and anthropology. Particular attention is paid to the theological and pastoral issues inherent in human living, especially around questions of suffering, as well as familiarity and facility with resources for interpreting situations and contexts and responding faithfully and effectively.

**Professor Tumminio**

**P3330 Pastoral Theology II: Church Leadership  
for Congregational Development**

Students engage material related to models, issues and challenges in contemporary church leadership within the context of congregational life and Episcopal theology and polity. The course also introduces students to resources for congregational analysis and conflict management as well as exploring pertinent aspects of pastoral identity and role as they relate to the practice of leadership in ministry.

**Professor Tumminio**

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

**P4324 Entrepreneurial Ministry**

As the culture changes, models of ministry must change with it. What forms can ministry take in the new millennium? This course explores approaches to discerning opportunity and launching and building ministries outside of traditional institutions. We look for models that are grounded in the gospel and sustainable.

**Professor Tomlinson**

*Students with a particular interest in pastoral care may take electives from the MCPC degree program; other electives that support congregational ministry (such as conflict management or parish administration) are offered periodically.*





## Theological Field Education

*(Supporting documents, policies and procedures for all Theological Field Education courses are found on the SSW Intranet/Departments/Field Education.)*

### REQUIRED COURSES

#### PI010 Clinical Pastoral Education

This course requires 400 hours of supervised ministry in a program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, usually in a hospital but on occasion in a hospice, prison, homeless shelter or other institution. CPE is a full-time on-site ministry. Students may apply to any ACPE-accredited center in the U.S., or to any CPE center abroad whose program is consistent with the ACPE learning model and is subject to an accrediting body. Students are assisted in the CPE application and admissions process by the Director of Field Education. Students should note that individual CPE centers make all admissions decisions for themselves. Effective fall 2014, this course is required for graduation but carries no credit toward the MDiv degree.

Units completed within four years of the student's matriculation at SSW will be accepted for fulfilling this requirement. Units completed beyond this time frame will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Notes: • Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only

- Requires background screening (see Admissions section)

**Professor Tumminio**



#### P2110/2120 Middler Parish Field Education

In consultation with the Director of Field Education, students are assigned to a specific parish under the supervision of the parish clergy. Ordinarily, this parish assignment will be the same for both middler and senior years. The emphasis in this first year of field work is on gaining a broad exposure to the people, culture and ministry of the assigned parish and to develop, in conjunction with the supervisor, a lay committee that will meet with the student during the senior year. A learning agreement for the year, a parish Lay Committee that meets monthly, semester evaluations, and participation in the weekly Middler Colloquy are required.

Notes: • Five hours per week at the field site/one credit per semester/weekly colloquy session

- Requires background screening and Safe Church Training
- With the permission of the Director of Field Education, MDIV students preparing for lay professional ministries may utilize alternatives to parish placements, such as a hospital, educational institution or community service agency. Likewise students who are not Episcopalians may do field work in a congregation of their own tradition.
- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only

**Professor Tumminio**

#### P2140 Ministry Across Cultures

Effective ministry in our contemporary setting calls for an awareness of culture as an inherent aspect of human and ecclesial life. In addition, seminarians need to develop cross-cultural competency in terms of understanding, relationships and work in different settings. In this required one-credit course, students learn about the intersection of culture and ministry through a short-term immersion in agencies that serve people whose lives are marked by difficulty or with organizations whose purpose is social change or community development. These placements provide students with the opportunity to learn and develop as ministers in settings that are both pastoral and prophetic, to learn about issues inherent in social outreach ministry and to reflect theologically. Students may fulfill this course requirement by developing projects outside the United States under the auspices of the Seminary Consultation on Mission.

Notes: • 100 contact hours over at least three weeks

- Summer or January term
- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only

**Professor Tumminio**



### **P3310 & P3320 Senior Parish Field Education**

Students continue their assignments in specific parishes as they develop their ministerial identity and competencies. In addition to participating in various aspects of church leadership and congregational life, students focus on the preaching and teaching ministries of the church. A learning agreement for the year, a parish Lay Committee that meets monthly, semester evaluations and participation in the weekly Senior Colloquy are required.

*Notes:* • *Ten hours per week at the field site/three credits per semester/weekly colloquy sessions*

- *Requires background screening and Safe Church Training*
- *With the permission of the Director of Field Education, MDiv students preparing for lay professional ministries may utilize alternatives to parish placements, such as a hospital, educational institution or community service agency. Likewise students who are not Episcopalians may do field work in a congregation of their own tradition.*
- *Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only*

**Professor Tumminio**

### **ELECTIVE COURSES**

#### **P4306 Supplemental Field Education**

Students who wish to engage in field work during the summer months for credit may develop a learning plan subject to the approval of the Director of Field Education. The learning plan must include the practice of ministry, regular supervision by an appropriate person, a learning agreement and a process for evaluation. Students must be involved with the site for at least 130 contact hours spread over at least three weeks and four weekends.

**Professor Tumminio**

### **Theological Studies**

At the culmination of the theological studies portion of the curriculum, students will:

- demonstrate a knowledge of the content and facility in the discussion of Christian teachings
- know how to make well-formed claims regarding these teachings
- demonstrate an appreciation for the apophatic dimension of theology
- know how to construct theological arguments from biblical, classical, and contemporary sources
- demonstrate an understanding of key themes and pathways in contemporary Anglican theology

### **REQUIRED COURSES**

#### **T1310 Constructive Theology**

Is it possible to speak responsibly about the Creator of heaven and earth? Can we identify better and worse arguments for conclusions about God's nature and the nature of a world ordered toward God? This course will survey the key topics in Christian theological language, from Trinity to salvation to eschatology, making use of a broad range of texts and ideas from across the historical and geographical range of the Anglican and ecumenical theological tradition. At the same time, we will study the structure of theological arguments, with the goal of gaining skills in creative and constructive theological communication.

**Professor Baker**

#### **T1330 Introduction to Missiology**

This course introduces to students the basic concepts and practices in the discipline of missiology. It does this first by examining the biblical and theological foundations for mission and then by examining the nature of the church in mission at various points in history. In the last part of the course, we explore intersections of mission and contemporary U.S. contexts. Using this interdisciplinary approach to the study of missiology, it is hoped that students will draw on the variety of theological disciplines to develop and articulate their own theology of mission.

**Staff**

### **ELECTIVE COURSES**

#### **B4318/T4326 Divine Revelations**

Revelation is the unspoken doctrine that lies beneath many contemporary theological questions, such as the authority of the Christian scriptures, the truth-value of the practices and writings of other religions, the ability of the natural world to speak of God, and the recognition of the presence and action of God in the life of a person or a community. In fact, the very possibility of God's acting within history assumes some account of revelation. This team-taught seminar uses the resources of biblical studies and theology to explore historical ways of understanding revelation as well as ways to construct a coherent theology of revelation today.

Prerequisite: T1310

**Professor Patterson and Professor Baker**

### **T4319 Theological Hermeneutics**

In this class we will survey modern interpretation theory and contemporary attempts to understand and bring forward traditional Christian exegesis of the scriptures. Major figures will include Augustine, Aquinas, Gadamer, Schleiermacher, Ricoeur, Habermas, de Lubac, Frei and Childs.

**Professor Jennings**

### **T4322 Twentieth Century Theology**

This is a course in constructive theology, working with the major theological movements and figures of the previous century as source material. We'll read selections from Barth, von Balthasar, Bulgakov, and Kristeva, to name a few, and investigate the developments of Ressourcement, Neo-Orthodoxy, Liberation Theology, Radical Orthodoxy, and Sophiology. The primary goal will be the articulation of cogent theological arguments in conversation with these sources. Students will write a constructive theology research paper as a final project.

Prerequisite: T1310 or CMH5312

**Professor Baker**

### **T4323 Augustine: Time, Eternity and the Soul**

This is a course in constructive theology, working as source material with the writings of the one who said "God is more interior to me than I am to myself." What does it mean to be created in and through time, yet desire the eternal God? Is the human soul fashioned in a suspended state between time and eternity? We will explore these and other questions as we read a sampling of Augustine's writings alongside some important evaluations of his theological contribution. Classes will be discussion-based, with a paper due at the end of term.

Prerequisite: T1310

**Professor Baker**

### **T4325 Theopoetics: Theory and Practice**

The word theopoetics translates as "a making of God." How is such a thing possible, and why might it be necessary in today's world? In this course, we will attempt to answer these questions by surveying the historical, philosophical, and theological roots of the theopoetics movement; exploring theopoetic expressions in several contemporary arenas, including the arts, the media, and lived vocations; and considering how theopoetics might

help Christians imagine and shape the church of the future. We will also practice the art of "making God" in our classroom community and in the context of our own vocations and ministries.

**Adjunct Professor Colombo**

### **T4327 Christology**

This is a course in constructive theology that uses resources from classical and contemporary theology to answer Bonhoeffer's famous question, "Who is Jesus Christ for today's world?" As we work toward responses to this question, we will study the Antiochene and Alexandrian schools, the debates and conciliar statements that issued from them, the distinct christologies of the Reformation era, and the explosion of christology in modern theology. Students will write a constructive theology research paper as a final project.

Prerequisite: T1310 or CMH5312

**Professor Baker**

### **T4328 "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God:" Reading Literature and Culture for Sacred Meaning**

As heirs of a sacramental theology that believes the Sacred breaks into our world through earthly matter, it's perhaps not surprising that Episcopalians are often avid consumers of literature, films, television shows, popular music, and other works of art and culture, both for the joy they offer and for the spiritual insight they can bring. In this course, we will read some of the scripture and theology underlying the field of theological aesthetics, the idea that God reveals God's self through Truth and Beauty, including in true and beautiful works of art. We will study fiction, nonfiction, poetry, films, music, and other forms of culture to uncover spiritual meanings for personal and congregational formation, pastoral care, sermon and devotional writing, and other uses for lay and ordained leaders in the Church. Students will write short response papers and a critical paper, and will choose a work for a project appropriate to their own vocational goals.

**Adjunct Professor Garrett**

## Theological Ethics Studies

Through the study of classic and contemporary figures, texts, and movements, students will be able to:

- recognize and analyze the dominant modes of ethical appeal in public discourse;
- describe and apply the central characteristics of Anglican moral theology;
- articulate the classical theological pattern of moral formation rooted in the development of character and community, centered in justice and love, and ordered to the final end of participation in God;
- describe the relationship between scripture, tradition, and reason and display facility with their use in addressing ethical issues;
- articulate what is at stake theologically in moral controversies and present a well-supported theological position on a particular moral issue
- engage in fruitful ethical conversation in a pluralistic context.

## REQUIRED COURSES

### TE2310 Theological Ethics I

This course offers a theological investigation into the shape of the Christian moral life in contrast to the fragmented moral discourses of modernity. Paying close attention to the process of character formation, the course attends to particular themes in Anglican moral theology while examining major concepts such as virtue and vice, love and justice, natural law, theological anthropology, and moral improvisation. The course also examines the ways Christians make moral arguments in a pluralistic context while engaging other religious and non-religious traditions.

*Professor Bader-Saye*

### TE2320 Theological Ethics II

This course applies the methodological work of the first semester to particular arenas of moral concern in today's world, including sex, family, technology, medicine, ecology, economy, race, immigration, politics, power, and violence. Pre-requisite: TE2310, or permission of the instructor

*Professor Bader-Saye*

## ELECTIVE COURSES

### TE4305 Church and Politics

This course explores the political witness of the church in conversation with ancient and contemporary accounts of politics and democratic theory. We will examine the church's calling to embody a political alternative to the violence of the modern nation-state as well as its capacity to contribute to public conversations about the common good. We will seek to describe a theo-political vision that transcends the liberal and conservative alternatives that dominate American public discourse.

*Professor Bader-Saye*

### TE4306 Sex, Signs, and Bodies

This course seeks to create a fruitful and faithful conversation about human sexuality by situating it within a theological understanding of love, desire, marriage, sacrament, and the body. The course will explore issues in theological anthropology as well as public and ecclesial debates surrounding issues such as homosexuality. Drawing on classical and contemporary resources, we will look at the hermeneutics of close relationships, exploring the ways our loves and our bodies can signify an intimacy that intimates holiness and participates in sanctification.

*Professor Bader-Saye*

### TE4307 God and Money

This course invites theological reflection upon capitalism and consumerism, wealth and poverty, business and the common good. The discussion of these topics is organized around the cardinal virtues—wisdom, justice, temperance, and courage—which give a distinctive shape to Christian resistance to and participation in the marketplace. We will look for patterns in Christian understandings of work, materiality, and exchange in order to imagine an economic life that is grounded in gift and reciprocity.

*Professor Bader-Saye*

### TE4309 Money as Metaphor

This course explores the spirituality of economic life and the theology of money. We will study scripture, current economic events and tools for financial planning and management in order to craft a personal rule of economic life and prepare to preach on economic questions and lead pastoral conversation about matters of economic justice and stewardship.

*Professor Tomlinson*



## Writing and Research Studies

The courses in writing and research include courses for the MAR and MDiv programs. These courses include:

### W1310 Religion as Vocation

This course will investigate the nature and practices of the scholarly study of religion. It will prepare you for the research and writing you will be doing in the MAR degree program. As a primary task, we will construct a Rule of Life, considering the spiritual, physical, financial, and vocational disciplines that structure the scholarly life. We will also study methods of critical and theological thinking. Students will present their own research and critique the work of their colleagues. Theses or exam bibliographies will grow out of the work we do in the course. This course is open only to students in the MAR program.

**Professor Baker**

### W3307 MAR Comprehensive Exams

Working with your advisor and the approved bibliography, prepare for a written exam in your minor field and a written and oral exam in your major field. For more details see the Comprehensive Exams Guide in the MAR Manual.

**Staff**

### W3601 MAR Thesis Writing

A research paper consisting of a minimum of 50 pages and not more than 75 pages, plus bibliography, title page, etc. Students will research and write their thesis over two semesters.

**Staff**

## ELECTIVE COURSES

### W4301 Writing as Ministry

In this course, we will explore writing as a medium of ministry in both personal and social contexts. After framing writing as a theological act, we will read texts in various genres—including letters, short stories, essays, poems, blogs, and editorials—and evaluate their ethical and aesthetic integrity as well as their power to nourish and transform. We will also read works that reflect theologically on writing, creativity, and the imagination. Finally, we will practice writing both as a form of self-care and as an essential tool within our own particular ministries. Course requirements include a series of short genre-based writing assignments, a critical analysis of a text, and a longer “ministerial text” in a genre of the writer’s choice.

**Adjunct Professor Colombo**

## Independent Study

### I4300 Independent Study

Students may earn elective credit by means of independent directed study courses (IDS). An IDS is a course not listed in the regular curriculum or the elective chart. The courses will be assigned three credits. They cannot normally be substituted for a required course. Application forms are available in the Registrar’s Office.

*Note: • Students must submit applications to the Academic Affairs Committee prior to the date of pre-registration for the period in which the courses are to be done. Any submitted after that date will not be considered for approval.*

## Student Led Colloquy

### S4300 Student Led Colloquy

Students may earn elective credit by means of student led colloquies. The course will be assigned three credits. Students may take a maximum of two student led colloquies during the course of their degree. Application forms are available in the Registrar’s Office.

*Note: • Students must submit applications to the Academic Affairs Committee prior to the date of pre-registration for the period in which the courses are to be done. Any submitted after that date will not be considered for approval.*

## Auxiliary Study

An Auxiliary Course (AUX) is one proposed from the standard MAC or MCPC curriculum but offered at an unscheduled time. Students wishing to take a course as an AUX must obtain permission of the Academic Dean and must register prior to the deadline for adding a course.

*Note: • Students must contact their advisor prior to the date of registration for the period in which the courses are to be taken. The advisor will submit information to the Academic Dean for approval. Any submitted after that date will not be considered for approval.*



## **Core Curriculum: MACMHC, MCPC, MSF**

The following four courses, or their counterparts in the MDiv program, are required for the MCPC, MAC, and MSF degrees. While it is advisable for students to take courses in the core curriculum at the earliest opportunity, it is not necessary to take them in the following order.

### **CMH5309 Interpretation of the Bible for Counseling and Ministry**

As part of the core theological curriculum in the Center, this course serves to integrate basic methods of interpreting the Bible with the professional competency practices of counseling, chaplaincy, pastoral care, and spiritual direction. This course introduces students to the narratives of Israel, Jesus, and the church in the Old and New Testaments. Using an interpretive model that incorporates historical and literary methods and critiques, it provides students the tools to understand the scriptural foundations of ministry and how people read the Bible as scripture. For Clinical Mental Health Counseling students, assignments emphasize the application of course content to the vocation and practice of professional counseling in a pluralistic, diverse, multicultural context.

*Professor Bishop*

### **CMH5310 Ethics for Counseling and Ministry**

As part of the core theological curriculum in the Center, this ethics course serves to integrate the spiritual traditions of the church with the professional competency practices of counseling, chaplaincy, pastoral care, and spiritual direction. The course examines the moral life as a path to human excellence and communal well-being. Theological insights into the human condition will be brought into conversation with principles of professional social service ethics such as autonomy, nonmaleficence, beneficence, and fidelity. The course will seek to give students a vision of human flourishing as well as a set of practices to sustain ethical and life-giving vocations. For Clinical Mental Health Counseling students, assignments emphasize crafting a moral vision capable of addressing the vocation of professional counseling in a pluralistic, diverse, multicultural context.

*Professor Bader-Saye*

### **CMH5311 American Religions for Counseling and Ministry**

As part of the core theological curriculum in the Center, this course serves to introduce students to the diversity of American religions that they might encounter in the professional practices of counseling, chaplaincy, pastoral care, and spiritual direction. Topics include multicultural and pluralistic characteristics within and among diverse religious groups and the development of religious tolerance in the United States; the development of varieties of American Christianity, especially within Protestantism and Roman Catholicism; the arrival and enculturation of Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism in America. An ability to identify the core values of each tradition and the impact of religious or spiritual beliefs on worldview will be a core feature of the course. For Clinical Mental Health Counseling students, assignments emphasize application of course content to the practice of professional counseling.

*Professor Joslyn-Siemiatkoski*

### **CMH5312 Theological Studies for Counseling and Ministry**

As part of the core theological curriculum in the Center, this course serves to integrate significant theological teachings and narratives with the professional competency practices of counseling, chaplaincy, pastoral care, and spiritual direction. We will construct a theological framework for human life around the four dimensions of the world's relationship with God: creation, sin, salvation, and the union of Creator with creation. How does this framework relate to the student's understanding of human life? How might it help create the possibility of empathy for and/or a critical reframing of theological language employed by those whom we serve? For Clinical Mental Health Counseling students, assignments emphasize the application of course content to the vocation and practice of professional counseling in a pluralistic, diverse, multicultural context.

*Professor Baker*

## Master of Arts in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care

### CORE CURRICULUM COURSES

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### REQUIRED COURSES

#### F5316 Practicum in Theological Reflection

Students engage in disciplined theological reflection using texts from literature and popular culture and from personal and ministerial experience. Various models and methodologies of theological reflection will be used, including individual and group work.

*Staff*

#### L5310 Liturgy and Ritual in the Pastoral Context

This course examines the role of ritual within the fields of pastoral care and chaplaincy. Understanding the theology and theory of ritual prepares persons in ministry to respond to the needs and situations of persons facing pastoral and spiritual crises. Through case studies and class projects, students develop competency in the preparation and performance of liturgies and rituals. Rites from the Episcopal/Anglican tradition are explored as one liturgical resource.

*Professor Jennings*

#### P2610 Clinical Pastoral Education

This course requires 400 hours of supervised ministry in a program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, usually in a hospital but on occasion in a hospice, prison, homeless shelter or other institution. CPE is a full-time on-site ministry. Placements in Austin are extremely limited. Students may apply to any ACPE-accredited center in the U.S., or to any CPE center abroad whose program is consistent with the ACPE learning model and is subject to an accrediting body. Admissions interviews are required of all applicants to CPE. Students are assisted in the CPE application and admissions interview process by the Office of Contextual Education for Ministry and the Professor of Contextual Theology for Ministry but individual centers make all admissions decisions for themselves.

*Professor Scheider*

#### P5307 Multiculturalism and Diversity Issues in Pastoral Care

This course will explore the practice of providing pastoral care with diverse people. We will introduce the subject of multiculturalism by researching several ethnic cultures upon which human diversity is rooted and/or lived out. Additionally, we will view human diversity issues among the genders, age groups, spiritual/religious groups, and marginalized individuals in society. We will gain cross-cultural communication skills and examine cultural values in relationships. From a theological perspective the incarnation metaphor will be used as a model in understanding multicultural and diversity issues. In principle, the discipline of pastoral care acknowledges diversity as a gift not as an obstacle—students will be given the opportunity to put this principle into practice.

*Staff*

#### P5310 Preaching and Teaching for the Chaplain

This course is a practicum in the art of translating theological concepts into conversational tools and preachable prose for application in various situations confronting the chaplain. Preparation, design and delivery of a homily and/or verbatim reports of and reflection on theologically-informed conversations will aid in development of a serviceable verbal repertoire to assist the chaplain in her ministry.

*Staff*

#### P5320 Organizational Development and Systems Theory

This course examines ecclesial and non-ecclesial organizations and how chaplains/pastors function in them. Students are introduced to significant writings in the field of systems theory. The course helps students focus on critical self-reflection, “differentiation of self,” and on analyzing personal experience in light of systems theory. Students craft genograms with a view towards understanding how family-of-origin issues play out in their individual styles of leadership. Students also learn to employ systems theory to assess and evaluate complex systems.

*Staff*



### **P5330 Issues of Identity and Authority in Chaplaincy**

Within the context of theology of ministry, this course explores various models of chaplaincy, addressing issues of ministerial identity and authority, clarification of role, professional boundaries, and the places of the chaplain within the church and within secular organizations. Approximately one half of class sessions are spent discussing issues related to professional chaplaincy. The other half of the sessions are dedicated to integrative work dealing with pastoral identity and authority necessary for formation as a chaplain. Each class involves a mixture of presentation and relational group work.

*Staff*

### **P5340 Issues in Death and Dying**

This course addresses critical issues, themes and needs of those facing death, exploring theological, cultural, ethical, spiritual and relational dimensions. Significant literature in the field of thanatology is explored, as well as resources and models of care for dying persons and their loved ones.

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### **P5350 Issues in Loss and Bereavement**

Loss takes many forms, and bereavement is expressed in many ways. This course introduces students to theories of grief and bereavement and their application to various life situations, with a focus on factors that complicate the mourning process. Students are introduced to models of ministry to people and communities who are grieving.

*Staff*

### **P5360 Ministry in Times of Crisis**

The goal of this course is for students to develop an understanding of the nature of crisis in the lives of individuals and communities from the perspective of theology and scripture. In addition, students increase their knowledge of the ways in which the behavioral sciences ground the work of the chaplain in various settings and situations. Models of care, intervention, and advocacy are addressed.

*Staff*

### **P5370 The Life Cycle in Pastoral Context**

In this course, students will study key concepts about human development. Eric Ericson's eight stages of human development integrated with James Fowler's stages of faith/spiritual development will be the theoretical/theological foundation. Transitional issues related to a person's age across the life cycle from early childhood to elderly will be emphasized. The scope of study will provide age specific competencies for future pastors within the pastoral ministry context and future professional chaplains within healthcare contexts. In addition to all eight stages of human development, multicultural-ethnic, and socio-economic research will also be addressed.

*Staff*

### **P5390 Medical Issues and Healing Presence**

Through readings, case-study, role-play, and various writing exercises, students are familiarized with models and strategies for assisting others in the healing arts of pastoral ministry. Topics to be explored include chronic illness, life-changing disability, trauma, family crisis, perinatal loss, addiction, mental illness, and ministering to the dying and their families.

*Staff*

### **W5308 MCPC Capstone Seminar**

In the final semester of their MCPC enrollment, students will take the MCPC Capstone Seminar. Working closely with their faculty advisor and other students in the seminar, they will complete substantive and critical essays in a variety of areas to integrate their knowledge with their future leadership roles as professional chaplains.

*Professor Scheider*

### **W5309 Writing in Vocational Contexts**

Tending effectively to others' spiritual needs requires not only a compassionate heart, but also an agile and informed mind. This course will bring the heart and mind into productive conversation with one another. It will sharpen your ability to read and think both critically and reflectively; to express yourself clearly; and to cultivate habits that nourish the whole person. It will prepare you to complete writing tasks typical of your program of study, but also ask that you situate these tasks within a larger framework of vocational health and practice.

*Adjunct Professor Colombo*

## ELECTIVE COURSES

### F5337 Spirituality in the Workplace

This course explores the challenges associated with bridging the worship place and workplace, seeking to identify and respond to the perceived lack of correlation between these two important components of life in today's world. Through a combination of lectures and reflective dialogue, we try to re-define concepts such as "work," "vocation" and "spirituality" by examining aspects of Christian scripture, tradition and contemporary writings, both religious and secular.

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### P5302 Theologies and Practices of Christian Forgiveness

This course examines Christian forgiveness from diverse theological, biblical, cultural, behavioral, practical, clinical, and psychological perspectives for students training to be pastors, chaplains, and counselors. Students are introduced to various theories of Atonement and various perspectives to understanding forgiveness through significant thinkers in the field. Students are expected to develop select spiritual practices, which increase their capacity to embrace forgiveness in their own lives as well as help them minister to those entrusted to their care.

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### P5303 The Bible as a Resource in Pastoral Care

This course studies selected texts of the New Testament as a resource and grounding for pastoral care in a variety of settings. The course, which balances lecture, discussion, and student-led sessions, offers students an opportunity to integrate their study of the Bible with the practical context of their work.

*Professor Patterson*

### P5304 The Chaplain as Leader

This course will introduce students to contemporary resources related to the important role of the chaplain as a leader in various settings, providing foundational knowledge and skills. This includes but is not limited to familiarity with institutional structures, organizational culture and administrative oversight. This course will also address the historical role of the chaplain in various settings and how the current situation in health and non-profit service organizations affects expectations of chaplains today.

*Staff*

### P5305 Ministry to People with PTSD

This course explores the evolving understanding of the effects of trauma on individuals, families, and communities. Students will survey the current models for treating PTSD in the mental health community as well as learn methods of pastoral response for trauma survivors. The material will prompt theological reflection on suffering, healing, and forgiveness. Throughout the course students will view trauma from both a psychological and a theological perspective.

*Staff*

### P5306 Ministry Practicum: The Practice of Ministry in Supervised Settings

This elective may be taken any semester by a student who has an available ministry site and site supervisor. The student spends five hours a week engaged in ministry with persons in need or difficulty and meets regularly with a site supervisor.

Prerequisite: At least 15 hours/five courses in the program. This course includes a written learning agreement, at least two written ministry reports and final evaluations done by the student and the supervisor.

*Professor Scheider*



### **P5309 Personal Formation and Clinical Skills for Hospice and Palliative Care**

This course introduces students to and prepares them for the unique ministry of end of life care. Organizational structures of hospice and palliative care programs will be explored along with coordination of care with an interdisciplinary team. Practical tools for assessment, developing a spiritual plan of care, performing interventions and rituals, caring for persons of all faiths as well as those of no faith, and documentation will be covered. Since no skills are truly effective if the practitioner is not properly grounded, much emphasis will be placed on personal formation and presence in a clinical relationship. One educational field trip will be a part of this course.

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### **P5311 Theology and Disability**

This course focuses on pastoral care issues involved in ministering to people with disabilities and their families as well as how one can develop and lead inclusive ministries. Theological, biblical, ethical, and spiritual dimensions of pastoral care with individuals will be explored, as well as issues of diversity, community building, outreach and healing. Disability issues raises theological themes such as understandings of personhood, the nature of God, vulnerability and limits, community, hospitality, ethics, education and pastoral care. A short mentorship with a person with disabilities, readings, speakers, films, and site visits will be part of the course.

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## **Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

### **CORE CURRICULUM COURSES**

As listed on [page 50](#).

### **REQUIRED COURSES**

#### **CMH5301 Professional Orientation and Counselor Identity**

This course is designed to introduce the student to the history, development and philosophy of clinical mental health counseling, codes of ethics, legal aspects of practice, legislation and government policy relevant to clinical mental health counseling, standards of preparation, and the role identity of persons providing counseling. Course material includes strategies for advocating on behalf of the profession and for persons with mental health issues, professional counseling organizations including membership benefits, activities, services to members, and current issues, professional clinical mental health counseling credentialing including certification, licensure, and accreditation, and the effects of public policy on these issues, current labor market information relevant to opportunities for practice within the counseling profession, ethical standards of professional counseling organizations and credentialing bodies, applications of ethical and legal considerations in clinical mental health counseling, technology's impact on the counseling profession, strategies basic records management and record-keeping, third party reimbursement and other practice and management issues relevant to clinical mental health counseling, as well as personal and professional self-evaluation and self-care strategies and the role of counseling supervision in the profession.

*Professor Jangha*

#### **CMH5302 Assessment and Testing**

This course is designed to introduce students to historical perspectives concerning the nature and meaning of assessment and testing in counseling, including psychological tests and assessments specific to clinical mental health counseling, principles, concepts and procedures for systematic appraisal or assessment of an individual's attitudes, aptitudes, achievements, interests, and personal characteristics. Students will learn to conduct initial assessments and intake interviews including mental status evaluations, biopsychosocial history, mental health



history, and psychological assessment for the purpose of treatment planning and caseload management, as well as assessing risk of danger to self or others, trauma, and abuse, use of assessments for diagnostic purposes and planning techniques and interventions for prevention and treatment of a broad range of mental health issues, basic concepts of standardized and non-standardized testing, basic statistical concepts, reliability and validity of assessments. Students are encouraged to explore ethical and culturally relevant strategies for selecting, administering, and interpreting assessment and test results for the systematic appraisal or assessment of individuals, groups, and program evaluation.

***Professor Jangha***

### **CMH5303 Helping Relationships and Methods**

This course is designed to introduce students to counseling theories, models and techniques related to clinical mental health counseling of individuals including ethical and culturally relevant strategies for establishing and maintaining in-person and technology assisted helping relationships and the counselor characteristics and behaviors that influence the counseling process. The course will focus on methods and techniques used to provide counseling treatment intervention, essential interviewing skills, principles, models and documentation formats of biopsychosocial case conceptualization, the development of treatment plans with measurable outcomes for clients, evidence based counseling strategies, techniques and interventions for prevention and treatment of a broad range of mental health issues, and strategies to promote client understanding of and access to a variety of community based resources. Students will learn roles and settings of clinical mental health counselors, strategies for suicide prevention, crisis intervention and trauma-informed strategies, and a systems approach to conceptualizing clients. Students will learn theories and models for understanding and practicing interagency and inter-organizational collaboration and consultation, as well as the multiple professional roles and functions of counselors across specialty areas, including as members of interdisciplinary community outreach, emergency management response teams, relationships with human services and integrated behavioral healthcare systems, and strategies for interfacing with integrated behavioral health care professionals.

***Professor Minnix***

### **CMH5304 Group Counseling**

This course is designed to introduce students to the foundations to group counseling theory and types of groups, approaches and models of group counseling, dynamics of group process, factors that affect group effectiveness, facilitation skills, and the characteristics and functions of effective group leaders. Consideration is given to group counseling composition, recruiting, screening, selecting members, goals, phases, and background research. Learning outcomes include the capacity to identify and summarize the major theories of group counseling; increased self-awareness through active participation in group process; and demonstrated ability to apply theory and techniques to actual group settings. In addition, ethical and culturally strategies for designing and facilitating group will be explored. This course will also include direct experience where students will have the opportunity to participate as group members in small group activities for 10 clock hours over the course of the semester.

***Professor Ramirez***

### **CMH5305 Human Growth and Development Across the Lifespan**

This course is designed to introduce students to theories of normal human growth, individual and family development, and learning across the lifespan. Students will be introduced to the impact of biological and neurological mechanisms on mental health, as well as physiological, environmental and systemic factors that affect human development, functioning and behavior. Students will also be exposed to a general framework for understanding the process and stages of human intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development from prenatal origins through adulthood, differing abilities, as well as techniques for differentiated interventions. The effects of crises, disasters and trauma on diverse individuals will be discussed. Legal and ethical issues related to human development, as well as diversity issues, including gender issues, sexual orientation, gifted and talented development, grief and loss, and aging, will be reviewed in relation to human services. Students will learn ethical and culturally relevant strategies for promoting resilience and optimum development and wellness across the lifespan.

***Professor Ramirez***

### **CMH5306 Career and Lifestyle Development**

This course is designed to introduce students to theories and models of career development, vocational choice, career choice, life style and decision-making processes, including approaches for conceptualizing the interrelationships among and between work, mental well-being, relationships, and other life roles and factors. The course explores processes for identifying and using sources of occupational and educational information, assessment tools and techniques relevant to career planning, decision making, and skill development. Students will learn ethically and culturally relevant strategies for addressing career development, including advocating for diverse clients' career and educational development and employment opportunities in a global economy. Strategies for career development program planning, organization, implementation, administration, and evaluation are also explored.

**Professor Minnix**

### **CMH5307 Research and Evaluation**

This course is designed to introduce students to importance of research in advancing the counseling profession, including how to critique research to inform counseling practice, apply research methods for the purpose of needs assessments, develop outcome measures for counseling programs, and evaluate counseling interventions. In this course students learn to identify evidence-based practices, the difference between qualitative, quantitative, and mixed research methods, basic designs and statistical methods used in conducting research, program evaluation, analysis, and the use of data in counseling. Students are encouraged to explore ethical and culturally relevant strategies for conducting, interpreting, and reporting the results of research and/or program evaluation. Students will complete an original research proposal on the topic of their choice and learn to write a professional paper using APA style.

**Professor Minnix**

### **CMH5308 Social, Cultural and Family Diversity**

This course is designed to introduce students to the field of multicultural counseling and cultural factors relevant to clinical mental health counseling, including multicultural and pluralistic characteristics within and among diverse groups nationally and internationally. Theories and models of multicultural counseling, identity development, social justice and advocacy will be explored. Students will explore studies of change, ethnic groups, gender

studies, family systems, urban and rural societies, population patterns, cultural patterns, differing lifestyles. Students will be guided to reflect upon the ways in which their own cultural and spiritual beliefs affect their worldview and how this worldview may impact the counseling process. Students will learn professional multicultural counseling, social justice and advocacy, spiritual, religious, ethical and LGBT competencies. Strategies for identifying and eliminating barriers, prejudices, oppression and discrimination will be explored.

**Professor Ramirez**

### **CMH5313 Introduction to Counseling Theories**

This course is designed to introduce students to major theories and models related to clinical mental health counseling, including a history of the counseling field and a systemic approach to conceptualizing clients. Students will learn evidence-based strategies, techniques and counseling practices for prevention and intervention, as well as counselor characteristics and behaviors that influence the counseling process. The impact of heritage, attitudes, beliefs, understandings, acculturative experiences, and spiritual beliefs on clients' and counselors' worldviews will be explored. As part of this course, students will learn essential counseling and case-conceptualization skills, and how to articulate a personal model of counseling.

**Professor Minnix**

### **CMH5314 Abnormal Behavior**

This course is designed to introduce students to theories of abnormal personality development and dysfunction in human behavior, including addictions and addictive behaviors. Students will explore the biological, neurological, physiological, systemic, and environmental factors influencing human development, functioning and behavior, including crises, disasters, and trauma. Students will learn basic principles for understanding dysfunction and social disorganization. Students will also begin the process of identifying ethical and culturally relevant strategies for assessments to diagnose developmental, behavioral, and mental disorders. The course also covers mental health service modalities within the continuum of care, such as inpatient, outpatient, partial treatment, and aftercare and the mental health counseling services networks.

**Professor Jangha**

### **CMH5315 Psychopathology**

This course is designed to introduce students to the diagnostic process, including differential diagnosis and the use of current diagnostic classification systems, including the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and their use in assessment and diagnosis of developmental, behavioral, and mental disorders. Students will learn the criteria of psychiatric diagnosis and theories of psychopathology, including theories and etiology of addictions and addictive behaviors, as well as the biological, neurological, physiological, systemic, and environmental factors such as crisis, disasters and trauma that affect human development, functioning, and behavior. The course will also cover the multiple professional roles and functions of counselors across specialty areas and their relationships with human service and integrated behavioral health care systems including interagency and interorganizational collaboration and consultation and strategies for interfacing with integrative health care professionals. Students will learn etiology, nomenclature, treatment, referral, and prevention of mental and emotional disorders. Students will also learn and practice essential intake interviewing, mental status evaluation, biopsychosocial and mental history and assessments for case conceptualization, diagnosis and treatment planning and caseload management, as well as strategies to promote client understanding of and access to a variety of community-based resources including classifications, indications, and contraindications of commonly prescribed psychopharmacological medications for appropriate medical referral and consultation. The course also covers the use of assessments including environmental, systemic behavioral observation, symptom checklists, and testing to assist with the diagnosis of developmental, behavioral, and mental disorders.

***Professor Jangha***

### **CMH5316 Ethics in Counseling Practice**

This course is designed to familiarize students with the legal and ethical considerations specific to clinical mental health counseling, behavioral standards of professional counseling organizations and professional credentialing bodies. Students will learn basic records management and record-keeping, third party reimbursement and other practice and management issues relevant to clinical mental health counseling, including an overview of business/family

law and professional practice, strategies for interfacing with the legal system regarding court-referred clients, legislation and government policy relevant to clinical mental health counseling, as well as current LPC board rules. In addition, students will gain an understanding of the multiple roles, relationships, and responsibilities of professional counselors including knowledge of advocacy processes, professional organizations, preparation standards, and credentials relevant to practice of clinical mental health counseling, including technology's impact on counseling, and strategies for personal and professional self-evaluation for ethical practice. A history of ethics in the profession of counseling, multicultural competencies, issues of power and privilege, spiritual beliefs, and help-seeking behaviors of diverse clients, and ethical and culturally relevant strategies for counseling and assessment will also be explored.

***Professor Ramirez***

### **CMH5317 Couples, Parents and Family Systems**

This course is designed to introduce students to theories and models of multicultural couple, parent and family counseling utilizing a systems approach to conceptualizing clients that takes into account social justice, advocacy and cultural identity development. Students will learn evidence-based strategies and techniques for prevention and intervention with couples, parents and families, using theories of individual and family development across the lifespan. The course covers methods of effectively preparing for and conducting initial assessment meetings and using assessments for diagnostic and intervention planning purposes with couples, parents and families. Ethical and culturally relevant strategies for establishing and maintaining in-person and technology-assisted relationships with couples, parents and families are explored, strategies for interfacing with the legal system regarding court-referred clients, and counselor characteristics and behaviors that influence the counseling process, including essential interviewing, counseling and case conceptualization skills for use with couples, parents and families. Students will also learn procedures for assessing risk of aggression or danger to others, self-inflicted harm, or suicide, and for identifying trauma and abuse, reporting abuse, and suicide prevention with couples, parents and families.

***Professor Minnix***



### **CMH5318 Addictions Counseling**

This course is designed to introduce students to theories and etiologies of addiction and addictive behaviors including gambling, sexual, eating, alcohol and drug addiction, a systems approach to conceptualizing clients presenting with addiction, and evidence-based counseling strategies and techniques for prevention and intervention applied to addictions and addictive behaviors. Students will learn methods for assessment, diagnostic and intervention planning pertaining to addiction and how to create developmentally relevant counseling treatment or intervention plans with measurable outcomes for clients related to addiction. The course covers mental health service delivery modalities within the continuum of care, such as inpatient, outpatient, partial-treatment, and aftercare and the mental health counseling services networks. Students will explore counselor characteristics and behaviors that influence the counseling process with clients presenting with addiction, and strategies to promote client understanding of and access to a variety of community-based resources for recovery. This course also covers procedures for assessing risk of aggression or danger to others, self-inflicted harm, or suicide, identifying trauma and abuse, reporting abuse related to addictive behaviors, as well as a neurobiological and medical foundation and etiology of addiction and co-occurring disorders, including the potential for substance use disorders to mimic and/or co-occur with a variety of neurological, medical and psychological disorders.

***Professor Jangha***

### **CMH5319 Crisis and Trauma Counseling**

This course is designed to introduce students to the effects and impact of crises, disasters, and trauma on diverse individuals and families across the lifespan including individuals with mental health diagnoses. Students will learn theories and models of crisis and trauma counseling, including a systems approach to conceptualizing clients, evidence-based strategies and techniques for prevention and intervention of trauma, including psychological first aid, community-based strategies, and counselors' roles and responsibilities as members of interdisciplinary community outreach and emergency management response teams along with strategies for interfacing with integrative behavioral health care profes-

sionals. The course addresses assessment of trauma using essential interviewing, counseling, and case conceptualization skills, assessments for diagnostic and intervention planning purposes, and creating developmentally relevant trauma-informed counseling treatment, intervention, and/or consultation plans. In addition, students will learn how to assess for risks of aggression, harm to others, and self harm such as suicide, as well as how and when to report abuse, and strategies for advocating for persons with mental health issues.

***Professor Jangha***

### **CMH5320 Clinical Practicum**

Students enroll in the Counseling Practicum course during the semesters in which they undertake a practicum at a site approved in advance by the instructor of the course and the Center administration. Students should expect to spend between 10-20 hours per week (minimum of 100 hours by the end of the semester) at their approved practicum site in client sessions (minimum of 40 hours) and administrative work (minimum of 60 hours). Early consultation with the instructor regarding practicum placement—at least several months before the start of the course—is strongly advised. Though the Counseling Practicum instructor and the Center office can provide student a list of possible sites, students are ultimately responsible for interviewing at and securing their own practicum placement. In weekly class meetings, students will receive instruction, supervision, and feedback in counseling methods and techniques. The instructor will assist students in learning how to correctly document the practicum hours for the State of Texas and with paperwork required by the placement site. Students will be evaluated by their site supervisors; meeting the standards reflected in these evaluations satisfactorily is required to pass the course. At the end of the course, students will submit a Capstone Paper to be assessed for having met the comprehensive learning outcomes for the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. All requirements of this course must be met satisfactorily prior to registering for Internship I or II.

***Staff***

### CMH5321 Clinical Internship I

Students enroll in the Clinical Internship I course after successfully having satisfactorily completed the requirements of Clinical Practicum and all pre-requisite coursework, during the semester(s) in which they undertake an internship at a site approved in advance by the instructor of the course and the Center administration. Students should expect to spend between 10-20 hours per week (minimum of 300 hours by the end of the semester) at their approved practicum site in client sessions (minimum of 120 hours) and administrative work (minimum of 180 hours). Early consultation with the instructor regarding internship placement—at least several months before the start of the course—is strongly advised. Though the Internship instructor and the Center office can provide student a list of possible sites, students are ultimately responsible for interviewing at and securing their own internship placement. The student is also responsible for purchasing their own liability insurance prior to beginning Practicum. In weekly class meetings, students will receive instruction, supervision, and feedback in counseling methods and techniques. The instructor will assist students in learning how to correctly document the internship hours for the State of Texas and with paperwork required by the placement site. Students will be evaluated by their site supervisors; meeting the standards reflected in these evaluations satisfactorily is required to pass the course.

Prerequisites: CMH5301, CMH5302, CMH5303, CMH5304, CMH5305, CMH5306, CMH5307, CMH5308, CMH5313, CMH5314, CMH5316, CMH5319, CMH5320

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### CMH5322 Clinical Internship II

Students enroll in the Clinical Internship II course after successfully having satisfactorily completed the pre-requisite coursework, during the semester(s) in which they undertake an internship at a site approved in advance by the instructor of the course and the Center administration. Students should expect to spend between 10-20 hours per week (approx. 300 hours by the end of the semester) at their approved internship site in client sessions (approx. 120 direct hours) and administrative work (approx. 180 indirect hours) to complete whatever remains of the student's total Internship requirement (600 clock hours of supervised counseling experience including 240 hours of direct service and 320 hours of indirect service). Early consultation with the instructor regarding internship placement—at least several months before the start of the course—is strongly advised. Though the Internship instructor and the Center office can provide student a list of possible sites, students are ultimately responsible for interviewing at and securing their own internship placement. The student is also responsible for purchasing their own liability insurance prior to beginning Internship. In weekly class meetings, students will receive instruction, supervision, and feedback in counseling methods and techniques. The instructor will assist students in learning how to correctly document the internship hours for the State of Texas and with paperwork required by the placement site. Students will be evaluated by their site supervisors; meeting the total supervised practice experience requirements for Clinical Internship I & II and the standards reflected in the final supervisor evaluation satisfactorily is required to pass the course.

Prerequisites: CMH5301

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## Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation

### CORE CURRICULUM COURSES

As listed on [page 50](#).

### REQUIRED COURSES

#### F5304 Prayer, Action and the Contemplative Life

This course in prayer examines the core of spirituality. Prayer is the dialogue between two constructs. The construct of “god” is put into conversation with the construct of the “self.” Both of these constructs evolve and are frequently affected by spiritual direction and spiritual formation programs. Prayer practices for lectio divina, the prayer of examen, centering prayer, and biblical types of prayer for pastoral care will be studied and experienced. Spiritual advisors are often looked to as experts in prayer. Students explore ways of praying, crafting and maintaining a contemporary Rule of Life, and other spiritual disciplines for nourishment and growth throughout a lifetime.

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#### F5310 Practicum in Spiritual Direction

For those wishing to provide spiritual direction or informal companionship to others in their spiritual journeys. Students will study the work of several experts in the field and will engage in some directing of a partner. One does not need to feel called specifically to the ministry of spiritual direction to benefit from the class.

Prerequisites: F5304, F5330, F5331, and F5337;

Minimum of 14 contact hours

*Professor Scheider*

#### F5330 Introduction to Discipleship and Vocation

Every aspect of the life of a spiritual community has the potential to be an element in the formation of the people as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. This course introduces future priests and other spiritual mentors to the characteristics of Christian discipleship and to the role of ministers in serving the discipleship of others. In addition, students study the vocations of people across the lifespan, learn how to help others discern their vocations, and create a wide variety of learning experiences to help Christians of all ages to live into their various calls.

*Professor Patterson*

#### F5331 Theory in Spiritual Direction

This course examines the ethics, history, practice, and suitability of pastors or laity serving as spiritual directors.

Students will learn the appropriate skills for leading spiritual direction in individual and group settings. They will explore the differences in serving as spiritual directors in the congregation and in the community. This course may be repeated as an elective for students who want to explore additional models of spiritual direction from other accredited graduate programs.

*Staff*

#### F5333 Practicum in Spiritual Formation

For those wishing to provide spiritual advising to programs that guide others in their spiritual journeys. Students will study the work of several experts in the field and will engage in advising or consulting a spiritually oriented program.

Prerequisites: F5304, F5330, F5331, and F5337;

Minimum of 14 contact hours

*Professor Scheider*

#### F5337 Spirituality in the Workplace

This course explores the challenges associated with bridging the worship place and workplace, seeking to identify and respond to the perceived lack of correlation between these two important components of life in today’s world. Through a combination of lectures and reflective dialogue, we try to re-define concepts such as “work,” “vocation” and “spirituality” by examining aspects of Christian scripture, tradition and contemporary writings, both religious and secular.

*Staff*

#### P5307 Multiculturalism and Diversity Issues in Pastoral Care

See course description, [page 51](#).

#### W3305 MSF Project Preparation

#### W3306 MSF Project Writing

#### W5309 Writing in Vocational Contexts

See course description, [page 52](#).

### ELECTIVE COURSES

#### CMH5304 Group Counseling

See course description, [page 55](#).

#### F5301 History of Christian Spirituality with Readings I

An introduction to key moments and figures in Christian spirituality from the early Church through the end of



the Middle Ages. Students will read writings of leading figures in the development of the forms and practices of Christian Spirituality.

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#### **F5305 Faith Development and Spiritual Type**

This course is an intensive study of faith development theory and the elements of spiritual journey. Students use faith development interviews as a diagnostic tool for work with individuals and groups, as well as in spiritual direction.

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#### **F5322 Desert Fathers and Mothers**

The fourth and fifth century Ammas and Abbas of the Egyptian Syrian desert were influential in the formation of both the solitary and community forms of Christian spirituality. This course examines the context of these strenuous lives and the stories and sayings that the tradition has preserved. Students explore the enduring force of these spiritualities within a post-modern Christianity.

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#### **F5334 Introduction to Jungian Theory: Developing a Psycho/Spiritual Worldview for Counselors and Spiritual Directors**

This course will introduce the structure and dynamics of the psyche according to Jungian Analytical Psychology. Herein will be an exploration into such concepts as, the collective unconscious and its contents, archetypes; the personal unconscious and its contents; and the concept of the authentic Self or the Imago Dei within the human psyche. Further, the religious nature of the psyche will be explored, looking at symbol and myth as resources for consciousness and wellness. Jung felt strongly that the Zeitgeist, or spirit of the time, was to integrate psychology and religion. This course will attempt to address this task.

*Adjunct Professor McGehee*

#### **F5335 Jungian Dream Analysis**

Carl Jung taught that dreams are often symbolic messages from the unconscious that could contain significant clues for personal development. These messages can be interpreted and expanded in a way that promotes spiritual and psychological healing and transformation. Based on the general tenets of Jungian Analytical psychology, this will be an experiential learning opportunity. The class will form a dream group that will provide a safe emotional

environment to share, honor and analyze one another's dreams. A Jungian Analyst will lead the group and monitor that all appropriate boundaries will be observed. In addition to the dream work, there will be learning opportunities on the structure and dynamics of the psyche.

*Adjunct Professor McGehee*

#### **F5336 The Enneagram for Spiritual Formation**

The enneagram, an ancient, yet newly discovered tool is beneficial in understanding motivation, behavior, and experience. This course explores in depth this powerful tool for personal spiritual growth and for a more insightful and compassionate companioning of others. Participants will learn the nine personality types that we put on in early childhood along with additional resources for achieving balance, improving relationships, and moving toward spiritual maturity.

*Staff*

#### **F5338 Spirituality and Relationships**

This course will examine the ways that core relationships are both models and resources for a deeper relationship with God. Beginning with the biblical understanding of partnership and community in the creation story, and using the Enneagram and basic family systems theory, students will explore how their concepts of God, self, family, and other relationships were formed and how they continue to influence their spiritual formation.

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#### **F5339 Biblical Models of Feminine Spirituality**

In this graduate seminar, we will listen to the stories of modern and Biblical women as they relate to God, themselves, and others. We will observe patterns of spiritual growth that follow a different rhythm than those we might have been taught within patriarchal models. We will pay special attention to issues of invisibility, personhood, self-care, and voice.

*Staff*

#### **P5302 Theologies and Practices of Christian Forgiveness**

See course description, [page 53](#).

#### **P5340 Issues in Death and Dying**

See course description, [page 52](#).

## EDUCATIONAL AND ECUMENICAL RESOURCES

### Archives of the Episcopal Church

The Archives of the Episcopal Church is located on the top floor of the Booher Library. The Archives is the national research repository for The Episcopal Church and houses the records of the General Convention, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the Presiding Bishops, Commissions and Committees, Episcopal Church organizations and personal papers. The Archives serves the broader mission of the church by using its resources to support individual ministry, education, community identity and the corporate life of the institutional church. The Archives serves as an information resource for inquirers throughout the church and seminarians are welcome to visit the Archives with questions. The website for the Archives is <http://episcopalarchives.org>.

### Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Austin Graduate School of Theology

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the Austin Graduate School of Theology offer Southwest students many opportunities for additional courses through cross registration. APTS is within walking distance of the Southwest campus. Course listings are available in the Registrar's office each semester. In addition to cross registration, Southwest students have library privileges at the Stitt Library, housed on the APTS campus.

### Diocese of Texas Regional Office

The office of the West Region of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is located on the seminary campus. The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison (Seminary of the Southwest class of '87) is the Regional Bishop for the West Region, having pastoral oversight of congregations in the central Texas area. The Diocesan Center for the Diocese of Texas is located in Houston.

## Cross-Cultural Programs

Seminary of the Southwest believes that the future growth and development of the church will take place at the edges of cultural differences. To prepare our students for cross-cultural ministry, we capitalize on our Southwestern location as an opportunity to engage Hispanic/Latino traditions. Every MDiv student takes part in "*Encuentro: Mission in Latino Contexts*"—a course that includes visiting churches at the Texas/Mexico border and exploring border theology. Further, the seminary strives to situate our own context in the broader global context of Anglicanism. We have welcomed students from Pakistan, New Zealand, and Namibia. We also encourage our MDiv students to undertake placements abroad as part of a field-based course, "*Living into Mission: Ministry Across Cultures*." Ministry sites for this course have included Kenya, Belize, Panama, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic.

## External Programs for Seminarians

A number of programs and grants sponsored by organizations throughout the country are available to seminarians. Seminary of the Southwest students formation and preparation for ministry have been honored by each of these programs.

- The Preaching Excellence Program sponsored by the Episcopal Preaching Foundation is an intensive week-long conference designed to foster quality homiletical formation. The faculty nominates participants.
- Grants awarded by the Seminary Consultation on Mission (SCOM), formed under the auspices of the Council of Episcopal Seminary Deans fund projects that involve students and faculty in cross-cultural experiences that deepen a global perspective in seminary life and curriculum.
- The Evangelical Education Society awards grants to Episcopalians in the ten Episcopal seminaries. Students, faculty, staff, and their spouses or partners are eligible for Evangelism for the Twenty-First Century grants. Members of the seminary community have benefited from EES grants to support innovative projects in evangelism.





“For just as the body  
is one and has many members,  
and all the members of the body,  
though many, are one body,  
so it is with Christ. For by  
one Spirit we were all baptized  
into one body.”

I Cor. 12:12-13



# Information



## SEMINARY OF THE SOUTHWEST FACULTY



### **The Reverend Cynthia Briggs Kittredge**

*Dean & President*

*Professor of New Testament*

The focus of Dean Kittredge's leadership is the formation of Christian leaders in community for the vitality of the church and to advance God's mission of reconciliation. She believes that critical engagement with scripture, tradition, and context, energized by imagination, and grounded in prayer is the center of formation for mission.

In the wider church, Dean Kittredge is a respected scholar and preacher who teaches and leads retreats on the vital intersection of scripture, spirituality, and preaching for Christian leaders. In her role as dean and president, she continues to form students at Southwest in creative and faithful approaches to biblical studies, early Christian history, Greek reading, and the embodied practice of liturgical leadership.

Dean Kittredge is the eighth dean and president of Seminary of the Southwest. She was appointed in 2013 after serving on the faculty as the Ernest J. Villavaso, Jr. Professor of New Testament and as academic dean. Committed to theological education for the church, Dean Kittredge has served as a member of the Steering Committee for Theological Education in the Anglican Communion, as Chair of the Board of the Episcopal Evangelism Society, and President of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars.

A biblical scholar valued by her colleagues for her insight and generous collegiality, Dean Kittredge is a contributor to *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* and the *Women's Bible Commentary*, and the author of *Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of John* and *Community and Authority: The Rhetoric of Obedience in the Pauline Tradition*. She co-edited *The Bible in the Public Square: Reading the Signs of the Times* and *Walk in the Ways of Wisdom: Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza*. She is the co-editor of the *Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The New Testament* (2014).

Fascinated by the interplay of intellect and imagination in the interpretation of scripture, she wrote *A Lot of the Way Trees Were Walking: Poems from the Gospel of Mark* (Wipf & Stock, 2015).

Prior to joining the seminary faculty in 1999, Dean Kittredge taught at Harvard University and the College of the Holy Cross. She serves as assisting priest at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin.

She is married to Frank D. Kittredge, Jr. and they have three grown children.

*BA, Williams College*

*MDiv, ThM and ThD, Harvard Divinity School*





### **Dr. Scott Bader-Saye**

*Academic Dean*

*Helen and Everett H. Jones Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology*

Professor Bader-Saye joined the seminary faculty in 2009. His research interests include economy, ecology, political theology, virtue ethics, and Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue. In addition to teaching the core Theological Ethics sequence, he offers periodic elective courses in areas such as politics, sexuality, and economy. His publications include *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear* and *Church and Israel After Christendom*, as well as contributions to *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics* and *The Cambridge Companion to the Gospels*.

*AB, Davidson College*

*MDiv, Yale Divinity School*

*PhD, Duke University*



### **Dr. Anthony D. Baker**

*Clinton S. Quin Professor of Systematic Theology*

Professor Baker joined the seminary faculty in 2004. He teaches classes on constructive theology (the building of persuasive arguments about God and creation) as well as on critical and theological thinking. He is the director of the seminary's MAR program. He is the author of *Diagonal Advance: Perfection in Christian Theology*, as well as various articles in *Modern Theology*, *Political Theology*, *The Journal of Anglican Studies*, *Heythrop Journal*, and other journals and collections. He is currently working on a book that explores theological themes in the works of Shakespeare. Professor Baker is the Editor in Chief of the *Anglican Theological Review*. He is also theologian-in-residence at Saint Julian of Norwich Episcopal Church in north Austin, where he and his three children attend.

*BA and MA, Olivet Nazarene University*

*PhD, University of Virginia*







### **Dr. Steven Bishop**

*Associate Professor of Old Testament*

Dr. Bishop came to the Seminary of the Southwest from the Boston area in 2004 where he earned three graduate degrees and taught at several universities. Formerly an ordained minister of the Church of Christ, he served churches in Texas and Massachusetts before beginning graduate studies in the early 1990s. Dr. Bishop's academic interests include the poetry of the Hebrew Bible and literary translations of it into English. Dr. Bishop is a contributor to the *Feasting on the Word* lectionary commentary series, in addition to writing book reviews and presenting scholarly papers. Dr. Bishop assisted the well known Old Testament scholar Bernhard W. Anderson in editing and revising two books: *Out of the Depths: The Psalms Speak for us Today* and *Contours of Old Testament Theology*. Dr. Bishop worked again with Anderson as an editor and contributor for the fifth edition of *Understanding the Old Testament*. That book was published in spring 2006. In 2015 Dr. Bishop was elected to the steering committee of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars.

*BS, Abilene Christian University*

*MS, Texas A&M University*

*MTS, Boston University School of Theology*

*MA and PhD, Boston University*



### **The Reverend Micah Jackson**

*Bishop John Hines Associate Professor of Preaching*

Professor Jackson joined Seminary of the Southwest faculty in June 2008. His academic interests include the spiritual discipline of preaching, homiletic form, and postmodern construction of the relationship between preacher and congregation. His previous courses have ranged from "New Media in Worship and Preaching" to "Political Preaching." Professor Jackson is a frequent instructor at the Episcopal Preaching Foundation's Preaching Excellence Program and also serves on the EPF's Board of Directors. He is a popular guest preacher and supply priest throughout the Diocese of Texas and across the country.

*MDiv, Meadville Lombard Theological School*

*MTS, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary*

*PhD, Graduate Theological Union*





### **The Reverend Nathan G. Jennings**

*J. Milton Richardson Associate Professor in Liturgics and Anglican Studies*

A native of Austin, Professor Jennings returned to his hometown when he joined the faculty of the Seminary of the Southwest in 2005. Jennings has also served as the Director of the Anglican Studies Program at Seminary of the Southwest since 2008. Jennings is interested in liturgical theology, ascetical theology, theological hermeneutics and the way these disciplines intersect and inform one another. His book, *Theology as Ascetic Act: Disciplining Christian Discourse*, published in 2010, argues that Christian teaching and reflection are embodied acts analogous to, and part of, Christian asceticism. Jennings has published various book reviews and articles in journals and collections. He is currently researching the intersection of liturgical and Old Testament theology. In teaching, Jennings reflects on liturgy as that which enables participation in God and God's work in the world. In addition to the required liturgy and Anglican studies courses, Jennings offers elective seminars in Liturgical and Sacramental Theology, Hermeneutics, and occasional seminars on Anglican Divines and Church Fathers.

*BA, University of Texas*

*MDiv, Yale Divinity School*

*MA and PhD, University of Virginia*



### **Dr. Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski**

*Duncalf-Villavaso Associate Professor in Church History*

Professor Joslyn-Siemiatkoski joined the seminary faculty in 2014. His teaching focuses on integrating Anglican/Episcopal identity with the broader sweep of Christian history. His research interests include Richard Hooker, the history of Jewish-Christian relations, the development of Anglican ecclesiology, and comparative theology. He is the author of *Christian Memories of the Maccabean Martyrs* and has authored chapters in various edited volumes and articles in *Anglican Theological Review* and *Anglican and Episcopal History*. He is currently writing a commentary on Mishnah Avot for the series "Christian Commentaries on Non-Christian Sacred Texts." Professor Joslyn-Siemiatkoski is a postulant for priesthood in the Diocese of California.

*BA, Gordon College.*

*MA, PhD, Boston College*







### **Dr. Gena Minnix**

*Assistant Professor of Counselor Education*

As a Licensed Professional Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist, Gena specializes in systemic and strategic therapies, trauma, and neurobiology. After interning for Veterans Affairs, Gena practiced individual, couple, family, and play therapy, and served as supervisor and clinical director for community mental health clinics before completing a doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision. Gena's research interests include personality theories, cultural diversity, LGBT affirmation and Christian beliefs, and the relationship between psychology and theology.

*BA, The University of Texas at Austin*

*MA, George Fox University in Portland, Oregon*

*PhD, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.*



### **The Reverend Jane Patterson**

*Assistant Professor of New Testament and Director of Community Care*

Jane Patterson served on the Adjunct Faculty since 2010 and was appointed assistant professor of New Testament beginning June 1, 2013. In the Master of Divinity program, she teaches courses in Bible and Spiritual Formation; in the Center for Christian Ministry and Vocation, she teaches a course on the Bible as a resource for pastoral caregivers. Outside the seminary, she is co-director of a ministry called St. Benedict's Workshop that guides laity in the use of the scriptures for discerning how to live faithfully in all aspects of daily life, and she serves as Missioner for Adult Formation in the Diocese of West Texas. She is the author of *Keeping the Feast: Metaphors of Sacrifice in 1 Corinthians and Philippians* (Society of Biblical Literature, 2015), and is a contributor to *Calling All Years Good: Vocation Across the Lifespan* (expected publication Spring 2016, Eerdmans). She previously served on the faculty as Interim Director of Theological Field Education, 2003-05.

*BA, Smith College*

*MTS, Perkins School of Theology*

*CITS, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest*

*PhD, Southern Methodist University*







### **Dr. Stephanie Ramirez**

*Assistant Professor of Counselor Education*

Stephanie Ramirez completed her PhD at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Her doctorate is in Counselor Education and Supervision (CES) with a specialization in Relational Cultural Theory (RCT) and Social Justice. The emphasis of her doctoral studies can be summed up in her dissertation title, *Beyond the U.S.: A Qualitative Study on the Impact of Travel Abroad for Female Counselor Education and Supervision Students*. Outside of teaching, Stephanie is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). She has counseled clients in a variety of settings including providing counseling and advocacy services for undocumented women experiencing domestic violence, worked with senior adults and caregivers, and has recently worked with at-risk youth. Her research interests include counseling outside of U.S. borders, social justice and multicultural awareness and diversity. She has taught counseling courses in St. Mary's University Latin American program and has traveled to Mexico and Argentina to help extend counseling opportunities for students outside of the United States. She has also presented on a variety of topics including keeping ethics relevant in the field of counseling, attitudes and perceptions of Latina Sexuality, LGBT youth and the coming out process, and mobile home culture.

*BA, Schreiner University*

*MA and PhD, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.*



### **The Reverend David Scheider**

*Director, Loise Henderson Wessendorff Center for Christian Ministry and Vocation*

As Director of the Loise Henderson Wessendorff Center for Christian Ministry and Vocation, the Reverend Scheider oversees three of the seminary's graduate programs that are designed for laity and clergy who have specialized callings to carry on the work of the church in counseling, chaplaincy, and spiritual formation. These programs meet in the evenings and on Saturdays. Before coming to the seminary, Father Scheider served as a U.S. Army chaplain for 25 years. He specialized in family therapy, earning two additional masters degrees in counseling and certification and licensure as a marriage and family therapist and supervisor. Additionally, Dave achieved certification as a Diplomate in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and Diplomate for the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy. He is also a graduate of the Seminary of the Southwest's certificate in spiritual formation program as well as a DMin graduate from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dave is an Episcopal priest, a third order Franciscan, a presenter for Centering Prayer, and a student in the Shalem Spiritual Direction program.

*MDiv, Andrews University*

*MS in mental health, Wright State University*

*MS in family therapy, Kansas State University*

*Certificate of Special Studies, Seminary of the Southwest*

*DMin, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary*





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## Official Calendar 2016-2017

### August 2016

- 13-16** MDiv, DAS, DTS, and  
MAR New Student Orientation
- 13** NSO Lunch (All programs)
- 13-16** Registration for new students
- 17-19** New student retreat (MDiv, DAS, DTS, MAR)
- 20** Fall classes begin
- 28** Matriculation service and dinner

### September 2016

- 5** Labor Day Holiday—offices closed
- 27-28** Alumni Convocation and  
Blandy Lectures

### October 2016

- 6** Board of Trustees Meeting
- 6** John Hines Day
- 10-15** Fall Break

### November 2016

- 14-19** Spring and summer registration
- 21-26** Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
- 24-25** Thanksgiving Holidays—offices closed

### December 2016

- 6** Reading Day
- 7-10** Final Exam Week
- 10** Classes end
- 19** Christmas Holidays through  
January 1—offices closed

### January 2017

- 3-4, 6-7** General Ordination Examination
- 2-20** January Term
- 16** Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—offices closed
- 21** Spring New Student Orientation
- 28** Spring classes begin

### February 2017

- 9** Board of Trustees Meeting
- 9** Payne Lecture

### March 2017

- 13-18** Spring Break
- 27** Harvey Lecture

### April 2017

- 14-17** Easter—offices closed
- 24-29** Fall and January term registration

### May 2017

- 9** Reading Day
- 10-13** Final Exam Week
- 13** Spring classes end
- 22** Commencement Evensong
- 23** 66th Commencement
- 22-24** Board of Trustees Meeting
- 29** Memorial Day Holiday—offices closed

### June 2017

- 6** Center Summer classes begin
- 5-9** Continuing Education Program

### July 2017

- 4** Independence Day Holiday—offices closed

### August 2017

- 7-9** Final Exam Week—Summer term
- 6** Summer classes end



## Official Calendar 2017-2018

### August 2017

- 12-15 MDiv, DAS, DTS, and  
MAR New Student Orientation
- 12 NSO Lunch (All programs)
- 12-15 Registration for new students
- 16-18 New student retreat (MDiv, DAS, DTS, MAR)
- 19 Fall classes begin
- 27 Matriculation service and dinner

### September 2017

- 4 Labor Day Holiday—offices closed
- 26-27 Alumni Convocation and Blandy Lectures

### October 2017

- 5 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 5 John Hines Day
- 9-14 Fall Break

### November 2017

- 13-18 Spring and summer registration
- 20-25 Thanksgiving Break—no classes
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays—offices closed

### December 2017

- 5 Reading Day
- 6-9 Final Exam week
- 9 Classes end
- 18 Christmas Holidays through  
January 1—offices closed

### January 2018

- 2-3, 5 General Ordination Examination
- 2-19 January Term
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—offices closed
- 20 Spring New Student Orientation
- 27 Spring classes begin

### February 2018

- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 8 Payne Lecture

### March 2018

- 12-17 Spring Break (tentative)
- 30 Easter—offices closed

### April 2018

- 2 Easter—offices closed
- 9 Harvey Lecture
- 23-28 Fall and January term registration

### May 2018

- 8 Reading Day
- 9-12 Final Exam week
- 12 Classes end
- 21 Commencement Evensong
- 22 67th Commencement
- 21-23 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 28 Memorial Day Holiday—offices closed

### June 2018

- 4 Summer classes begin
- 4-8 Continuing Education Program

### July 2018

- 4 Independence Day Holiday—offices closed

### August 2018

- 6-8 Final Exam Week—Summer term
- 8 Summer classes end





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