Christian Scripture and Spirituality

Combining a survey of Christian canonical biblical texts with their contemporaneous ancient near-Eastern literatures including Gnosticism, this course introduces students to major biblical and theological themes within Christian discourse. The course explores prevailing practices many Christians utilize to integrate sacred scripture within individual and communal rituals, and meets the needs of MDiv students preparing for professional spiritual care. Western social justice, peacemaking, and mystical traditions will be considered in light of contemporary challenges of textual interpretation, fundamentalism, gender and sexuality, constructions of “God,” and contemporary spirituality. Offered alternate years.

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