Exercises in Biblical Theology
aka, The Integrative Senior Seminar

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Meeting on various days and times, but certainly every Monday from 1:10 to 4:00 pm in BH116.

Please note: it is in the nature of this course that it will develop over time. Therefore, we will try to post revised versions of the syllabus as often as we can off of Mary Hess’ website (http://www.luthersem.edu/mhess/IC3610.html). No piece of paper – or even the website – will be more authoritative than instructions delivered in class.

Texts required for the course:
Anderson and Foley, Mighty Stories, Dangerous Rituals
Walter Brueggemann, Texts Under Negotiation
Anita Farber-Robertson, Learning While Leading
Mahan, et. al., Shared Wisdom
Tom Long, Beyond the Worship Wars
Patricia O’Connell Killen, The Art of Theological Reflection
Richard Olson, A New Day for Family Ministry
Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, Preaching as Local Theology and Folk Art

Meeting Dates:

Preaching lab (2 hours once a week; you will be assigned either to Tuesdays 6:40 pm to 8:30 pm or to another time to be announced in class)

Friday, September 7th Initial Preaching and Worship (P&W) orientation

Monday, September 10 Plenary session 1:10 to 4:00 pm

Friday, September 14 P&W lecture 1:10 to 3:00 pm

Monday, September 17 Plenary session 1:10 to 4:00 pm
Reading: The Art of Theological Reflection, and Shared Wisdom

Friday, September 21 P&W lecture 1:10 to 3:00 pm

Monday, September 24 Plenary session 1:10 to 4:00 pm
Reading: Texts Under Negotiation

Wednesday, September 26 5-7 pm meeting with Prof. Martinson

Friday, September 28 P&W lecture, 1:10 to 3:00 pm

Monday, October 1 Plenary session 1:10 to 4:00 pm
Reading: Mighty Stories, Dangerous Rituals
Monday, October 8  
Plenary session 1:10 to 4:00 pm  
Reading: *Learning While Leading*  

Monday, October 15  
Plenary session 1:10 to 4:00 pm  
Case studies  

Monday, October 22  
Plenary session 1:10 to 4:00 pm  
Case studies  

Monday, October 29  
Plenary session 1:10 to 4:00 pm  
Case studies  

Monday, November 5  
Plenary session 1:10 to 4:00  
Case studies  

November 7th or 9th (TBA)  
Prepare and Enrich marriage workshop, noon to 5:30 pm  

Dates to be arranged with Prof. Martionson are also required  

**Required Assignments**  
Please note: Some of the following may be shifted during the term, depending upon how the seminar unfolds. This is, at the moment, our best understanding of what we’re asking you to do:  

Preparation of learning goals  
Personal learning journal  
Dossier preparation for assignment (skills and gifts inventory)  

Development of a case study for presentation, in collaboration with a small group of your colleagues from the seminar itself. This case study will include the following components:  

- The case itself  
- Exegetical and reflective work on the presenting issue  
- A sermon from each person involved (based on lectionary texts, or else with a rationale for why it is not so based)  
- A lesson plan for a particular component  
- Pastoral care resources  
- A worship team response (prayers of the people, appropriate hymns, liturgical season issues, innovative components such as ppt presentations, etc.)  
- Web page drawing it all together (or at least handouts that can be shared with your classmates)
In addition to the basic preparation and presentation of a case, each small group will also act as official respondents to one of the other cases from the class.

Participation in *Prepare and Enrich*

Preaching lab, 6 hours of Preaching and Worship lectures (on Sept. 7, 14, 21) and then 24 hours chosen from a menu of options. These options will include the guest lecturers in the regular P&W class, as well as the possibility of attending some of the major worship conferences and other special presentations being made in the Twin Cities over the next term. The menu will also include a variety of “secular” (ie. theater, film, music, etc.) opportunities upon which to reflect theologically,

A final retreat of some sort… perhaps scheduled during our plenary session, perhaps not. We’re still working on this!

**Choice Options (you need to pick 24 hours from the list below):**

Any of the Preaching & Worship lectures (past the initial four meetings of that class, which are required)

Any of the Worship Dialogue noon events

Some part (or all) of the Taize conference

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Thursday, October 11, “Putting things up on the web” (an afternoon lab on basic html and pdf files)

Other choices to be offered as we become aware of the possibilities