

## **An Examination of Luther Seminary Course Syllabi (Draft 1)**

### **A Project of the Committee Addressing Racism (CAR)**

This survey of Luther Seminary Syllabi attempts to discover what percentage of texts utilized as *required* reading in Luther Seminary current M.Div. and M.A. classes is written by non-dominant-culture authors versus dominant-culture authors (generally white, male, European-origin in ethnicity or culture) . This survey looked only at required reading (core learning) texts, and made preliminary judgments of the culture of the author by looking at the authors of the texts themselves, consulting the faculty who teach that particular course, and content/emphasis.

Recommended reading lists, hand-outs, media and other sources were not examined. This report gleaned data from a sample of syllabi from the Fall, 2002 semester. Keep in mind that this report is a first draft – if there are any corrections, the CAR (Committee Addressing Racism) should be contacted. Contact person: Rod Maeker.

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Course Code	Course Title	# Required Texts	# of Dominant Culture Authors	# Non-Dominant Culture Authors	%age of Non-Dominant Culture Authors
AG 4525	Spiritual Resiliency in Later Years	??			?
AG 6510 & PT 8540	Aging & the Search for Meaning	2	2	0	0%
CC 4610/4614	Cross-Cultural Studies I, II	7	3	4	57%
CE 1515	Education I	6	3	3	50%
CE 3520	Parish Adult Education	4	1	3wf <sup>1</sup>	25%
CE 3518	Confirmation Ministry	2	1	1wf	50%
CL 4510	Congregational Leadership	4	4	0	0%
CL 4535	Theological Found. For Mission Dev. & Cong. Vitalization	4	3	1	25%
CM 3410	Mission of the Triune God I	4	4	0	0%
CM 3410	Mission of the Triune God II	4	4	0	0%
HC 1315	Early and Medieval Church History	4	3	1	25%
HC 1315	Early and Medieval Ch. History (100-400 AD)	5	5	0	0%
HC 1310	History of Christianity from NT-Present	4	4	0	0%
HC 1320	Reform of the Church	6	6	0	0%

<sup>1</sup> Wf= "white female" throughout this report

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HC 1320	Reform of the Church	4	4	0	0%
HC 1320	History of the Church	6	6	0	0%
HC 3310	History of Christianity	5	3	2	40%
HC 6335	The Demonic in Christian Thought	4	3	1	25%
HC 6365 & HC 6385	'The Church' of Luther & Early Lutheranism: Its Conflict with "Visible Unity"***				
IC 1615	Reading the Audiences	4	3	1	25%
IC 2610	Worship	11	9	2	18%
IC 2620	Lutheran Confessional Writings	3	3	0	0%
IC 2622	United Methodist Polity and Standard Doct.	4	4	0	0%
IC 2631	Truth and Meaning	6	6	0	0%
IC 2633	God, Evil and Suffering	7	6	1wf	14%
IC 3610	Exercises in Biblical Theology**				

\*\*\*Denotes Syllabi that did not conform to the format utilized in this report.

Course Code	Course title	# Required text.	# Dominant Culture Authors	# Non Dominant Culture Authors.	% by Non Dominant Culture Authors.
MU 1510	Church Music: Old testament to the Reformation.	3	3	0	0%
MU 1515	Church Music II Reform- to the Present.	3	3	0	0%
MU 1520	The Church & Music	3	3	0	0%
NT 3211	The Gospel & Epistle of John	4	4	0	0%
NT 6220	Intertestamental Literature	2	2	0	0%
NT 2217	Pauline Traditions: Galatians.	4	4	0	0%
NT 6215	The Parables of Jesus	8	8	0	0%
NT 2211	Pauline Traditions: Galatians & I Corinthians	5	5	0	0%
NT 1211	Synoptic Gospels: Mark	4	3	1	25%
OT 1110	Pentateuch.	5	5	0	0%
OT 2111	Prophets ( Isaiah)	2	2	0	0%
OT 3111	Psalms.	3	3	0	0%
OT 3114	Wisdom Lit	3	3	0	0%
OT 4125	Praying with the Bible.	4	3	1	25%
PC 3522	Pastoral Care with the Aging	2	4	?	?
PC 2525	Foundations of Pastoral Care	5	5	0	0%

Course Code	Course Title	# Required Texts	# of Dominant Culture Authors.	# Non Dominant Culture Authors	% of Non Dominant Culture Authors.
RM 4525	Pastor/Leader as Change Agent	5	4.5	.5	10%
ST 2420	Ethics 1 Introduction to Ethics.	4	4	0	0%
ST 1415	Sytematic Theo. Creation & Truine God	5	5	0	0%
ST 3428	Applied Ethics for Ministry.	2	2	1	50%
ST 1415	Systematic Theo. Creation & Truine God.	4	4	0	0%
ST 2415	Jesus the Savior & Truine God.	4	4	1	25%
ST	Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.	2	2	0	0%
ST 2420	Ethics	2	2	0	0%
ST 1415	Creation & Truine God	4	4	0	0%
ST 1415	Creation &Truine God	4	4	0	0%
ST 2415	Jesus the Savior &Truine God	4	4	0	0%
ST 3421	Ethics of Bonhoeffer	2	2	0	0%
ST 2420	Christian Ethics.	2	2	0	0%
ST 2420	Chris Ethics	4	4	0	0%
YM 4515	Communicating the Gospel to Tennagers	3	3	0	0%
YM 4535	Outreach to unchurched Youth & Families.	4	4	0	0%

\* This Syllabi is incomplete.

**Summary of**  
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Total # Texts _____	Written By Dom.Culture <u>Author</u>	Written by Non-Dom. <u>Culture Author</u>
246.5	291.5*	52.5

**Conclusion:** The percentage of authors of texts in core courses at Luther Seminary that are written by non-dominant culture authors is: **18%**. (See Project Description at beginning of this report for details of how the data was collected.)

\*Some books have multiple authors