

Live Webstreamed Opportunities

Trinity Graduate School
Spring 2010

CC 5615 Cultural Engagement

21-23 Jan; 18-20 Feb; 8-10 April
Th-Fr 4.30-7.30, Sa 9.30-12.30 (CST)

This course seeks to engage contemporary culture biblically and theologically. The aim is to develop a Christian position on certain significant issues in contemporary culture (e.g., multiculturalism, tolerance, the media, cyberspace, and sexuality). Students will be encouraged to develop their own positions on the relationship of gospel to culture, church to world, through detailed case studies.

RS 6340 Religious Identity, Conversion and Violence


14-16 Jan; 11-13 Feb; 25-27 March
Th-Fr 4.30-7.30, Sa 9.30-12.30 (CST)

A study of religious conversion, identity formation and violence in relationship to new religious movements and world religions. The course will focus on how religious movements recruit others as adherents as well as the crucial issue of the formation of religious identity. The course will also discuss issues addressing religious violence by examining mass suicides of the Peoples Temple, Branch Davidian, Solar Temple and Heaven's Gate as well as current religious violence in the world.

Special for the spring 2010 semester will be a concerted focus on Native American issues. The course will dedicate a significant portion of time and research to understand Native American identity, conversion stories and violence by and against native peoples.

About the Professor

Dr. Michael Cooper has lectured and published widely in the areas of cultural engagement and religious identity and conversion. He is a leading expert on the growth of pre-Christian European native religions in the West. He is the editor of a peer-reviewed journal Sacred Tribes Journal and is the editor of and contributor to the forthcoming Perspectives on Post-Christendom Spiritualities (Morling Press)



Culture: it's where you live.

understand. engage. transform.

Culture is the framework that determines an individual's beliefs, behaviors, and practices. At Trinity Graduate School you will learn how to understand the culture in the context of Christianity in order to communicate clearly and ethically. With new course offerings such as New Religious Movements and Post-Christendom Spiritualities, you will be equipped with the tools you need to understand, engage, and transform your culture through Christ.

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Computer, Internet access, web-
cam and microphone

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