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TITLE: Womanist Biblical Interpretation

TERM: Spring 2023-2024

PROFESSOR: Kimberly Russaw

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: 3

UNLIMITED X
NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Womanist Biblical Interpretation (WBI) is a 3-credit hour elective course in which students critically engage the works of womanist biblical scholars to understand the ways this scholarly enterprise has evolved and consider possible trajectories for its future. This course relies heavily upon students' close reading of both biblical passages and scholarly writings to scrutinize how factors such as methodological approaches, socio-historical contexts, and individual or community urgencies collaborate to produce Womanist Biblical Interpretation scholarship within the religious academy.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

As a result of participating in this course students should be able to:

1. Identify at least three (3) biblical scholars who engage in Womanist Biblical Interpretation
2. Discuss methodological aspects of Womanist Biblical Interpretation
3. Demonstrate research literacy
4. Reflect upon aspects of their location as an interpreter of the Bible

PREREQUISITES:

Successful completion of an introductory course such as *Genesis through Esther* (OT 110), *Prophets, Psalms, and Wisdom Literature* (OT 120), *Gospels, Acts, and Johannine Epistles* (NT 110), or *New Testament Letters and Apocalypse* (NT 120), or permission from the professor.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READINGS:

- Byron, Gay and Vanessa Lovelace. *Womanist Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse*. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2016. ISBN: 978-1628371529, \$51.84
- Carvahlo, Corrine. *Primer on Biblical Methods*. Winona, MN: Anselm Academic, 2009. ISBN: 978-1599820156, \$16.95
- Smith, Mitzi, *I Found God in Me: A Womanist Biblical Hermeneutics Reader*. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015. ISBN: 978-1625647450, \$36.49
- A Bible

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

- Weekly Journal Submissions (20%)
- "What Makes it Womanist?" Presentation (20%)
- Academic Response and Discussion Leadership (30%)
- Syllabus Assignment (30%)

ATTENDANCE: Required.