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TITLE:	Ethics & Society	TERM:	<u>Spring 2018-2019</u>
PROFESSORS:	Ron Cole-Turner & Drew Smith	CREDIT HOURS:	<u>3</u>
REGISTRATION:	LIMITED TO: _____	UNLIMITED	<u>X</u>
	# AUDITORS _____	NO AUDITORS	<u>X</u>

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course equips students to reflect on the church and its relationship to its various locations, with a particular focus on national and global contexts and issues. Students will learn to use biblical and theological resources with insight from the social sciences to analyze contexts and to identify and explore ethical issues related to cultural, economic, and social structures in which the church participates in God's mission.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

CS310 builds upon other courses in Bible, Church History, Theology, Field Education, and in particular Contextual Analysis. The specific focus for CS310 is the integration and interaction of all these sources of theological insight (biblical, traditional, and contextual analysis) with today's contextual realities (social, economic, racial, and political), especially those that define the national and global level. These questions will be explored: What do we mean by 'Christian' ethics, and what are the philosophical and theological approaches to ethical reasoning that continue to be influential in grappling with national and global issues today? How do today's contextual realities shape the church and its theology in the past and today? How does the church seek to be faithful to God's mission of reconciliation and renewal in local communities and in the wider regional or national context? How do leaders in Christian communities promote Christian ethical discernment and action in addressing social contexts?

PREREQUISITES: CS 110 and TH 210 (or by Registrar's recommendation or by permission of instructors)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- Stephen Mott, *Biblical Ethics and Social Change*. 978-0199739370. \$31.87.
- Miroslav Volf, *Exclusion & Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness, and Reconciliation*. 978-0687002825. \$22.68.
- H. Richard Niebuhr, *Christ and Culture*. 978-0061300035. \$13.95
- Sondra Wheeler, *The Minister as Moral Theologian*. 978-0801097843. \$14.95.

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

Papers and research projects assigned in consultation between students and faculty.

ATTENDANCE: Required.