

RPS GRADUATE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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| CULTURAL IMMERSION : | http://www.msje.edu/view/academics/departments/religious-pastoral-studies/cultural-immersion.aspx . |

SPRING SCHEDULE: STUDENT ADVISING

Graduate students registering for spring courses begins on November 9th. We encourage you to register early to facilitate the planning process. All graduate students can register for courses via the world-wide-web, or through the assistance of your academic advisor. Course schedules can be located on the web @ <http://webreg.msje.edu/cgi-bin/public/crscat/SJmain.cgi>.

SPRING GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS

RPS 502 – S5 Family and Community 3.0 Weber, D.

9am-3pm Saturdays *** Meet: 1/21; 2/4; 2/18; 3/3; 3/24 Obtain Preassignment

RPS 504 – E Personal Spirituality and the Theology of Experience 3.00 Verploegen, N.

6:30- 9:30PM --T---- ***Meet: 3/20-5/1 Obtain Preassignment

RPS 512 – 06 Pastoral Practicum 3.00 TROKAN,J. 6:30- 9:20PM -M----- CL 203

***Meet 1/23; 2/13; 3/5; 3/26; 4/16

RPS 527 – E Revelation, Creed, and Dogma 3.0 Luckman, H.. 6:00- 9:30PM ---W--- ***Meet: 1/18-2/29 Obtain Preassignment

RPS 560 – S5 Pastoral Care & Counseling 3.0 Wray, J. 9am-3pm Saturdays *** Meet: 1/21; 2/4; 2/18; 3/3; 3/24 Obtain Preassignment

REL 549 –E Rome: A Sacred and Secular History 3.0 Luckman & Zalot 6-9pm – Mondays – Meet: 1/23; 2/6; 2/20; 3/5; 3/26. Rome Immersion: March 8-16, 2012. Cost: \$2,200. Obtain Preassignment.

RPS 590 - 06 Appalachian Culture & Spirituality 3.0 TROKAN.
6:30- 9:20PM ---Wednesdays ***Meet 2/22,29,3/7,14,21 Trip Fee \$225
Spring Break Travel March 11-16, 2012. Site: Eastern Kentucky. Obtain Preassignment

RPS 591 – 06 Cherokee Culture&Spirituality 3.0 KLOOS, 4:00- 6:00PM ---Wednesdays---
***Meet TBD Site: Cherokee, NC. Trip Fee \$400; Spring Break Travel March 11-16, 2012. Obtain Preassignment.

RPS 593 – E Lakota Culture and Spirituality 3.0 Trokan 6-9pm – Wednesdays – Meet: 4/25; 5/2; 5/9; 5/30; 6/6. Red Cloud Mission @ Pine Ridge Reservation SD May 14-25, 2012. Cost \$550. Obtain Preassignment.

RPS 600 – S5 Foundations of Spiritual Direction 3.00 VERPLOEGEN
9:00- 4:00PM -----Saturdays ***Meet 3/24; 3/31; 4/14; 4/21; 4/28. Obtain Preassignment

RPS 605 – 01 Spiritual Direction Practicum 1.00 G 01 VERPLOEGEN
site: Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center TBA

Note: Course descriptions are available online in the Graduate Catalogue @ <http://www.msje.edu/view/academics/catalogs--class-schedules/graduate-catalog.aspx>. Pre-assignments and course syllabi are available online five weeks prior to the start of classes @ <http://webreg.msje.edu/cgi-bin/public/SJsyllabi.cgi>.

Welcome New Graduate Faculty



Dr. Monica Verploegen Ph.D. has a doctorate in Formative Spirituality for Duquesne University, is an internationally known retreat facilitator, with over twenty five years experience in pastoral

and educational ministries. Dr. Verploegen also spends half her time facilitating spiritual formation and retreats with Catholic missions in Africa. She is a Visiting Professor of Religious and Pastoral Studies at the College of Mount St. Joseph with a specialization in spiritual direction. Dr. Verploegen was a consultant in the design of our Spiritual Direction Certificate, and is teaching RPS 600 Foundations of Spiritual Direction, RPS 504 Personal Spirituality, and RPS 605 Spiritual Direction Practicum during the spring semester.



Debra L. Weber MSW, LSW

Ms Weber has a BS in Social Work from the College of Mount St Joseph and a Master's degree in Social Work/Administration from the University of Cincinnati. She is a licensed social worker in the State of Ohio. Working with families and children, Ms Weber has experience as a clinical social worker in a community pediatric health center. As a public health research associate at the University of Cincinnati, she worked at the community level in behavioral health studies and as an evaluator for various local organizations. Currently she is a wellness coach at Hummingbird Coaching Services. Ms Weber co-founded and administers a local civic organization and works with communities in developing countries by assisting with needs assessments/assets mapping and designing culturally appropriate programs. Ms. Weber is teaching the RPS 502 Family and Community Course.



Janet Wray Ph.D. is teaching the RPS 560 Pastoral Care and Counseling course. Dr. Wray holds a BSN in Nursing from the University of Florida, a Masters in Nursing from the University of Washington, and a doctorate in Psychiatric Nursing from Loyola University of Chicago. She has extensive experience in teaching, research, administration as well as working with family therapy and addictions.

MINISTRY TUITION GRANT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The College of Mount St. Joseph Ministry Tuition Grant reduces tuition to \$300 per credit hour during spring and fall semesters, and during the summer semester the tuition is reduced to \$250 per credit hour. This special grant is available to any student enrolled in the Religious Pastoral Studies graduate program who is a paid or volunteer minister serving in a congregation, hospital, health care facility, social service agency, diocese, or educational institution.

Verification of employment/volunteer service and submission of an FAFSA form are required. To learn more about the Mount's graduate program in spiritual and pastoral care, call the Department of Religious Pastoral Studies at (513) 244-4496 or 1-800-654-9314, or the Office of Admission at (513) 244-4531. For more information, visit our website at:

<http://www.msj.edu/academics/departments/religpast/>

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Good Samaritan and Christ Hospital will be offering Clinical Pastoral Education courses during the spring and summer terms. You can contact Mr. Frank Nation at Good Sam (513) 872-1400 or Marla McDonald at Christ Hospital (513)585-2266 for details and an application. Students completing the CPE certificate can earn (3) graduate academic credits in Pastoral Ministry Practicum course work. Contact your advisor for details. Chaplaincy experiences are also available for students wishing to complete Pastoral Internships and Practicum during the spring semester. For more information, contact Dr. John Trokan at (513) 244-4272.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

The Co-Op Program is willing to assist RPS undergraduate and graduate students in finding co-op positions in ministry within the Cincinnati area. Although a graduate co-op will not be for credit given the limited availability of grant and scholarship money, this may be a viable income source as well as a ministry learning experience for some of you. If you are interested, please call Jan Hirst at (513) 244-4486 for more information.

2012 IDS Cultural Immersion Curriculum

Log onto <http://www.msj.edu/view/student-life/travel-study/cultural-immersion.aspx>

for detailed course info, syllabi, application materials, medical forms, and scholarship information for the 2011 course offerings. The RPS department is offering immersion courses in the following locations: Appalachia, Eastern KY; Cherokee, NC; and the Red Cloud Mission at Pine Ridge, SD. **Dates & Details subject to change!**

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE IMMERSION COURSES!! (Excludes the Rome Immersion Trip)

<http://www.msj.edu/view/student-life/travel-study/cultural-immersion/forms-and-applications.aspx>

Each course will be conducted on site with three pre-trip classes and two post-trip classes. Course work is for three credit hours and involves a service component. Each Immersion course has a pre-assignment. Apply & Register **EARLY** for Immersion courses. Space is Limited! For further information contact john_trokan@mail.msj.edu or marge_kloos@mail.msj.edu.

Graduate Information Session

Do you have questions regarding the RPS Graduate & Undergraduate Program?

Do you have questions about other programs offered at MSJ?

Do you want to find out more information or ask specific questions?

**THEN DO WE HAVE GREAT NEWS FOR YOU... YOU'RE INVITED
"GRADUATE INFORMATION SESSION" on Tuesday, October 25th, 2011
and March 6th, 2012.**

Academic Department Informational Tables and Student Services,
as well as Campus Tours are available that evening.

Make your reservation by calling or e-mailing:

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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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