

School for Ministry 2019 Course Calendar

Jan. 11-12, 2019 Discernment Retreat Chiara Center near Springfield, IL
The Discernment Retreat is a two-day experience to help participants discern their call to ministry and obtain information about the School for Ministry program and curriculum. Activities include community-formation, guided meditation, worship, and interactive activities. The 2019 activities were led the Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker, the Rev. Canon Albert J. Keeney, the Rev. James Olson, and the Rev. Lorrie Reed.

March 4-April 28 Overview of the Bible Online through Philips (MTP*)
Instructor: Rev. Susanna Southard (<http://ptstulsa.edu/DirectoryBios?ID=46>)
This course is an introduction to the content of the Bible and the methods of study that scholars use to understand it. Students will learn about the history of the periods in which various biblical books were written and about how the individual writings came together into a single book. Students will attempt to discover what the biblical writers were seeking to accomplish through their writings. This course is a prerequisite for the OT and NT courses.

June 24-28 Biblical Storytelling Eureka College
Instructor: Dr. Marti Steussy
This week-long, intensive summer course comprises in-depth hearing, probing, and telling of the Bible's stories in the Bible's own words. Most of the Bible is story, and its overall shape is that of a story. Not only that; its writers expected that their work would be told aloud, not read silently. How can we better hear the biblical storytellers, catch their tones of voice, interpret their winks and nudges? How does the experience of Bible change when we hear and tell it live, rather than scrutinizing it on a page? The course will explore these questions and more. Other enrichment activities will be included.

August 19-Oct. 13 Intro to OT Online through Philips (MTP*)
Instructor Dr. Lisa Davison (<http://ptstulsa.edu/DirectoryBios?ID=118>)
This course will be a survey of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), with a focus on understanding the nature of the literature, intent of the authors, the place of the books in the canon, and issues for interpretation in the life of the church.

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