

COS424 ETHICS
JUNE 27-JULY 5, 2016; 1:30-4:30 p.m.
GRANT HAGIYA

STUDENT GOALS:

1. Articulate a biblical and theological basis for ethical thinking and moral behavior, and distinguish major approaches to ethical reasoning.
2. Comprehend the relationship between their personal stories, pastoral vocation, local contexts, and responsibility as moral leaders.
3. Develop a Christian framework for moral reason and action, and apply it to the use of power and the setting of boundaries in ministry.
4. Demonstrate familiarity with and make use of the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church as a resource for ethical reflection and action.

TEXTBOOKS: **Required:** Robin Lovin: Christian Ethics: An Essential Guide;

Christine Pohl: Living Into Community

Recommended/Optional: Birch and Rasmussen: Bible & Ethics in the Christian Life.

Karen Lebacqz: Professional Ethics: Power & Paradox. Marie Fortune: Is Nothing Sacred?

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: 1. Class participation & attendance. 2. Completion of all reading assignments & 1 page personal reflections on the each day's readings (10 pages total). There is a lot of reading required, and it will not be possible for you to complete all of the reading assignments during class. Try to finish all the readings before class starts. 3. Oral or written presentation of an ethical analysis of a contemporary issue or problem facing the church & the society (students will sign up the first day of class.). 4. Oral finals on the last day

ADVANCED ASSIGNMENT: Advanced daily reading and completion of as many 1 page reflection papers as possible.

READING ASSIGNMENTS & CLASS SCHEDULE:

JUNE 27: INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS: READINGS: Lovin: Chapter 1 & 2; Pohl: Intro and Part 1; ACTION: READINGS: Lovin: Chapter 3;

JUNE 28: CHARACTER/VIRTUE: READINGS: Lovin: Chapter 4; Pohl: Part 2; Start: LOVE & COMMUNITY: READINGS: Lovin: Chapter 5; Birch & Rasmussen: Chapter 2 & 7

JUNE 29: LOVE & COMMUNITY: READINGS: Pohl: Part 3; ETHICAL FRAMEWORKS; THE BIBLE & ETHICS: READINGS: Birch & Rasmussen Bible & Ethics in Christian Life: Chapters 8-9;

JUNE 30: STRUCTURE: READINGS: Lebacqz: Chapters 7-9 (On 2 Hr reserve in the library)

JULY 1: MINISTERIAL SEXUAL ETHICS READINGS: Lovin: Chapter 6; Marie Fortune: Chapter 1-5 (On Reserve in Library); Pohl: Part 4

JULY 4: MEDICAL ETHICS READINGS: Lovin: Conclusion; Handouts

JULY 5: ORAL FINALS