THEO6208IST6208 Theology and Psychodynamics

**Fall 2013**

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**Course Description**

This is a doctoral seminar comparing theological and psychological interpretations of dynamics and issues arising in the practice of pastoral counseling and psychotherapy. Attachment, separation, anxiety, guilt, change, insight and other psychodynamic processes are considered in the light of psychological models and correlate biblical and theological themes. Teaching methods will consist of readings, case analyses, reaction papers and seminar papers.

**Course Requirements**

A. Attendance and participation

B. Reading as assigned:

**Readings**

**A" Books: [Required reading]**

Barrett, Justin L. *Why Would Anyone Believe in God?* NY: AltaMira Press, 2004.

Browning, Don S. and Cooper, Terry D*. Religious Thought and the Modern* Psychologies. 2nd Ed. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004. ISBN 0-8006-3659-7

Cooper-White, Pamela. *Many Voices: Pastoral Psychotherapy in Relational and Theological Perspective.* Minneapolis: Fortress, 2007.

Freud, Sigmund. *The Future of an Illusion*. W. W. Norton & Company; reissue edition (August 1, 1989) ISBN: 0393008312

Jung, Carl Gustav. *Psychology and Religion*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1939. Twentieth Printing, 1969.

Rizzuto, Ana-Maria. *The Birth of The Living God: A Psychoanalytic Study*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1979. ISBN 0-226-72100-0

Sheppard, P. I. (2011). *Self, culture and others in womanist practical theology*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan

**"B" Book: [Limited assignments]**

Davaney, Sheila Greeve. *Pragmatic Historicism: A Theology for the Twenty-First Century*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2000. ISBN 0-7914-4693-x [0-7914-4694-8 (paperback?)]

**Supplemental Readings [“C” Books: Occasional additional assignments]**

Hiltner, Seward, *Theological Dynamics.* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1972. ISBN 0687414652 [BR 118. H53]

Kaufman, Gordon D. *The Theological Imagination*: *Constructing the Idea of God*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1981. ISBN 0664243932 [BT 102.K.35]

Chris R. Schlauch, "The Intersecting-Overlapping Self: Contemporary

Psychoanalysis Reconsiders Religion--Again." Pastoral Psychology 42

(1993): 21-43.

Chris R. Schlauch, "Rethinking Selfobject and Self: Implications for Understanding and Studying Religious Matters." Pastoral Psychology 48 (1999): 57-78.

Chris R. Schlauch, "Neglected Questions at the Interface of Psychology and Religion," Pastoral Psychology 47 (1999): 209-234.

Maurice Friedman, “Why Joseph Campbell’s Pschologizing of Myth Precludes the Holocaust as Touchstone of Reality,” JAAR (Summer 1998) 66,2, 385-401.

**Other Readings TBA**

**C. Written work:**

1. Reaction papers to several books or reading assignments, to be the basis for

class discussion (five-page double-space minimum).

2. Case analysis, utilizing theological and psychological perspectives on the situation (fifteen-page double-space maximum).

-or-

3. Seminar paper combining a psychological and theological point of view, or points of view. The student is expected to work in at least two authors or schools of thought. The appropriate critical literature concerning these authors is to be explored and clinical application and illustration of the student's constructive position is to be included. The paper is not to exceed twenty pages, excluding notes and references, and should be posted to Canvas for reading three days to its discussion. The paper may be re-written after the class discussion and re-submitted before Fall grades are due.

**Canvas**

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**Professor’s Availability**

Email is the best way to reach me, at [lgraham@iliff.edu](mailto:lgraham@iliff.edu). Office hours by appointment. My office phone number is 303-765-3104. Cell phone for last minute contact only: 720-203-4175. Please do not distribute my cell phone number.

**Current Class Schedule**

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**Dr. Larry Kent Graham**

**Fall Quarter 2013**

**Tentative Class Schedule**

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**Wednesday** Introduction and Contracting

**September 11** Case Study

The Nature of Theology

Psychodynamics and Theology

Read: Hiltner, TD, Ch. 9

**Wednesday** The Theological Territory

**September 18** Read Davaney 1, 2

Reaction Paper:

Psychoanalytic Reductionism

Read: Freud, *FI*

Reaction Paper:

**Wednesday** Psychoanalytic Consructionism

**September 25** Freud, *FI*, Continued

Read:

Read Rizzuto 1 – 5

Reaction Paper:

**Wednesday**

**October 2** Rizzuto 6 - 10

Reaction Paper:

**Wednesday** Cooper-White TBA

**October 9** Reaction Paper:

**Wednesday**

**October 16** Correlational Theories

Schlauch, 1993, 2005

Reaction Paper:

Sheppard TBA

Reaction Paper:

**Wednesday** Cognitive Approaches

**October 23** Read Barrett

Reaction Paper:

Case Study: [Handout]

**Wednesday** Theological Constructionism

**October 30** Read: Kaufmann, *Attachment to God*, Chapter 2 (Reserve)

Reaction Paper to Kaufman:

Seminar paper Précis

Online Discussion TBA

Analytical Psychology

Read: Jung

Reaction Paper to Jung:

Theological Critique of Psychodynamics

Read: Friedman

Reaction Paper to Friedman:

**Wednesday**

**November 6**

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**Wednesday** Seminar paper\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**November 13**

**[Class at Graham’s]** Seminar paper\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Closure