WOMEN, WAR AND RELIGION – OJZ235 – SPRING 2014

CLASS SCHEDULE

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Locate the PBS series, *Women, War and Peace,* available online on the PBS website, <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/women-war-and-peace/#2>.

You are assigned to watch 3 out of 5 documentaries for this class and can fit them into your schedule at your convenience. The documentary, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* about Liberia is assigned for Week#3 and can count as one of your 3 assigned videos.

**WEEK #1 (Week of March 24, 2014)**

**GENDER, RELIGION AND CONFLICT: THE INTERSECTIONS**

Watch the *Introduction to the Class* video and post a self-introduction and 3 to 5 personal learning goals for this course.

**ASSIGNMENT**

**READ**

Sustainable Peace Tool Kit: #1: Introduction

*When Religion Becomes Evil –* Chapters 1-4

**LISTEN**

Introduction to Course and Syllabus Review

Lecture 1 – Gender, Religion and Conflict: the Intersections

**DISCUSSION**

Choose the conflict area you would like to focus on for your group presentation and your research paper. Groups will be limited to 3 people and selections are on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.

**WEEK #2 (Week of March 31, 2014)**

**HOW & WHEN DOES RELIGION BECOME EVIL?**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**READ**

*When Religion Becomes Evil* – Chapters 5-7

**WATCH**

Assigned videos

**DISCUSSION**

Choose the “lens” you will use for your part in your group project and as a special focus in your research paper. Only one person per group per lens.

The “lenses” are:

* The influences and role of religion
* Conflict prevention and resolution, including the peace negotiation process
* Issues of “inclusive security” and protection of the vulnerable
* Stabilizing communities and rebuilding nations
* Justice and governance

**WEEK #3 (Week of April 7, 2014)**

**WHAT DO WOMEN DO?**

**CASE STUDIES: AFGHANISTAN, LIBERIA, IRELAND, FORMER YUGOSLAVIA**

**ASSIGNMENT:**

**READ**

*Women Building Peace,* Chapters 1, 2

*Terror in the Mind of God*, Chapters 1, 7, 8

**WATCH**

Assigned videos

*Pray the Devil Back to Hell*

**DISCUSSION**

Find Case Studies and research your conflict area

Afghanistan Liberia – watch video Pray the Devil Back to Hell

Ireland Former Yugoslavia/Bosnia

**Heads Up**: Group proposal is due Sunday, April 20, 2014

**WEEK #4 (Week of April 14, 2014)**

**CONFLICT PREVENTION, PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, RESOLUTION**

CASE STUDIES CONTINUED

**ASSIGNMENT**

**READ**

Sustainable Peace Tool Kit: #2

*Women Building Peace*, Chapter 3

*Terror in the Mind of God,* choose 3 chapters from Chapters 2-6

2 Articles

**WATCH**

Assigned videos

Trailer – *Invisible War*

Interview

Lectures and PowerPoints

**Post** **group conflict area proposal by Sunday, April 20th at 12:00 midnight**

This is a draft of your ideas for your presentation including which “lenses” you will use, how you plan to integrate your project, and what format(s) you plan to use for your presentation. One joint proposal is to be posted by each group.

**DISCUSSION**

**WEEK #5 (Week of April 21, 2014)**

**DISARMING AND REINTEGRATING THE FIGHTERS, STABILIZING COMMUNITIES**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**READ**

Sustainable Peace Tool Kit: #3

*Women Building Peace,* Chapter 4

*Terror in the Mind of God*, Chapters 9, 10, 11

**WATCH**

Assigned videos

Week 5 Lecture and PowerPoint

Interview

**READ**

Interview

**DISCUSSION**

**Prepare Conflict Area Group Presentation**

**WEEK #6 (Week of April 28, 2014)**

**CONFLICT AREA GROUP PRESENTATIONS**

EACH CONFLICT AREA GROUP WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE CLASS

Presentation must be creative and collaborative, something other than text only, with each individual section integrated into the whole.

You might consider:

* Multimedia options
* Power Point
* Build a website
* Using Google Docs
* Utilizing Google sites
* Pictures, video, links, audio, slides

***GROUP PRESENTATION MUST BE POSTED BY SUNDAY, MAY 4TH AT MIDNIGHT***

**WEEK #7 (Week of May 5, 2014)**

**SHORT AND LONG TERM JUSTICE AND GOVERNANCE**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**READ**

Sustainable Peace Tool Kit: #4

*Women Building Peace,* Chapters 5 and 6

*To Make the Earth Whole,* Section 1

**WATCH**

Assigned videos

Lecture and PowerPoint

PowerPoint

Watch and/or read group presentations

**DISCUSSION**

Post a response to each presentation (by Friday midnight)

**WEEK #8 (Week of May 12, 2014)**

**CIVIL SOCIETY: REBUILDING AND INCLUSIVE SECURITY**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**READ**

Sustainable Peace Tool Kit: #5 and #6

*Women Building Peace,* Chapters 7 and 8

*To Make the Earth Whole,* Section 2

**WATCH**

Assigned videos

Lecture and PowerPoint

Short Skills-Building PowerPoints

**Heads Up:** Final paper is due Thursday, May 22nd by 12:00 midnight

**DISCUSSION**

**WEEK #9 (Week of May 19, 2014)**

**UN SECURITY RESOLUTION 1325 AND THE INTERNATIONAL AND LEGAL STATUS OF WOMEN**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**READ**

No reading assignments, or discussion responses, for this week

**WATCH**

Assigned videos

PowerPoints

**DISCUSSION**

No responses required this week

***FINAL RESEARCH PAPERS DUE THURSDAY, MAY 22ND BY 12:00 MIDNIGHT***

**WEEK #10 (Week of May 26, 2014)**

**HOW CAN RELIGION BECOME A VEHICLE FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION?**

IDEAS DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY OF LEARNING GOALS

**ASSIGNMENT**

**READ**

*To Make the Earth Whole,* Section 111

**WATCH**

*Prayers of the World* video

**DISCUSSION**

Submit at least 5 ideas about; citizen participation in resolving conflict, educating and activating churches and/or religious communities, supporting women in conflict areas, impacting recognition in the international community on behalf of women’s contributions to peacebuilding, and/or other areas that we have studied that interest you.

* Think “out of the box” – this is an exercise in developing “moral imagination” and the ideas that will allow us to create peace in chronic conflict areas have not been thought of yet. Together we can help develop the capacity for the new thinking required.

**Post by Tuesday, May 27th at 12:00 midnight.**

* Post a brief summary of the main ideas and information that have been most important for you and if and how your learning goals have been met.

**Post by Tuesday, May 27th at 12:00 midnight.**

**THANK YOU.**