January Travel Course 2014

Information Meeting
Friday, April 26, 2013
1:00 p.m. PDR (Private Dining Room), Mackay Campus Center

TH3200cr and TH3201cr Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in Israel/Palestine
This 5-credit sequence has two parts. The first will prepare students in the Fall Semester to spend the January term at Tantur Ecumenical Institute outside of Jerusalem. The goal is to explore Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the current context of the political, military, and social realities of Israel and the Palestinian territories. Films, trips, guest lectures, and readings and writing on these will expose students to the interfaces and points of tension among the three great Abrahamic traditions on land that they all claim as their spiritual and in some cases legal patrimony. Fall Semester, 2013-2014 and January Term; Ms. Charry.

TH3200cr Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in Israel/Palestine
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam strive with one another theologically, culturally, politically, and in the Middle East geographically. By turns, each later tradition has sought to triumph over those that came before by claiming that its revelation is definitive. At a time of acute religious and political turmoil among adherents of these traditions in Israel/Palestine, it is important that Christians understand Judaism and Islam on their own terms and in the context of the political interaction among adherents of all three traditions in that region. This course will both inform students of the historical, theological and cultural tensions and continuities among the traditions and prepare for the travel course trip to Jerusalem in January 2014. This course fulfills the general distribution requirement in theology. 3 credits. TH3200cr may be taken either for a letter grade or pass/D/fail; it can be taken as a stand-alone course or as part of the two-course sequence. Fall Semester, 2013-2014; Ms. Charry

TH3201cr Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in Israel/Palestine – Travel Course
The course will take students to Tantur Ecumenical Institute outside of Jerusalem to explore Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the context of the Middle East. Classes, visits to holy sites, worship, lectures, and informal conversation will take expose students to the interfaces and points of tension among these great traditions. Students must complete an application process. Enrollment is limited to twenty students, middlers and seniors only. Prerequisite: TH3200cr. 2 credits. TH 3201cr is offered pass/D/fail only. January Term, 2013-2014; Ms. Charry

Financial arrangements: Students are responsible for all costs associated with the trip, although a few partial scholarships may be available. Group airfare can be arranged with a minimum of 10 persons, although students will be able to make their own trans-Atlantic travel arrangements. Based on current estimates, land costs may be in the range of $1500 double and $2200 single occupancy, full board, not including phone and incidentals. Prices are subject to change. Financial aid inquiries should be made through the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Application: An inquirer’s meeting will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013, 1:00 pm, PDR, Mackay Campus Center. Thereafter, students may apply for admission to TH3201cr by email. The e-application letter should include 1) the student’s prior experience with Judaism, Islam and/or the Middle East, including courses taken; 2) the reasons for wanting to participate in the trip, 3) how it may benefit the student’s anticipated ministry, 4) a plan indicating how the student hopes to cover the expenses. Application Deadline: Monday, May 20, 2013. Students will be notified by June 15, 2013. A deposit of $250, payable to Princeton Theological Seminary, is due no later than June 30, 2013. This deposit is non-refundable after September 21, 2013. E-applications should be sent to ellen.charry@ptsem.edu. Personal interviews may be required.