**REL 4050.72447 | MARY IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION | FALL 2021**

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**Zoom ID:** 869 050 2942  

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**  
This is a graduate level course designed as a guided reading and study of Mary in the Christian tradition. The first half of the course focuses on select historical writings on Mary, then, the latter part of the course examines several apparitions of Mary and art related to each of them.  

**Weekly Meetings**  
M 9:00-11:00 am (open to change via request by student or professor)  
Location: SSH 160  

**LEARNING GOALS**  
By completing this graduate level course, the student will attain the following learning objectives:  
- broad familiarity and understanding (at the graduate level) of primary source (historical) documents and contemporary scholarship on Mary in the Christian tradition  
- summarize key historical documents and contemporary scholarship on Mary in the Christian tradition  
- explain the significance of historiographical and other contemporary readings of Mary  
- practice analytical reading and writing related to the history of Mary in the Christian tradition  
- compare and contrast the various ways Mary has been depicted across and within various cultural and geographical contexts  

**ASSIGNMENTS**  
- weekly meetings to discuss readings counts for 50 % of the overall grade;  
- extended research essay (12-15 pages) [50 % of grade]; due at the end of final exam week  

**CLASS SCHEDULE** (schedule may be adjusted by consultation between the professor and student)  

**Monday, August 23rd | Mary in the New Testament**  
Jaroslav Pelikan, *Mary through the Ages,* pp. 1–38  

**Monday, August 30th | Identifying the Mother Jesus (2nd and 3rd centuries)**  
*Odes of Solomon* 19  
*Protoevangelium*
Infancy Gospel of Thomas
Jaroslav Pelikan, *Mary through the Ages*, 39–54

**Monday, September 6th** | University Holiday (No Meeting)

**Monday, September 13th** | **Mary as Theotokos: A Fifth Century Christological Controversy**
Sermons and Letters of Nestorius and Cyril of Alexandria (tr. R.A. Norris and Brian E. Daley);

**Monday, September 20th** | **Litany of Praise: Mary as the Queen of Heaven (5th century)**
Ephrem, *Hymns in Praise of the Virgin Mary* (tr. Sebastian Brock)
Proclus of Constantinople, *Sermon on Mary*
*The Akathistos Hymn*
Jacob of Serug, *Homilies on the Mother of God* 1 and 5 (tr. Mary Hansbury)

**Monday, September 27th** | **The Death and Glorification of Mary (6th–8th centuries)**
Andrew of Crete, *Three Homilies on the Dormition of Mary* (tr. Brian E. Daley)
John Saward, “The Assumption,” A. Stacpoole (ed.)

**Monday, October 4th** | **Mary as Mediator (11th century)**
Bernard of Clairvaux, *Four Homilies in Praise of the Virgin Mary* (tr. A. Said)
Elizabeth A. Johnson, “Mary as Mediatrix,” in *The One Mediator, The Saints, and Mary*

**Monday, October 11th** | **The Sanctification of Mary (13th–14th centuries)**
Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* III, Qq 27–28
John Duns Scotus, *Opus Oxoniense* III. Dist. 3.Q.1

**Monday, October 18th** | **Mary as Icon of Grace and Humility**
Martin Luther, *Exposition of the Magnificat* (Luther, *Works*)

**Monday, October 25th** | **True Devotion to Mary (18th century)**
Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort, *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*, 1–91

**Monday, November 1st** | **Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico)**
TBD
Monday, November 8th | Our Lady of Šiluva (Lithuania)  
TBD

Monday, November 15th | Our Lady of Kibeho (Rwanda)  
TBD

Monday, November 22 | Student’s Fall Break  
No Meeting

Monday, Nov. 29 | (Pre-Finals Week)  
TBD

Monday, Dec. 6 | (Finals Week)  
Extended Research Essay due by 5 pm, Friday, December 10th.