

Duke Divinity New Courses for Fall 2017

**NEWTEST 816 – Exegesis of Infancy Narratives – Dr. Joel Marcus**

Of the canonical Gospels, only Matthew and Luke have accounts of the birth and infancy of Jesus, and only Luke records an incident from Jesus' later childhood. These accounts agree on some important details (for example, the virginal conception through the Holy Spirit), but they also disagree widely on other details (for example, whether Joseph and Mary's home was in Nazareth or Bethlehem), and each has details that the other lacks (for example, the Magi and the flight into Egypt in Matthew, and the shepherds and the manger birth in Luke). These similarities and differences raise the question of the respective roles of historical memory, theological conviction, and pious imagination in shaping the canonical infancy narratives. In order to get at these questions, the canonical narratives will be studied in detail (three weeks each), but important parallel narratives, both pre- and post-canonical, will also be studied (one to two weeks each) for purposes of comparison and contrast. Prerequisite: Old Testament 752, Old Testament 753, and New Testament 754 or advanced placement

**Parish 791 – Principles and Methods of Intercultural Leadership- Dr. Christena Cleveland**

This course provides an overview of the intersection of culture and leadership. Drawing from theology, communication studies, and cultural psychology, it offers a theoretical foundation for cultural differences in leadership and practically equips students to lead and collaborate across cultures in churches and other organizational contexts.

**XTIANTHE 773 – Introduction to Theology and the Arts – Dr. Dan Train**

This course aims to provide an introduction to the ways in which theology can enrich and be enriched by the arts. Covering a wide range - including literature, painting, film, music and drama - it seeks to show how central theological doctrines can transform the way we perceive and make art, and how the arts in turn can deepen our understanding of some of the central tenets of the Christian faith