

ACOS SUMMER COURSES 2019

ADVANCED THEOLOGY WITH EDGARDO COLON-EMERIC

AT THE SUMMER INSTITUTE

JUNE 3 – 7, 2019

Come expand your theological imagination, grapple with practical problems, and be equipped to continue a journey of reconciliation within a wider community.

ACOS students will participate in the Theology of Reconciliation Seminar taught by Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colon-Emeric, complete pre-work prior to attending Summer Institute, and complete assignments online after the residential week.

The registration fee for the 2019 Summer Institute for Reconciliation with ACOS is \$575, which includes the cost of most meals. All Summer Institute participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements.

Registration for ACOS at the Summer Institute with credit for *Advanced Theology* is coming soon.

ADVANCED COURSE OF STUDY

MISSIONAL INNOVATION FOCUS

JULY 2019

Join us on a journey this July as Advanced Course of Study explores missional innovation in the church. Whether you are focused on contextual evangelism, innovative forms of ministry, or church planting, these courses are designed to provide theological grounding and practices to sustain and enrich the ministry. Courses will be broadly connected through the theory and practices of hospitality, community formation, Christian spiritual formation, and neighboring in order to create scriptural imagination around what God is doing in the world. Course offerings will be taught in a hybrid format with students receiving pre-work and assignments online that follow the residential intensive week. Courses offered this summer include:

July 15-19	Mornings	Advanced Theology: Flourishing in Ministry with Professor David Emmanuel Goatley, Research Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies
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Pastoral ministry is good and faithful work. While it is filled with deep meaning, it can also be difficult to manage. This course will explore marks of thriving in ministry, threats to thriving in ministry and explore a formula for flourishing in ministry. This course will explore emerging insights on pastoral well-being, assess how emerging insights relate to this course cohort and imaging how pastors can implement practices of excellence to improve the probability for flourishing and finishing well.

July 15-19 Afternoons **Advanced Leadership: Christian Social Innovation** with Dean L. Gregory Jones, dean of the Divinity School and Ruth W. and A. Morris Williams Jr. Distinguished Professor of Theology and Christian Ministry and Rev. Dr. Susan Pendleton Jones

People are hungry for innovation. We are hungry for new ways of doing things that can chart better paths forward. We know that we are facing challenges that are complex, problems that are 'wicked'. This is true for us in the church, and it is also true for other institutions such as education, health, business, journalism, and civil society itself. Yet much of what passes for "innovation" is often focused on techniques, or disconnected from moral vision, or is a cool business term to cover over incremental change (or all of the above). A Christian vision for social innovation actually seeks to recover the Church's pioneering work in this area through the centuries, both by connecting it to our End (the Reign of God) and to our deepest wisdom in Scripture. In this course we will explore a Christian vision for social innovation and the leadership needed to cultivate it faithfully. We will draw on sources from scripture and the Christian tradition, business/social innovation literature, and contemporary stories and experiments.

July 22-26 Mornings **Advanced Mission: Missio Ecclesia** with Professor Lacey Warner, Royce and Jane Reynolds Associate Professor of the Practice of Evangelism and Methodist Studies

The course is a reflection on God's Mission for the church in the world. While the church's identity and purpose often default to minimal techniques for survival and witness, too often ministries are encouraged without a sufficient understanding of the destructive outcomes of some efforts. This course argues for understanding the church's mission in relationship to the Triune

God, practiced in empowering and sustainable relationships with neighbors and creation.

This course draws on Christian Scripture, tradition, and contemporary practices to shape textured, theologically-imagined, sustainable practices of missional witness with and beyond the church.

July 22-26 Afternoons **Advanced Evangelism: Evangelism and Discipleship** with Professor Jeff Conklin-Miller, E. Stanley Jones Assistant Professor of the Practice of Evangelism and Christian Formation and the Royce and Jane Reynolds Teaching Fellow

This course explores the ministry of evangelism and making disciples of Jesus Christ from the perspective of the Wesleyan tradition and its holistic spirituality, combining works of piety and works of mercy. By examining the way in which the early Methodists discovered, learned, and practiced the Christian faith and how the Methodists Societies functioned as disciple-making communities, students will learn and apply these principles of accountable discipleship to their own ministry and the church's mission today. (Note: This course was also offered in March 2019).