

ACOS SUMMER COURSES 2020 (revised)

ADVANCED COURSE OF STUDY

JULY 2020

Join us on a journey this July as Advanced Course of Study explores leadership for such a time as this. Whether you are focused on innovative pastoral leadership, past and future UM polity, worship leadership, or black church or women's leadership, these courses are designed to provide theological grounding and practices to sustain and enrich the ministry. 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 13-17

Advanced Old Testament: Innovative Pastoral Leadership

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

In this course we will examine how the major themes of the Old Testament can help lay the foundation for innovative pastoral leadership. We will focus on the Psalms, Wisdom literature, and the Prophetic Tradition as well as draw upon key passages in the Torah. Through these writings we will explore creative ways to be in ministry through pastoral care, preaching, and transformational leadership. Story-telling will figure largely in our discussions which will be both lecture-style and small group.

July 20-24

Advanced Worship: Sensory-Rich Worship Design for Unforgettable Messages

with Marcia McFee, PhD, of Worship Design Studio

Worship is the portal through which visitors find a spiritual home, members grow to greater discipleship and the whole congregation is inspired to "go and do likewise" in the world. The need is great for vital worship at the epicenter of congregational life. This course will explore the theory and practice of sensory-rich communication and skills for intentional preparation needed by leaders of the 21st century church for worship that revitalizes congregations.

July 20-24

**Advanced Black Church Studies
Advanced Women's Studies
Advanced Evangelism
Advanced Mission**

Saving Women in African Methodism and Wesleyan Traditions: Missional Evangelists

with Professor Lacey Warner, Royce and Jane Reynolds
Associate Professor of the Practice of Evangelism and Methodist Studies

In this course we will explore women practicing missional evangelistic ministries in African Methodism and Wesleyan traditions. We will read primary sources authored by select women including sermons and autobiographies as well as contemporary secondary sources to help us unpack and better understand practices of evangelism.

Registration and requirements for Summer Online COS advanced courses found [online here](#). Students are encouraged to register early to allow ample time to order books and complete the pre-work, especially if planning to take four courses. Registration deadline is **May 4, 2020**.