COURSE SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER 2014

The following courses, all taught in an intensive week-long format (except TC 900.03) will be offered in Summer 2014.

Summer Module I:

DS 600 Advanced Wesleyan Theology (3 hrs)       June 2-6
Intended for students who have completed the basic United Methodist Doctrine course, this offering will allow students to explore in greater depth various aspects of John Wesley’s theology, teaching, and lived embodiment of Christianity. Material by Charles Wesley and Susanna Wesley will also be considered. Theological method will be addressed in depth. Using case studies, students will examine how Wesleyan theology informs United Methodist teaching and practice today. Prerequisites: HS 532 (pre Fall 14 program) or DS 575 (post Fall 14 program). Instructor: Ellen J. Blue, Mouzon Biggs, Jr., Professor of the History of Christianity and United Methodist Studies.

HC 750 History of Preaching in the Black Church Tradition (3 hrs)       June 9-13
A survey course of Black Preaching in its historical, social, and religious context. Attention will be given to defining within such preaching a specific “Black Hermeneutic” that explains its unique style, methodology, theology, and contribution to the general practice of preaching. Through special readings, listening, and experiencing Black preaching, students should be able to identify its essential distinguishing characteristics, describe its historical context, and learn to appreciate its socio-theological methodology. Recommended prerequisites: PC 550 and PC 650; satisfies CC requirement in the pre-Fall 14 program and the Advanced History requirement in the post-Fall 14 program. Instructor: John Thomas, Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Supervised Year in Ministry.

PL 880.03 Vocation of the Laity (3 hrs)       June 16-20
Faithful and effective Christian behavior in the world, based on the way of Jesus, is critical to a host of 21st century issues—e.g., climate change, good soil, the meaning of work, humane uses of technology, the ethics of “who is my neighbor?”. The failure of congregations to equip and support laity for their work in the world diminishes the power of the Christian movement to participate with God in transforming the world. Topics in this course will range from the theology of the clergy-lay relationship, to the ethical challenges of the 21st century, to imagining how Christian communities could better support and equip laity. Structured interviews with laity will be one of the core learning strategies. No prerequisites; satisfies additional Practical Theology requirement in the pre-Fall 14 MDiv program and the Pastoral Leadership requirement in the post-Fall 14 MDiv program. Instructor: Gary Peluso-Verdend, Associate Professor of Practical Theology and President.
Summer Module II:

**PR 550 Storytelling in Ministry (3 hrs)  July 7-11**
A practical introduction to the art of storytelling as it applies to teaching and preaching ministries. Students will learn to re-imagine and tell biblical stories using a midrashic process and personal narratives based on life experiences. The creation of a digital story will explore the use of a technological tool in a faith community. Grading is pass/fail. Class size is limited. **Instructor:** Barbara McBride Smith, Adjunct; **Guest Lecturer:** Corinne Stavish.

**TC 900.03 Practicum in Urban Ministry (3 hrs)  Dates TBA**
In this course students will explore the changing nature of ministry in urban areas, particularly New Orleans, and principles of community development. It will involve spending approximately seven weeks in New Orleans, working for 15 hours per week in an assigned urban ministry setting. Dates are June 9 through approximately August 8. Students must attend a lecture and discussion session one day a week on topics such as Leading Effective Faith-Based Organizations, Volunteer Empowerment and Team Based Organization. This course is offered in partnership with Christian Renewal New Orleans, which will provide housing and some meals, along with a $500 stipend for the summer. Assignments will include readings, reviews of books and other materials, and writing reflection papers. For more information, contact Dr. Blue at ellen.blue@ptstulsa.edu. **Recommended prerequisite:** PC 550; satisfies CC requirement or additional Practical Theologys in the pre-Fall 14 program and the Immersion Course requirement in the post-Fall 14 program.

Students may enroll in these courses from March 31-April11, during the enrollment period for Summer and Fall 2014 semesters. Please see the Fall 2014 schedule for additional information regarding enrollment procedures, tuition, financial aid, and other issues.