

STH TT 948 Advanced Systematic Theology 3
Sanctification and Religious Life
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Room STH 440

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This course is one of three in a series, Advanced Systematic Theology. Advanced Systematic Theology 1 explores God and Creation, focusing on conceptions of ontological ultimacy; Advanced Systematic Theology 2 explores the human condition and its religious predicaments, focusing on conceptions of saviors and salvation. Advanced Systematic Theology 3 can be taken independently of the others, and it focuses on religious ways of living in the face of what is ultimate, with special attention to corporate and personal sanctification. Although the courses are significantly comparative, the main orientation is Christian. The principal text for the the course is a draft of the third volume of the instructor's *Philosophical Theology*.

The course is a doctoral seminar with students making brief, 15 minute, presentations to introduce each class (after the introductory class). Each student will make at least one such presentation, and each will be asked to contribute to the discussion in each class. The grade will be based on class participation and on a term paper due the day of the last class, December 10. Students should get the instructor's approval, after consultation with the TA, for term paper topics by the beginning of November. Incompletes are not allowed except for the direst of circumstances, and in those cases only with the prior approval of the STH registrar. Do not plagiarize, and if you do not know what plagiarism is, find out before proceeding (see below).

Students with Disabilities—Any students in this course who have a disability that might prevent them from fully demonstrating their abilities should meet with the instructor as soon as possible to initiate disability verification and discuss accommodations that may be necessary to ensure your full participation in the successful completion of course requirements.

The STH Academic Code of Conduct may be found on the STH website at: www.bu.edu/sth/academic/academic-conduct. All students are required to familiarize themselves with this code, its definitions of misconduct, and its sanctions. Students should especially familiarize themselves with the section on plagiarism.

Readings:

Please acquire the following books from Barnes & Noble, the University Bookstore, or elsewhere.

Ames, Roger T. *Confucian Role Ethics*. Hawaii University Press

Schleiermacher, Friedrich. *The Christian Faith*. T & T Clark

Seligman, Adam, and colleagues. *Ritual and Its Consequences*. Oxford University Press; also available online

Thurman, Howard. *The Search for Common Ground*. Friends United Press

Tillich, Paul. *Systematic Theology*. Volume 3. University of Chicago Press

Wildman, Wesley. *Religious and Spiritual Experiences*. Cambridge University Press

Zizioulis, John. *Being as Communion*. St. Vladimir's Press

In addition to the above, readings are assigned from the following which will be distributed electronically or in class:

Neville, Robert Cummings. *Religion: Philosophical Theology Volume Three*

Whitney, Lawrence A. "Correlating to 'Nones:.' Tillich's Method of Correlation and Late Modernity"

Whitney, Lawrence A. "From the Mainline to the Margins," from *Secular Monasticism: A Journey*. Xlibris; copies to be distributed.

Whitney, Lawrence A. "Mission Theology and Interreligious Encounter: 1910-2010". *Bulletin of the North American Paul Tillich Society* 37/2 (Spring 2011) 39-46.

Please do the assigned readings according to the following schedule.

9/3 Introduction, no reading.

9/10 Neville, introductory material and Part I

9/17 Neville, Part II

9/24 Neville, Part III

10/1 Neville, Part IV

10/8 Tillich, Part IV

10/15 Tillich, Part V

10/22 Whitney, “Correlating to ‘Nones,’” “From the Mainline to the Margins,” and “Mission Theology and Interreligious Encounter”

10/29 Schleiermacher, Introduction, Chapter 1; Part II, Second Aspect, Second Section, Second Division: “The Subsistence of the Church alongside of the World”

11/5 Wildman, entire

11/12 Zizioulis, entire

11/19 Seligman, entire

11/26 American Academy of Religion—no class

12/3 Ames, entire

12/10 Thurman, entire