

**SCUPE**  
**Graduate Theological Urban Studies**  
**Course Schedule 2009-10**

**Fall 2009**

**SCUPE S-H 307: Eco-Justice: A Vision for a Sustainable City**

The course will develop a holistic vision for a sustainable city as an outworking of the concept of shalom, a just peace. The course will evaluate the three components of sustainable community development: the three E's of economics, environment and equity (or social justice).

Participants will explore the course topic via readings, panel discussions and site visits. Students will have the option of exploring key issues such as energy policy, food production, environmental justice and pollution and how these challenges relate to the central course themes.

Central to the course is the question, "What does it mean to be a sustainable urban community?"

**Credit:** 3 semester hours

**Faculty:** Dr. Clinton Stockwell

**Course Schedule:** October 2-3, 16-17, 23-24 (Fridays 1-9 p.m., Saturdays 9am-5pm)

**SCUPE S-H 303: Public Issues in Urban Ministry**

For those living in major metropolitan areas, there are critical issues affecting the quality of life.

This course provides an in-depth examination of the believer's role as an agent of social analysis, public theology and a leader in transformational ministry, specifically in relation to the public realities of city life.

**Credit:** 3 semester hours

**Faculty:** Dr. Ron Peters

**Course Schedule:** Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 (Fridays 1-9pm; Saturdays 9am-5pm)

RSS Religion in Society Studies

**Winter/ Spring 2010**

**SCUPE M 305: Dimensions and Dynamics of Urban Ministry**

Organized as a sequence of city-wide experiential learning opportunities, the course introduces students to congregations and faith-based organizations that bring good news through prophetic ministry. Students have the opportunity to engage in dialogue with urban ministry leaders who offer vision, courage and hope. Course methodology includes contextual experience, theological reflection, social analysis and dialogue with significant church leaders and the instructor.

**Credit:** 3 semester hours

**Faculty:** Dr. Yvonne Delk

**Course Schedule:** Jan 4-8, 11-15 (9am-5pm)

MS I. Nature and Practice of Ministry

**SCUPE B-Th 302: Urban Principalities and the Spirit of the City**

Drawing from the ground-breaking theological work on the biblical language of "principalities and powers", this course examines the spiritual realities foundational to understanding and transforming the social, economic and political structures of our urban world.

**Credit:** 3 semester hours

**Faculty:** Dr. Bill Wylie-Kellermann

**Course Schedule:** Feb 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 (Fridays 1-9pm; Saturdays 9am-5pm)

TS III. Topics in Theology (Cross list MS I, RSS)

**SCUPE S-H 304: Good News for the City**

Course held in conjunction with the Congress on Urban Ministry, which features nationally recognized speakers addressing current issues of evangelism and justice within arenas of politics, economics, race, culture. Fees include event registration.

**Credit:** 3 semester hours

**Faculty:** Rev.. Bill Wylie-Kellermann

**Course Schedule:** March 2-5 (TBA)

**SCUPE M 304: Christology and Culture**

Employing a narrative hermeneutic, this course explores Christology from a global, cultural and liberation perspective – and its significance for urban ministry. The course cultivates an understanding and appreciation of the diversity of cultural images and models used to elaborate the meaning of Jesus throughout history.

Through theological and historical analysis, students engage in an in-depth study of the meaning of Christ's life-death-resurrection for his contemporaries, the early church and specifically for this present time in history

**Credit:** 3 semester hours.

**Faculty:** Dr. Jim Perkinson

**Course Schedule:** March 12-13, Mar 19-20, 26-27 (Fridays 1-9pm; Saturdays 9am-5pm)

TS III. Topics in Theology (Cross list: NT III)

**SCUPE M 306: Preaching with Prophetic Imagination**

Applying the language and hermeneutic tools of the arts, exegesis of popular culture and prophetic imagination, this course provides theoretical framework and social insight necessary to effectively preach the Gospel in contemporary urban context.

**Credit:** 3 semester hours

**Faculty:** Dr. David Frenchak and Dr. Sean McMillan

**Course Schedule:** April 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 (Fridays 1-9pm; Saturdays 9am-5pm)

MS V. Preaching and Communication

**SCUPE S-H 305: Restoring Urban Communities**

Field-based in one of the nation's premier Christian community development organizations, this course introduces the principles and practices of congregational-based community development. It examines the relationship between biblical faith and community development practice through site visits to exceptional Chicago development models, and identifies the leadership competencies, organizing principles, skills and resources necessary for an asset-based approach to sustainable community building.

**Credit:** 3 semester hours.

**Faculty:** Dr. Mary Nelson

**Course Schedule:** May 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 (Fridays 1-9pm; Saturdays 9am-5pm)

RSS Religion and Society Studies

**SCUPE Supervised Ministry Practicum**

Required for students actively engaged in a ministry internship, the practicum focuses on personal formation for ministry by integrating work in the ministry setting with SCUPE's academic curriculum. Using a case study approach, it provides a forum for faith sharing, personal self-awareness of gifts and skills for ministry, theological reflection on experience, and peer group reflection on actual ministry in response to the Gospel. It is also the course vehicle for

SCUPE's full-time internship field education/ministry credit. Credit varies by seminary.  
Schedule: TBA

### **Summer 2010**

#### **SCUPE M 302: Cross Cultural Ministry Intensive**

The world has come to the city. Using the city as a global classroom, this two-week intensive provides students with a practical theology for ministry in a multicultural context, engages biblical study of the early church's struggle with cultural barriers, encourages respect and appreciation of world-views and value systems different from one's own, offers anti-racism training, builds skills in movement and communication across cultural divides, and exposes students directly to a wide variety of ministries in diverse cultural settings.

**Credit:** 3 semester hours.

**Faculty:** Cynthia Milsap

**Course Schedule:** June 7-11, 14-18 (9am-5pm)

MS I Nature and Practice of Ministry

#### **SCUPE Supervised Ministry Practicum**

Required for students actively engaged in a summer ministry internship, the practicum focuses on personal formation for ministry by integrating work in the ministry setting with SCUPE's summer academic curriculum. Using a case study approach, it provides a forum for faith sharing, personal self-awareness of gifts and skills for ministry, theological reflection on experience, and peer group reflection on actual ministry in response to the Gospel. It is also the course vehicle for SCUPE's full-time summer internship field education/ministry credit.

Credit varies by seminary.

**Schedule:** TBA