

# BCIM 605Y

## SEMINARIANS IN THE CITY

### 2009-2010 SYLLABUS

#### **Instructor:**

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#### **Course Purpose:**

The purpose of this program is to offer seminarians a better understanding of social justice ministry in the context of the church and to better equip them to take on the challenge of engaging urban ministry issues. They will learn how to bridge the gap between the urban and suburban church and cultivate cross-cultural relationships. This program is an opportunity to combine learning in both the classroom and in field placement through Boston social service agencies.

#### **Primary Components:**

##### Class Attendance

Students attend a **weekly class** to discuss urban ministry issues and/or listen to lectures/panel discussions on urban ministry topics.

##### Reflection and Discussion

Students prepare for the SITC class by writing a **weekly 2-page reflection** on their assigned reading or on a particular incident at their site and sharing the reflection with the group.

##### Field Placement

Students will work for **15 hours per week** at their work site.

##### Final Project Presentations

Students will create a **final project** (15-page paper, video presentation, community building project, etc.) and present their projects during the last two weeks of SITC class (April 19-23 and April 26-30).

##### Annotated Bibliography

Students will be expected to **read and evaluate a total of six books**: four (4) books listed on the Course Bibliography and two (2) books (relevant to urban ministry) which are **not** listed on the Course Bibliography. Students will create a final annotated bibliography based on their evaluations throughout the year.

Book Reviews/Evaluations are due on the following dates:

**October 30, 2009**

**November 20, 2009**

**December 18, 2009**

**February 26, 2010**

**March 30, 2010**

**April 30, 2010**

## **Course Requirements:**

Regular attendance is required at both SITC class and Field Placement. Students absent for more than three (3) SITC classes over the course of the year will receive a **failing grade**.

## **Course Schedule:**

### FALL 2009

**September 14** Fall Program Start Date / No SITC Class

**September 28-October 2** First Fall SITC Class

**October 5-9**

**October 12-16**

**October 19-23**

**October 26-30**

**Due:** First Book Review/Evaluation (1-page)

**November 2-6**

**November 9-13**

**November 16-20**

**Due:** Second Book Review/Evaluation (1-page)

**November 23-27** No SITC Class, ANTS Fall Break

**November 30-December 4**

**December 7-11**

**December 14-18**

**December 18** Fall Program End Date

**Due:** Third Book Review/Evaluation (1-page)

Spring 2010

January 11 Spring Program Start Date

January 11-29 No SITC Class

February 1-5 First Spring SITC Class

Due: Fourth Book Review/Evaluation (1-page)

February 8-12

February 15-19

February 22-26

March 1-5

Due: Fifth Book Review/Evaluation (1-page)

March 8-12

March 15-19

March 22-26

March 29/30

March 31-April 9 ANTS Spring Break

April 12-16

Due: Sixth Book Review/Evaluation (1-page)

April 19-23 FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

April 26-30 FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Due: Annotated Bibliography (1-page)

April 30 Spring Program End Date