

COURSE OF STUDY SCHOOL OF OHIO SPRING 2003 NEWSLETTER



The name for the Ohio Valley Course of Study School was changed at the Advisory Board Meeting on March 7, 2003, to make us easier to find on Web searches.

Changes

Robin Knowles Wallace, is now officially the Director of the Course of Study School of Ohio. Robin is Associate Professor of Worship and Music at Methodist Theological School in Ohio and has added the Course of Study School directorship to her position. She may be reached at 740-362-3431 or rwallace@mtso.edu. She hopes to stay in this position for a long time.

Dianna Runyan left MTSO and the COS program in early April to take a position at Grady Hospital, nearer to her home.

On June 1, Carol Groff will begin her position as Course of Study School Coordinator. Some of you will remember Carol from several years ago when she assisted Dee Stickley-Miner. Carol has been at MTSO six years (just like Robin) and she will also be the Coordinator for the Doctor of Ministry program at MTSO. Carol's office hours this summer will be: Monday & Wednesday 8:30-4:30, Tuesday 8:30-12:30, and Friday 8:00-4:00. We pray that Carol will also be with us for a long time.

Joanmarie Smith, Professor Emerita in Christian Education at MTSO, will be joining us as Director of the Spiritual Formation Program. Dr. Smith has taught and written in the area of spirituality and homiletics (preaching). She will be leading the opening retreats, planning for worship, and leading us in ways of daily reflection and devotion.

Brian Oliver and Leo Cunningham will be moving on to churches after the end of May—Leo as a graduate and Brian doing his field education. We thank them for all their hard work and good spirits for Course of Study School throughout this year. We will be adding a student or two over the summer and into next year.

Schedule for Full-time LP COS

Schedule for Part-time LP COS

Registration and all meals will be in the Dunn Dining Hall.

Communion/Worship will be held in the Centrum.

Friday

2:30-5:00 p.m. (beginning w/Communion; ending w/Evening Prayer)	Conference Groups	4:30 p.m.	Registration
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	5:00 p.m.	Dinner
5:30-9:30 p.m.	Class	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Class

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Schedule for Full-time LP COS

Schedule for Part-time LP COS

Saturday

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast	7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	8:00 a.m.-12	Class
8:30-11:00 a.m.	Class		
11:15-11:45 a.m.	Searching Scriptures		
11:45-12:30 p.m.	Lunch	12 noon	Lunch
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Reflection Time	12:45 p.m.	Worship in the Centrum
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Class	1:30-4:00 p.m.	Class

Classrooms listed as L-# are on the lower level of the Library
Classrooms listed as G-# are in Gault Hall

<u>Course</u>	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
FCOS 114	L-1	Howard
1 st Year Formation	L-1	Schoener
FCOS 214	L-5 & Centrum	Harms
2 nd Year Formation	Gault Catacombs	D. Ling
FCOS 314	L-8	Nyengele
3 rd Year Formation	Centrum	Turner-Rustin
PCOS 114	G-133	Wagner
PCOS 214	G-140	Skinner
PCOS 314	G-150	Fairchild
PCOS 413	G-145 (teaching chapel)	Wallace

UPCOMING COURSES

Summer 2003

MTSO	John Lepp	FCOS 111	Pastor of Interpreter of Bible	
	Bettina Mollica	FCOS 113	Pastoral Care/Spiritual Formation	
Full-time	Steve Tuell*	FCOS 211	Hebrew Bible I	
	July 7-18	Still looking—will be taught	FCOS 213	Formation for Discipleship
(may also be taken by part-time LPs)	Richard Boone	FCOS 311	New Testament I	
	Janet Wolf*	FCOS 313	Our Mission: Evangelism	
	Fred Tiffany	FCOS 411	Hebrew Bible II	
	Robin Knowles Wallace*	FCOS 413	Worship & Sacraments	
Part-time	David Meredith*	PCOS 111	Pastor of Interpreter of Bible	
	July 11&12	Jim Sargent	PCOS 211	Hebrew Bible I
	August 8&9	Thomas Rand	PCOS 311	New Testament I
		Rick Quinn*	PCOS 411	Hebrew Bible II
		Linda Bales*	PCOS 513	Mission: Transforming Agent

*Syllabus on Web; syllabus and book list available as of today

We expect to have ALL summer syllabi and book lists available by the end of this month.

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A Different Set of Changes

Because the Course of Study School here began as a part-time extension school, there has been a division between the full-time and part-time local pastors, in course offerings. The only rule from Nashville in distinguishing between courses for full- and part-time local pastors is that full-time pastors may **ONLY** go to courses taught on the campus of a regional school, which the Course of Study School of Ohio is; so all courses offered here at MTSO are open to full-time pastors. Part-time LPs may attend classes either here at MTSO or at our extension sites.

Given this reasoning, beginning this fall all courses offered on the MTSO campus will be open to full- or part-time LPs. If you are already registered for a course this fall or beyond, we will make those changes. Some course offerings are already changing, primarily due to unavailability of instructors for particular time frames. The schedule included in this newsletter is the most up-to-date, and will also be e-mailed to everyone next week. After May 15 check our web site for course up-dates.

This will make two changes in the way courses are done here. **ALL** weekend courses will be **TWO** weekends **ONLY**. **ALL** courses will include spiritual formation: morning and evening prayer, communion, praying the scriptures, and the Wesleyan means of grace. We are looking at a time frame of around 1:00 p.m. on Fridays to 4:00 p.m. (or earlier) on Saturdays. Please bear with us as we grow into these changes, changes which we believe will benefit you in your ministry and us in our service to you and the church.

Schedule of offerings for Fall 03 and Winter 04

MTSO Fall Oct. 10&11 Nov. 14&15	Barbara Wiechel	COS 112	Wesleyan Spirit
	Chuck Zimmerman*	COS 212	Early & Medieval
	James McNutt	COS 312	Reformation
	Vergel Lattimore*	COS 314	Pastoral Care & Counseling
	Andy Wagner	COS 412	Wesleyan Movement
	Stan Ling	COS 514	Theology & the Practice of Ministry

Winter	Randy Litchfield	COS 213	Formation for Discipleship
Feb. 6-7	Randy Stearns	COS 313	Evangelism
March 5-6	Erv Smith	COS 414	Ethics
	Sarah Lancaster	COS 512	Contemporary Theology
Spring	Mark Butler	COS 212	Theo. Heritage: Early and Medieval
April 23-24	Fulgence Nyengele	COS 314	Pastoral Care & Counseling
May 14-15	Erv Smith	COS 414	Ethics
	Elise Eslinger	COS 413	Worship & Sacraments
	Solomon Avotri	COS 511	New Testament II

A suggestion about the preaching course

For those of you concerned that you don't take preaching until the 2nd year of Course of Study: Consider taking it after 111 (The Pastor as Interpreter of the Bible) if you really don't want to wait.

Did you know?

You can take up to four (4) COS courses by correspondence, provided by *The Book of Discipline 2000*, ¶ 315.6.b: "Local pastors may fulfill the requirements for probationary membership and commissioning when they have . . . completed the five-year Course of Study for ordained ministry of which no more than four courses may be taken by correspondence or Internet [currently unavailable]."

Correspondence courses tend to take the travel and class time and move it into more reading and writing. But it might be the answer when you (1) need more time to complete a course; (2) when the times a course is offered don't work for you; (3) when course offerings get changed unexpectedly.

Contact The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry at 615/340-7389 or ldaye@gbhem.org.

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