# DM 307 – 3 Sexuality and Pastoral Practice Monday, January 9, 2017, through Friday, January 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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## **Course Description**

Sex and sexuality, to varying degrees, influence all interactions with others and ourselves. This course is designed to explore many of the facets of sexuality and how they intersect with our relationships and our larger social contexts, including ministerial and cultural settings. Topics include sexual anatomy, theological and religious views of sexuality, sexual life cycle, sexual practices, theories of love, sexual response cycle, sexual violence, monogamy and extrarelationship contact and contexts, biological sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, pornography, sexuality and persons with disabilities, sex and aging, sexual dysfunction, paraphilia, and overviews of the most common sex therapy interventions. Theological considerations and dialogue will be highlighted throughout the course and related assignments.

# **MFT Program Goals with SLOs Integrated**

Upon successful completion of course requirements, students will be able to do the following:

- 1. Demonstrate and articulate an advanced understanding of the components of human sexuality and its implications on various aspects of ministry, both in the church as well as the clinical setting (SLO 1, SLO 2, SLO 3, SLO 4).
- 2. Demonstrate a deeper awareness of themselves as sexual creatures and a broader awareness of the impacts, influences, and convergences of sexuality on various components of ministry and life (SLO 5).

## **AAMFT Competencies Targeted Include (SLO 3)**

- 1.2.1 Recognize contextual and systemic dynamics (e.g., gender, age, socioeconomic status, culture/race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, spirituality, religion, larger systems, social context).
- 1.2.3 Recognize issues that might suggest referral for specialized evaluation, assessment, or care
- 1.3.1 Gather and review intake information, giving balanced attention to individual, family, community, cultural, and contextual factors.

- 1.3.8 Develop and maintain collaborative working relationships with referral resources, other practitioners involved in the clients' care, and payers.
- 1.4.1 Evaluate case for appropriateness for treatment within professional scope of practice and competence.
- 2.1.1 Understand principles of human development; human sexuality; gender development; psychopathology; psychopharmacology; couple processes; and family development and processes (e.g., family, relational, and system dynamics).
- 2.3.7 Elicit a relevant and accurate biopsychosocial history to understand the context of the clients' problems.
- 3.1.1 Know which models, modalities, and/or techniques are most effective for presenting problems.
- 3.1.3 Understand the effects that psychotropic and other medications have on clients and the treatment process.
- 3.3.8 Assist clients in obtaining needed care while navigating complex systems of care.
- 4.1.2 Recognize strengths, limitations, and contraindications of specific therapy models, including the risk of harm associated with models that incorporate assumptions of family dysfunction, pathogenesis, or cultural deficit.
- 4.3.2 Deliver interventions in a way that is sensitive to special needs of clients (e.g., gender, age, socioeconomic status, culture/race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, personal history, larger systems issues of the client).
- 5.4.2 Monitor attitudes, personal well-being, personal issues, and personal problems to insure they do not impact the therapy process adversely or create vulnerability for misconduct.
- 5.5.2 Consult with peers and/or supervisors if personal issues, attitudes, or beliefs threaten to adversely impact clinical work.

## **Required Reading**

Crooks, R. & Baur, K. *Our Sexuality*, 12th ed. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2013. Rowland, D. *Sexual Dysfunction in Men*. Cambridge, MA: Hogrefe Publishing, 2012. Meana, M. *Sexual Dysfunction in Women*. Cambridge, MA: Hogrefe Publishing, 2012.

## Additional readings to be coordinated with instructor prior to start of class:

Coogan, M. God and Sex: What the Bible Really Says. New York, NY: Twelve, 2011.

Gil, E & Cavanagh Johnson, T. Sexualized Children. Rockville, MD: Launch Press, 1993.

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- Ryan, C. & Jetha C. Sex at Dawn: How We Mate, Why We Stray, and What It Means for Modern Relationships. New York, NY: Harper Perennial, 2011.
- Carnes, Patrick. *Out of the Shadows: Understanding Sexual Addiction*. Center City, MN: Hazelden, 2001.
- Love, P. & Robinson, J. Hot Monogamy. New York, NY: Plume, 2012.
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- Leiblum, S.R. (Ed.). (2007). *Principles and practice of sex therapy*. New York: The Guilford Press.
- Levinson, D.J. (1978). The seasons of a man's life. New York: Ballantine Books.
- Maguire, D. C. (2004). Sex and the Sacred. Crosscurrents, Fall, 23-30.
- Mertz, M.E. & McCarthy, B.W. (2004). *Coping with erectile dysfunction: How to regain confidence & enjoy great sex*. Oakland: New Harbinger Publications.
- Mertz, M.E. & McCarthy, B.W. (2003). *Coping with premature ejaculation: How to overcome PE, please your partner & have great sex.* Oakland: New Harbinger Publications.
- Michael, R.T., Gagnon, J.H., Laumann, E.O., & Kolata, G. (1994). *Sex in America: A definitive survey*. Boston: Little Brown, and Company.
- Millspaugh, S.G. (Ed.). (1999). *The advocacy manual for sexuality education, health and justice: Resources for communities of faith.* Boston: Unitarian Universalist Association.
- More, Thomas. (1998). *The soul of sex: Cultivating life as an act of love*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers.

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- Nelson, J.B. (1987, February 25). Reuniting sexuality and spirituality. *The Christian Century*, 187-190.
- Nelson, J.B. (1988). *The intimate connection: Male sexuality, masculine spirituality*. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press.
- Nelson, J.B. (1992). Body theology. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press.
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## **Course Requirements**

Because this is an intensive, January seminar, work is required both before and after the week of class meetings.

# 1. Prior to the seminar (10% of grade):

- Read and be prepared to re-read and discuss during seminar:
  - o Crooks, R. & Baur, K. Our Sexuality, 12th ed. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2013.
  - o Rowland, D. *Sexual Dysfunction in Men*. Cambridge, MA: Hogrefe Publishing, 2012.
  - o Meana, M. *Sexual Dysfunction in Women*. Cambridge, MA: Hogrefe Publishing, 2012.
  - o One of the books from the "Optional Readings" portion of the syllabus. Again, this book should be selected in conversation with the instructor.
- Write a (only one paper) 3 page reflective essay about how these readings and resources influenced your thinking about sexuality, ministry and your own practice. On one additional page, construct 5 genuine questions about sexuality for discussion during the seminar. You will submit these on the first day of class.

## 2. During the Seminar (20% of grade)

• Attendance and participation in class discussion.

• Facilitation of class discussion and presentation. During the seminar, each person will take approximately 30 minutes to present material from one of the books listed in the "Optional Readings" portion of the syllabus. This should include core components of the selected book. During this time, the student/presenter will also facilitate group discussion of how the presented material potentially intersects with clinical and/or pastoral practice. Please include handouts that students can keep.

# 3. Personal Sexual Statement and Pastoral Reflection Paper (35% of grade) (Due at end of the seminar)

In 7 pages describe what you believe to be most deeply true about sexuality. Include your theological, philosophical, and ethical views of sexuality. Incorporate discussion of how your own sex history (e.g. biological sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and/or pivotal sexual experiences--where appropriate) and cultural values (e.g. familial, societal, theological, ecclesial, vocational, etc.) have shaped this. Include discussion of the possible benefits and limitations of your current views and how these may influence your ability to connect, either positively or negatively, with others in your ministerial context (e.g. ethical considerations, therapeutic alliance, interactions with parishioners, social justice demands, etc.). Please demonstrate ways that class discussion and/or readings may have influenced your beliefs or caused you to more deeply reflect upon them. Effective pastoral theological reflection is expected.

# 4. Case Study (35% of grade)

(Due no later than January 31)

Create a case study regarding a therapeutic/pastoral care issue you have dealt with or might deal with in your professional practice that involves one of the "sexual dysfunctions" described in Rowland or Meana's books from the required reading. In about 10 pages do the following:

- 1. Describe the clinical case, context and problem.
- 2. Include a sex history of person(s) involved, including discussion of why medical components may or may not be pertinent to the situation.
- 4. Using your Personal Sexual Statement and Pastoral Reflection (assignment 3 above) and course readings, describe how you initially analyze and deal with this problem.
- 5. Conduct a literature search (find 5-6 articles published since 2000) and write a brief (2 page) summary of what the articles say about your dilemma or problem.
- 6. Describe how you integrate this new material into your own theological, philosophical, and/or ethical view of sexuality (theological reflection required).

7. End your case study with a treatment plan describing how you would proceed with the case based upon your reflection, course readings, and research.

Schedule of daily topics will be sent at least one week prior to the seminar.

# Grading

#### 1. Scale

A 90-100 B 80-89 C 70-79 D 60-69 F < 60

#### 2. Evaluation Criteria

## Use of Inclusive Language

In accordance with seminary policy, students are to use inclusive language in class discussions and in written and oral communication by using language representative of the whole human community in respect to gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, and physical and intellectual capacities. Direct quotations from theological texts and translations of the Bible do not have to be altered to conform to this policy. In your own writing, however, when referring to God, you are encouraged to use a variety of images and metaphors, reflecting the richness of the Bible's images for God. See for further assistance, <a href="http://www.lpts.edu/academics/academic-resources/academic-support-center/online-writing-lab/avoiding-gender-bias.">http://www.lpts.edu/academics/academic-resources/academic-support-center/online-writing-lab/avoiding-gender-bias.</a>

## **Academic Honesty**

All work turned in to the instructors is expected to be the work of the student whose name appears on the assignment. Any borrowing of the ideas or the words of others must be acknowledged by quotation marks (where appropriate) and by citation of author and source. Use of another's language or ideas from online resources is included in this policy, and must be attributed to author and source of the work being cited. Failure to do so constitutes plagiarism, and may result in failure of the course. Two occurrences of plagiarism may result in dismissal from the Seminary. Students unfamiliar with issues related to academic honesty can find help from the staff in the Academic Support Center. For the Seminary policy, see The Code of Student Conduct, 6.11; the Student Handbook, p. 19.

### **Special Accommodations**

Students requiring accommodations for a documented physical or learning disability should be in contact with the Director of the Academic Support Center (kmapes@lpts.edu) during the first two weeks of a semester (or before the semester begins) and should speak with the instructor as

soon as possible to arrange appropriate adjustments. Students with environmental or other sensitivities that may affect their learning are also encouraged to speak with the instructor.

# **Citation Policy**

Citations in your papers should follow Seminary standards, which are based on this guide:

American Psychological Association. *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. 6th ed. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 2010.

Copies of this guide are available at the library and in the Academic Support Center.

# **Attendance Policy**

According to the Seminary catalog, students are expected to attend class meetings regularly. In case of illness or emergency, students are asked to notify the instructor of their planned absence from class, either prior to the session or within 24 hours of the class session. Missing more than ½ of classes may result in a low or failing grade in the course.

# I. Assignment: Reflective Essay

**Directions**: Write a 3 page reflective essay about how the readings thus far are influencing your thinking about sexuality, ministry, and your own practice. Include discussion of areas/topics where your confidence may be growing and areas/topics where you may feel overwhelmed and need additional information and/or clarification as the course continues.

Exceeds Expectations for level of training (9-10)	Expected (6-8)	Marginal (3-5)	UA (0-2 )	Average score for category:
1-Provides clear, concise answer(s); explicitly, accurately, and thoughtfully incorporates relevant material from several of the assigned readings, spanning more than a single session (unless otherwise indicated).	Answers the specific questions asked; incorporates relevant material from the assigned readings.	Partially answers questions asked; includes minimal or tangential references to readings.		SLO: 1 MFTC: 2.1.1, 2.2.6 Score A: Score B: Score C: Score D: Ave:
2-Reflects strong ability to analyze material and relate to own life and ministry in diverse and multicultural contexts in meaningful ways.	Reflects an ability to analyze the material and relate to own life and ministry in diverse and multicultural contexts.	Shows limited ability to analyze material and relate to own life and ministry in diverse and multicultural contexts.		SLO: 1,4 MFTC: 4.3.3, 5.3.1, 5.5.1 Score A: Score B: Score C: Score D: Ave:
3- uses clear paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting arguments. Student's descriptions and analysis follows a logical flow with statements and critique supported by effective quotations, propositions, and statements. Clear structure to the paper, including introduction, body of text that makes clear points, and effective summaries and points.	Student uses clear paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting arguments. Analysis shows logical flow, but may not be supported adequately by quotes, propositions, or statements. Introduction and conclusion may be unfocused or unclear.	Student has difficulty with clear paragraphs, or topic sentences may lack clarity. Supporting arguments are incomplete, lack coherence, or lack relevance. Analysis lacks logical flow and is not supported well with quotes, propositions, or statements. Introduction and/or conclusion are missing or not well formed.		SLO: MFTC: 5.5.3 Score A: Score B: Score C: Score D: Ave:

4-Student carefully follows APA style guidelines, uses	Student follows APA style, but demonstrates	Student shows moderate problems with APA style,	MFTC: 5.5.3
effective sentence construction and professional	style errors. Sentences lack clarity or	sentence construction and use of language	Score A:
vocabulary. Shows evidence of careful editing and	demonstrate grammatical problems (run-on,	(incomplete or run-on sentences). Professional	Score B:
proofreading.	incomplete, misuse of	vocabulary is misused or	Score C:
	subject/object, etc.). Professional vocabulary is	only partially present. Serious problems in editing	Score D:
	present, but may be imprecise or occasionally	and proofreading (run-on sentences, incomplete	Ave:
	misused. Editing and proofreading could be	sentences, poorly constructed paragraphs,	
	improved, but is functional.	misspelled words, etc.)	
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# **II. Assignment: Class Participation**

**Directions:** Evaluated by the following criteria: accurate use of material assigned

- attention to and ability to engage contributions of classmates
- openness to reflect critically on the implications of ideas discussed from readings and presentations
- prompt, regular attendance; absences and/or tardiness will seriously impact your participation and overall course grade
- completion of additional short discussion-oriented assignments

Exceeds Expectations for level of training (9-10)	Expected (6-8)	Marginal (3-5)	UA (0-2	
1-Intentional, critical reflective use of reading material. Regularly supports relevant statements in class discussion with examples from the readings, reflecting accurate comprehension of assigned readings. Exhibits exceptional ability to reflect critically on implications and ideas discussed from readings and other course content.	Uses reading material in a critically reflective way in class discussions. Supports relevant statements in class discussion with examples from the readings. Exhibits openness and engages contributions of classmates during discussions. Exhibits attention to and ability to appropriately engage contributions of classmates in class discussion.	Occasionally supports relevant statements in class discussion with examples from the readings. Reflects limited comprehension of assigned readings. Limited engagement with classmate contributions.		SLO: 4, 5 MFTC: 2.1.1, 5.5.3
2-Maintains prompt and regular class attendance.	Maintains prompt and regular class attendance.	Misses class 2 or more times; tardiness.		
3-Contributions to class discussion and consistently demonstrates exceptional understanding and respect for multicultural and sexual diversity.	Contributions to class discussion usually reflect understanding and respect for multicultural and sexual diversity.	Contributions to class discussion, sometimes reflects understanding and respect for multicultural and sexual diversity.		SLO: 4, 5 MFTC: 2.1.1, 4.3.3, 5.5.1

#### III. Assignment: Facilitation of class discussion.

**Directions**: During the seminar, each person will take approximately 30 minutes to present material from one of the books listed in the "Optional Readings" portion of the syllabus. This should include core components of the selected book. During this time, the student/presenter will also facilitate group discussion of how the presented material potentially intersects with clinical and/or pastoral practice with respect for multicultural and sexual diversity.

Exceeds Expectations for level of training (9-10)	Expected (6-8)	Marginal (3-5)	UA (0-2 )	Average Score for category:
1-Presentation/facilitation reflects exceptional comprehension and incorporation of assigned readings as well as helpful supplemental material. Thoughtful and thorough planning evident. Exceptional creativity shown in presentation and handout.	Presentation/facilitation reflects accurate comprehension and incorporation of assigned readings but relies too heavily on summary of rather than engagement with readings. Comprehensive handout submitted.	One or more important components omitted or confusingly presented. Planning and organization needed more work. Outline problematic.		SLO: 1, 4 MFTC: 4.3.3 Score:
2-Presentation/facilitation incorporates thoughtful theological reflection and suggestions for pastoral and/ or clinical intervention.	Presentation/facilitation incorporates some theological reflection and implications for pastoral responses.	Theological reflection and/ or pastoral implications limited or one omitted.		SLO 4, 5 MFTC: 4.3.3, 5.3.1 Score:
3-Presentation reflects exceptionally thoughtful engagement of the material. Stimulates class discussion and engagement with topic and readings in a rich and nuanced way. Presentation shows exceptional understanding of multicultural and sexual diversity.	Presentation reflects thoughtful engagement of the material stimulates class discussion and engagement with topic and readings. Presentation delivered with respect for multicultural and sexual diversity	Activity focuses on summary of assigned readings rather than creative engagement with the material and class.  Presentation delivered with limited respect for multicultural and sexual diversity.		SLO 5 MFTC: 2.1.1, 4.3.3 Score:

## IV. Assignment: Personal Sexual Statement and Pastoral Reflection Paper

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Exceeds Expectations for level of training (9-10)	Expected (6-8)	Marginal (3-5)	UA (0-2	
1-Paper includes theological reflections and incorporates these in an exceptionally insightful manner.  Demonstrates theological fluency and consistency.	Paper incorporates relevant theological reflections and demonstrates capacity to utilize theological categories with some sophistication.  Demonstrates capacity for theological consistency.	Paper references few theological reflections and includes contradictions and confusion.		SLO: 5 MFTC: 4.3.3
2-Paper demonstrates and/or clearly articulates exceptional relevance for future ministry in a diverse and multicultural world.	Paper demonstrates and/or articulates good relevance for student's future ministry in a diverse and multicultural world.	Paper application for future ministry is vague or suggestive. Exhibits limited understanding of what it means to minister in a diverse and multicultural world.		SLO: 1, 4 MFTC: 4 .3.3
3-Paper shows exceptional writing skills.	Student uses clear paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting arguments. Student's review and analysis follows a logical flow with statements and critique supported by effective quotations, propositions, and statements. Clear structure to the paper, including introduction, body of text that makes clear points, and effective summary.	Student has difficulty with clear paragraphs, or topic sentences may lack clarity. Supporting arguments are incomplete, lack coherence, or lack relevance. Analysis shows logical flow, but may not be supported adequately by quotes, propositions, or statements. Introduction and conclusion may be unfocused or unclear		SLO: MFTC:
4-Paper demonstrates exceptional attention to APA style guidelines. Shows evidence of exceptional awareness of professional vocabulary and writing as a form of professional communication.	Student carefully follows APA style guidelines, uses effective sentence construction and professional vocabulary. Shows evidence of careful editing and proofreading.	Student follows APA style, but demonstrates style errors. Sentences lack clarity or demonstrate grammatical problems (run-on, incomplete, misuse of subject/object, etc.). Professional vocabulary is present, but may be imprecise or occasionally misused. Editing and proofreading could be improved, but is functional.		SLO: MFTC:

#### V. Case Study

**Directions:** Create a case study regarding a therapeutic/pastoral care issue you have dealt with or might deal with in your professional practice that involves one of the "sexual dysfunctions" described in Rowland or Meana's books from the required reading. In about 10 pages do the following:

- 1. Describe the clinical case, context and problem.
- 2. Include a sex history of person(s) involved, including discussion of why medical components may or may not be pertinent to the situation.
- 4. Using your Personal Sexual Statement and Pastoral Reflection (assignment 3 above) and course readings, describe how you initially analyze and deal with this problem.
- 5. Conduct a literature search (find 5-6 articles published since 2000) and write a brief (2 page) summary of what the articles say about your dilemma or problem.
- 6. Describe how you integrate this new material into your own theological, philosophical, and/or ethical view of sexuality (theological reflection required).
- 7. End your case study with a treatment plan describing how you would proceed with the case based upon your reflection, course readings, and research.

Exceeds Expectations for level of training (9-10)	Expected (6-8)	Marginal (3-5)	UA (0-2 )	
1- Provides exceptional summary of research related to selected topic or project. Reflects substantive research and critically examined findings. Includes extensive bibliography of consulted resources.	Provides clear, concise, and accurate summary of research related to selected topic or project or reflects substantive research findings indirectly, depending on nature of final project. Includes bibliography of consulted resources.	Provides summary of research related to selected topic or project reflects minimal research findings and limited bibliography.		SLO: 1 MFTC: 2.1.1, 2.2.6, 4.3.3
2-Paper includes theological resources and incorporates these in an exceptionally insightful manner in relationship to project topic. Demonstrates theological fluency and consistency.	Paper incorporates relevant theological resources and demonstrates capacity to utilize theological categories with some sophistication.  Demonstrates capacity for theological consistency.	Paper references few theological resources and reflections include contradictions and confusion.		SLO: 5 MFTC: 4.3.3
3-Paper demonstrates and/or clearly articulates exceptional relevance for future ministry in a diverse and multicultural world.	Paper demonstrates and/or articulates good relevance for student's future ministry in a diverse and multicultural world.	Paper application for future ministry is vague or suggestive. Exhibits limited understanding of what it means to minister in a diverse and multicultural world.		SLO: 1, 4 MFTC: 4.3.3

4-Paper demonstrates and/or clearly articulates exceptional understanding of potential organic/biological factors that may contribute to sexual problems.	Paper demonstrates and/or clearly articulates good understanding of potential organic/biological factors that may contribute to sexual problems.	Paper demonstrates limited or confused understanding of potential organic/biological factors that may contribute to sexual problems.	SLO: 1, 3 MFTC: 2.1.1, 2.2.6
5-Paper shows exceptional writing skills.	Student uses clear paragraphs with topic sentences and supporting arguments. Student's review and analysis follows a logical flow with statements and critique supported by effective quotations, propositions, and statements. Clear structure to the paper, including introduction, body of text that makes clear points, and effective summary.	Student has difficulty with clear paragraphs, or topic sentences may lack clarity. Supporting arguments are incomplete, lack coherence, or lack relevance. Analysis shows logical flow, but may not be supported adequately by quotes, propositions, or statements. Introduction and conclusion may be unfocused or unclear	SLO: MFTC:
6-Paper demonstrates exceptional attention to APA style guidelines. Shows evidence of exceptional awareness of professional vocabulary and writing as a form of professional communication.	Student carefully follows APA style guidelines, uses effective sentence construction and professional vocabulary. Shows evidence of careful editing and proofreading.	Student follows APA errors. Sentences lack clarity or demonstrate grammatical problems (run-on, incomplete, misuse of subject/object, etc.). Professional vocabulary is present, but may be imprecise or occasionally misused. Editing and proofreading could be improved, but is functional.	SLO: MFTC: