

# Spiritual Theology Concentration

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In the Spiritual Theology concentration, students explore the relationship of their lives in the world with their real life in God. In contrast to the humanistic search for personal transcendence that passes for “spirituality” today, Christian Spirituality is theological: it is founded on and inspired by the triune God revealed in Scripture and in Christ; it cultivates responsiveness to the seeking Father; it engages fully the mind, heart and body; it is, as William Perkins once said, “the science of living blessedly forever.” But it is not only a personal quest; spiritual theology involves active engagement with the world and the needs of others through mission, work, ministry and prayer.

Concentration Coordinator: Bruce Hindmarsh

Regular Faculty available to supervise in this area for 2009-2010: Bruce Hindmarsh, Maxine Hancock

Other Approved Supervisors: Barbara Mutch (Carey), Gordon Smith, Paul Stevens

See the *Academic Catalogue* for specific information regarding program and concentration requirements for the MCS, MDiv and ThM programs. Note that a concentration is required for the MCS and the ThM; it is optional for the MDiv.

## **2009-2010 Spiritual Theology Concentration Courses:**

*Spiritual Theology Concentration Courses offered in Fall 2009:*

HIST/SPIR 500 The Christian Spirit: A History of Christian Spirituality (B. Hindmarsh)

HIST/SPIR 612 Roots of Evangelical Spirituality (B. Hindmarsh)

HIST/SPIR 709 Seminar: Jonathan Edwards (B. Hindmarsh)

INDS/SPIR 740 Seminar: Women’s Faith & Development (Mutch)

SPIR 619 Spiritual Discernment (Smith)

*Spiritual Theology Concentration Courses offered in Winter 2010:*

APPL/HIST/SPIR 555 The Christian Pastor in Historical Perspective (Lewis)

APPL/SPIR 572 Ministry & Spirituality (Stevens; 1 cr.)

APPL/SPIR 586 Spiritual Practice (Smith)

INDS/SPIR 578 Everyday Spirituality (Stevens)

INDS/SPIR 595 Spiritual Pilgrimage: Image & Experience in Literature & Life (Hancock)

INDS/SPIR 714 Seminar: Devotional Poetry: Donne, Herbert, and Their Legacy in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (Hancock)

SPIR/THEO 616 Spiritual Interpretation of Scripture in the Church Fathers (Boersma)

SPIR 670 Classics of Christian Spirituality (B. Hindmarsh)

SPIR 720 Seminar: Traditions and Practices of Prayer (B. Hindmarsh)

THEO 616 Spiritual Interpretation of Scripture (H.Boersma)

*Spiritual Theology Concentration Courses offered in Spring & Summer Sessions 2010 (see Summer Term brochure for updates):*

APPL/SPIR Heart, Hands and Head: Crafts, Creativity and the Spiritual Art of Making Things (Stevens)

SPIR Conversion and Transformation (G. Smith)

SPIR The Meaning of the Sacraments (G. Smith)

SPIR Sabbath Keeping (Dawn)

SPIR Building Christian Communities (Ringma)

SPIR A Man for All Seasons: How Jesus Meets us in High Summer, Deep Winter, and All the Way Between (Buchanan)

SPIR Wesley, Whitefield, and Edwards: Early Evangelical Spiritual Leaders (B. Hindmarsh)

SPIR Introduction to Contemplative Listening: The Foundation of Spiritual Friendship and Direction (Phillips)