UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2016
Instructor: Dr. Deirdre Dempsey
Course #: THEO 2310
Section: 102
Course Title: Explorations in Christian Theology
Topic: Theology and the Visual Arts

Description:

This second level THEO class builds on the learning outcomes of Intro to Theology, with an emphasis on these two: reading theological texts (in this case, art and film) in their historical contexts and understanding Catholicism relative to other religious traditions.

The art we'll look at ranges from the wall paintings in the synagogue at Dura Europos (destroyed in the mid 3rd century) to medieval Islamic manuscripts to surrealists and abstract expressionists of the 20th century. Films will include Flannery O'Connor's Wise Blood.

At least one project in the class will involve group work. There will be 8 quizzes, a multimedia project, a midterm and a final.