UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term:       Fall 2016
Instructor: Dr. Jame Schaefer
Course #:   THEO 2310
Section:    108
Course Title: Explorations in Theology
Topic:      The Human Person

Description:

This Manresa course intersects Marquette’s mission as a Catholic, Jesuit university to serve God by contributing to the advancement of knowledge, striving for excellence of the whole person, developing faith in God, and establishing leadership in one’s vocation in life for the glory of God. Beginning with depictions in the Old and New testaments, students will proceed to examine theological discourse on the human person in patristic, medieval, reformation, and early modern texts. Attention will be given to the contexts of the times in which these authors lived and the worldviews from which they reflected on the human role within God’s creation. Living and recently deceased exemplary persons who have dedicated their knowledge and skills to serving God by serving others will be explored by teams of students who will present their findings in class while each will each will write a report on specific aspects of the person's expression of his/her understanding of the God-human relationship. Basic facts and theories of physics, biology, neurophysiology, and psychology will be used to model the human person today from a theological perspective, and students will particularize models of themselves as unique persons committed to orienting their lives to their subject of worship and/or ultimate concern.