GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2015  
Instructor: Dr. Joshua Ezra Burns  
Course #: THEO 8150/8350 (combined)  
Course Title: Special Questions in Old Testament Studies/Special Questions in New Testament Studies  
Topic: Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls

Content:
This course will introduce students to the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Qumran community. We will survey major texts, contexts, and interpretive issues germane to the integration of Qumran research into contemporary critical scholarship on the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, early Judaism, and early Christianity.

Format:
The course will follow a seminar format. Each class session will be devoted to exploring a specific text and/or topic as indicated on the course schedule.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Each seminar meeting will be devoted to discussing pertinent primary and secondary literature pertinent to the curriculum. Students will be asked to present reports on the day’s reading assignments in order to facilitate general discussion.
- Each student will be expected to produce a final research paper on a subject to be determined in consultation with the instructor.

Language Pre-requisites:

- Although all primary and secondary reading assignments will be in English, working knowledge of classical Hebrew is strongly advised.