

RLGN 205 – CATHOLIC IMAGINATION: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

FALL SEMESTER 2015

LIST OF PRESENTERS

(A) African Approaches to Catholic Imagination: Faith, Culture & Inculturation

Aug 27: Chukwuka—Talking About God

Required Readings:

(1) Orobator, ix-xiii, 1-12

(2) “African theologians, bishops cry out for more expansive synod discussion” (*National Catholic Reporter*)

URL: <http://ncronline.org/news/global/african-theologians-bishops-cry-out-more-expansive-synod-discussions>

Student Presenter: **Lila Robinson**

Sep 1: A “New God” Comes to Mbanta

Required Reading: Orobator, 13-25

Student Presenter: **Duck Rhee**

Sep 3: The Mad Preacher and the Three Persons in One Go

Required Reading: Orobator, 26-36

Student Presenter: **Morgan Domin**

Sep 8: In The Beginning There Were Many Stories

Required Reading: Orobator, 37-51

Student Presenter: **Nick Easton**

Sep 10: Mama Mercy Meets Lady Grace

Required Reading: Orobator, 52-65

Student Presenter: **Mike McKenna**

Sep 15: I Said “God Had a Son,” But I Did Not Say “He Had a Wife”!

Required Reading: Orobator, 66-80

Student Presenter: **Lila Robinson**

Sep 17: The Church Looked Like the Open Mouth

Required Reading: Orobator, 81-93

Student Presenter: **Duck Rhee**

Sep 22: Mama Maria, Mother of Sorrows

Required Reading: Orobator, 94-109

Student Presenter: **Morgan Domin**

Sep 24: Our Fathers and Mothers Who Art in Heaven

Required Reading: Orobator, 110-124

Student Presenter: **Nick Easton**

Sep 29: If Two Hands Wash Each Other, Both Are Clean

Required Reading: Orobator, 125-138

Student Presenter: **Lila Robinson**

Oct 1: On the Other Side of Heaven: Spirituality Brewed in an African Pot

Required Reading: Orobator, 139-156

Student Presenter: **Mike McKenna**

(B) Catholic Imagination Meets Environmental & Ecological Concerns: *Laudato Si'*

Oct 6: *Laudato Si'* – Part I

Required Readings:

- (1) Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* – overview/introduction, chapters 1 and 2
URL: http://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf
- (2) Thomas Reese, *A Reader's Guide to 'Laudato Si'* (*National Catholic Reporter*)
URL: <http://ncronline.org/blogs/faith-and-justice/readers-guide-laudato-si>

Student Presenter: **Duck Rhee**

Oct 8: *Laudato Si'* – Part II

Required Readings:

- (1) Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* – chapters 3 and 4
URL: http://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf
- (2) Thomas Reese, *A Reader's Guide to 'Laudato Si'* (*National Catholic Reporter*)
URL: <http://ncronline.org/blogs/faith-and-justice/readers-guide-laudato-si>

Student Presenter: **Morgan Domin**

Oct 13: *Laudato Si'* – Part III

Required Readings:

- (1) Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* – chapters 5 and 6
URL: http://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf
- (2) Thomas Reese, *A Reader's Guide to 'Laudato Si'* (*National Catholic Reporter*)
URL: <http://ncronline.org/blogs/faith-and-justice/readers-guide-laudato-si>

Student Presenter: **Nick Easton**

NB: Paper #1 due at Tomlinson 243 (department office) by **4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 14.**

(C) Chinese Approaches to Catholic Imagination: Chinese Marian Devotions

Oct 15: Images of Mary in China Before 1842

Required Reading: Clarke, 1-47

Student Presenter: **Mike McKenna**

Oct 20 – No Class. Fall Break.

Oct 22: After the Treaties – the Chinese Catholic Church Since 1842

Required Reading: Clarke, 51-82

Student Presenter: **Lila Robinson**

Oct 27: Our Lady of Donglu

Required Reading: Clarke, 83-110

Student Presenter: **Duck Rhee**

Oct 29: The Rise and Fall of the French Protectorate

Required Reading: Clarke, 111-139

Student Presenter: **Morgan Domin**

Nov 3: The Furen Art Department

Required Reading: Clarke, 143-174

Student Presenter: **Nick Easton**

Nov 5: The Christian Dimension to the Furen Christian Art

Required Reading: Clarke, 175-200

Student Presenter: **Mike McKenna****(D) African American Catholic Imagination: Negotiating Faith, Race & Identity****Nov 10: What is Racism?**

Required Reading: Massingale, ix-xiv, 1-42

Student Presenter: **Lila Robinson****Nov 12: Catholic Social Teaching on Racism**

Required Reading: Massingale, 43-82

Student Presenter: **Duck Rhee****Nov 17: Toward a More Adequate Catholic Engagement**

Required Reading: Massingale, 83-129

Student Presenter: **Morgan Domin****Nov 19: "A Dream Deferred"**

Required Reading: Massingale, 130-150

Student Presenter: **Nick Easton****Nov 24 – No Class. Instructor at the American Academy of Religion conference****Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Day. No class****Dec 1: The Vocation of the Black Catholic Theologian/Struggle of the Black Catholic Community**

Required Reading: Massingale, 151-180

Student Presenter: **Mike McKenna****Dec 3: Reflections on Being Black and Catholic**

Required Readings:

- (1) Bryan N. Massingale, "The Systemic Erasure of the Black/Dark-Skinned Body in Catholic Ethics" In *Catholic Theological Ethics Past, Present, and Future: The Trento Conference*, ed. James F. Keenan (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2011), 116-124
URL: http://epublications.marquette.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1179&context=theo_fac
- (2) M. Shawn Copeland, "Revisiting Racism: Black Theology and a legacy of oppression" (*America Magazine*) URL: <http://www.americamagazine.org/issue/revisiting-racism>
- (3) M. Shawn Copeland, "Overcoming Christianity's Lingering Complicity" (*Syndicate Theology*)
URL: <http://syndicatetheology.com/commentary/overcoming-christianitys-lingering-complicity/>

Presenter: **Sharon Bramante**