

SUMMER 2016

Sponsored by Wesley Faculty

PRISON MINISTRY—BUREAU OF PRISONS

DATES: May 17-27, 2016

FACULTY: Rev. Dr. Terry Saulsberry (Federal Bureau of Prisons)

COST: \$1,250.00

LIMIT: 12 students

DESCRIPTION: This 10-day practicum will explore the correctional and criminal justice systems at the local, state, and federal levels. Students will engage in direct dialogue, meetings and ministry to incarcerated men and women in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia. Students will work alongside chaplains and develop a theological framework for understanding restorative justice, systemic sin, hope, reconciliation, and liberation of institutionalized persons. Students will engage in journaling, reflection, verbatim, and debriefing sessions as part of the immersion. **CONTACT:** Kate D'Alessandro, kdalessandro@wesleyseminary.edu, OR Rev. Dr. Terry Saulsberry, tjsaul@aol.com

JEZREEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION

DATES: May 27—June 13, 2016;

FACULTY: Rev. Yolanda Norton, Adjunct WTS Professor

COST: \$2,500.00 plus airfare

LIMIT: 10 students

DESCRIPTION: Excavate the site where Naboth had a vineyard and Jezebel met a gruesome death: Jezreel. The expedition includes: an archaeological field school that was the first in Israel to be certified by the Registrar of Professional Archaeologists; meetings with religious leaders from various faith traditions; engaging in discussions about the social and political history of Israel/Palestine; lecture series addressing a range of biblical and archaeological topics; visits to various religious and historical sites throughout Israel/Palestine; the opportunity to live on friendly Kibbutz Yizre'el located adjacent to the site.

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Sponsored by Other Organizations

BREEZEWOOD TRUCKERS MINISTRY

DATES: Exact dates are negotiated with Chaplain

CHAPLAIN: Rev. Bruce Maxwell

LIMIT: 2 students

DESCRIPTION: Experience ministry to those in transit as travelers or workers. Help provide a listening ear and emergency assistance, experience "the road" and learn what life and faith are like from this point of view. For more information, go to: <http://www.breezewoodtruckertraveler.org/home>.

CONTACT: Maxwell.bruce@gatewaytravelplaza.com or 814-977-6964

GATE (Global Awareness Through Experience)

MEXICO CITY & CHIAPAS

DATES: June 20-30, 2016

COST: \$1,450.00 not including airfare to Mexico OR domestic airfare to Chiapas (Registration Fee is \$100.00)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2016 (registration fee goes up to \$150.00 if not received by registration deadline date)

DESCRIPTION: Contrast the dynamics of life in Mexico City with the rural realities of Chiapas. Meet with people who offer hope through alternative models of work, society and governance. See the importance of water projects and schools in isolated areas. Learn of the unique contributions of indigenous people to Mexican reality. In Mexico City, participate in a guided tour of the National Museum of Anthropology; learn of contemporary reality; understand from Women for Dialogue women's reality in Mexico City and Chiapas; witness life in one of the largest cities in the world. Learn about the state of Mexican economy and how it affects the people.

CONTACT: GATE at www.gate-travel.org, 608-791-5283

EL SALVADOR

DATES: July 14-24, 2016

COST: \$1,375.00 not including airfare (Registration fee is \$100.00)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 25, 2016 (fee goes up to \$150.00 if not received by registration deadline date)

DESCRIPTION: Meet with people of faith, dedication, and courage who seek to improve their country from within. Learn first hand how trade agreements affect the lives of those in the countryside, how emigration is seen as the only viable alternative to survival. Learn about healthcare concerns, and how the immediate past has shaped the environment in this young and fragile democracy. Walk the holy ground of sites where Archbishop Oscar Romero, the four North American churchwomen and others who were murdered. Witness the efforts of a president seeking to improve life for the poor and dialogue with U.S. Embassy personnel.

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GUATEMALA

DATES: August 11-21, 2016

COST: \$1,450.00 not including airfare (Registration fee is \$100.00)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 12, 2016 (fee goes up to \$150.00 if not received by registration deadline date)

DESCRIPTION: Encounter people living out their values through active resistance. See first hand the effects of trade agreements in the countryside and how emigration is seen as a sole alternative. Witness grassroots efforts to provide jobs to build a more sustainable future. Explore human rights issues. Learn how economic needs affect immigration issues. Presenter Julia Esquivel, poet, theologian, teacher, and human rights advocate shares her spiritual wisdom. Become oriented to Mayan roots and spirituality; historical and political reality of Guatemala; human rights and concerns; systems of poverty affecting indigenous people; community leadership in liberation model; learn how economic needs affect immigration issues. Starts in Guatemala City, then moves to the highland of Quiche, San Lucas Toliman, Santiago Atitlan, in the lake area, and ends in Antigua.

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WINTER 2017

ICELAND

DATES: December 2016/January 2017 (Exact Dates TBD)

FACULTY: Rev. James Estes

COST: TBD

LIMIT: 20 Students

DESCRIPTION: Encounter the small island of 300,000 people nestled at the top of the world. Participants will engage with significant issues Iceland currently faces including immigration, religious pluralism, poverty, the environment, and the church-state relationship. Students will encounter and reflect on the Christian experience in Iceland through experiencing the cultural and natural environment of Iceland, exploring important historic sites, and engaging in dialogue with local clergy, faith leaders, and theologians.

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MLK IMMERSION

DATES: January 4-16, 2017 (Approximate Dates)

FACULTY: Rev. Dr. Terry Saulsberry

COST: \$1,100 (Approximate Cost)

LIMIT: 12 Students

DESCRIPTION: Participants in this Immersion will follow the steps of Martin Luther King, Jr. and visit significant places along his ministry. Students will engage in an historical, theological and socio-cultural analysis of the work of Dr. King, with particular focus on implications for the contemporary church and society. This Immersion begins in Atlanta and travels through Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

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Future Immersion Opportunities

SUMMER 2017

CHINA

Dates: May 2017

Faculty: Dr. Michael Koppel

Cost: TBD

Contact: mkoppel@wesleyseminary.edu

WESLEYAN ENGLAND

Dates: June 17-28, 2017

Faculty: Dr. Doug Powe

Cost: \$5,000 (Approximate Cost)

Contact: dpowe@wesleyseminary.edu

2016 Orientation & Debriefing Schedule

Immersion Orientation Sessions

- *Friday, February 26, 2016 3:40pm - 5:50pm
*Friday, March 11, 2016 3:40pm - 5:50pm

Immersion Debriefing Sessions

- **Friday, February 5, 2016 3:40pm - 5:50pm
**Wednesday, February 17, 2016 9:50am-12:00noon
**Friday, February 19, 2016 3:40pm - 5:50pm

*Please note that individual immersions may also have special scheduled pre-trip sessions arranged by the faculty leader.

**Students who attend WTS faculty-led immersions are not required to attend a PMM debriefing session. Your debriefing will be led by your faculty leader.

Scholarships

Immersion Scholarships are available for all immersions. See PMM Office or Financial Aid Office (Mary Vibert, mvibert@wesleyseminary.edu) for application. Due date is MARCH 30, 2016 for Summer Immersions.

STEPS TO TAKE

1. **Indicate your interest in a particular immersion** by consulting with the Assistant Director. **PLEASE NOTE: Faculty-led immersions may have special instructions prior to signing up.**
2. **Register and pay the tuition for MM-350. PLEASE NOTE: the program fees associated with the immersion does not include tuition.**
3. **Pay the cost for your specific immersion.** This cost is separate from the tuition. Your ministry setting may assist you with the cost.
4. **Obtain and sign the Immersion Agreement Form (if you plan to attend a faculty-led immersion).** At any time you can set up an account with the Business Office to begin accumulating the required funds.
5. **Attend the required orientation session** offered in a semester prior to your immersion.
6. **Complete the Immersion Application** with all required signatures and submit it to the PMM Office by date posted. Keep the certificate of participation to take with you on your immersion.
7. **Go on your immersion** and have **the immersion leader sign the certificate of participation.** This form is the last page of your immersion application.
8. **Write your reflection paper and develop your project presentation to submit them by the due date (30 days after returning from your immersion).** You will find guidelines in the immersion guide in your Handbook, online or in the packet of information given to you during the Immersion Orientation Session.
9. **Attend a required debriefing session** offered in the semester immediately following your immersion. Students who attend **Wesley faculty-led** immersions will have their debriefing session led by that faculty member.

This brochure is updated several times a year. For the most current information please visit the PMM web pages at www.wesleyseminary.edu or the PMM Office in room K107.

For more information on these and other immersion offerings please contact Kate D'Alessandro at kdalessandro@wesleyseminary.edu or 202-885-8558.

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Intercultural Immersion Brochure Summer 2016

**Costs are estimates and do not include Wesley tuition*

- All dates are approximate. Check PMM website & revised brochures for updated information. All trips are subject to cancellation. Student enrollment is limited for each immersion; thus, early planning is suggested.

- Students will be given priority to participate in an immersion when (1) they've met course pre-requisites; (2) those who seek graduation need to meet this requirement; and (3) on a first come first-serve basis.