

ML582: GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN CONTEXT (4 units). Ryan Bolger, Assistant Professor of Church in Contemporary Culture

DESCRIPTION:

This one-week intensive seminar primarily serves as an orientation to Fuller Seminary and School of World Mission, the campus, and fellow cohort members. Secondly, leaders from around the globe will be joining participating SWM faculty in dialog around the topics of leadership, mission, and to a lesser extent, global culture. Through a combination of discussions, lectures, small groups, and community meals, the present challenges to Christian leaders of the global dynamics of the twenty-first century will be discussed. Not only will this course foster an appreciation for the complexity of leadership in global culture, but it will include an emphasis on issues of injustice and the poor (primarily through the writing project).

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Strengthen each student's biblical/theological/missiological foundations for understanding Christian leaders and their role in the world
- Understand the complexities of ministry or mission in this increasingly multi-cultural and post modern world
- Come to terms with the Great Commission as a commission not only to evangelize but also to disciple and to care for the poor and those who have been victims of injustice
- Foster face-to-face interaction and a deepening sense of community and connectedness among the cohort

COURSE FORMAT:

This is a one-week intensive that forms part of the Global Leadership Seminar 1, a required two-week intensive course for the MA in Global Leadership. This class will meet for the first week of the seminar, 8am – 4pm, Monday through Friday. Students should read any two required books and write two proactive book reports prior to arrival for the seminar. Classes are designed to facilitate student learning through discussion, clarifying lectures, opportunities to teach, group-building exercises, and collaboration on research. Students should expect to read final four texts and complete the remainder of the assignments in their ministry context after their return home.

REQUIRED READING: A minimum of 1,300 pages of reading from the following books:

- Mike Budde, 1997. *The (Magic) Kingdom of God: Christianity and the Global Culture Industries*. Westview Press.
- Jayakumar Christian, 1999. *God of the Empty Handed: Power, Poverty, and the Kingdom of God*. MARC
- Ronald Sider, Philip N. Olson, Heidi Rolland Unruh, 2002. *Churches that Make a Difference: Reaching your Community with Good News and Good Works*, Baker.
- Howard A. Snyder, ed. 2001. *Global Good News: Mission in a New Context*. Abingdon Press.
- William David Taylor, ed. 2001. *Global Missiology for the 21st Century: Reflections from the Iguassu Dialogue*. Baker
- Miroslav Volf, 1996. *Exclusion and Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness, and Reconciliation*. Abingdon.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Six proactive book reviews.
2. A 3,000 word paper or equivalent portion of a group project which addresses the complexities of missiological leadership in global culture.

PREREQUISITES:

This course is only available to those who are accepted into the MA in Global Leadership.

RELATIONSHIP TO CURRICULUM:

A required course for the Cohort portion of the MA in Global Leadership. *NO AUDITORS*.

FINAL EXAMINATION:

None.