

Exploring Religious Questions Series — Spring 2014

Church Relations, Gustavus Adolphus College

Questions: 507-933-7001

Christian Faith and Economic Justice: Biblical Themes, Current Realities, and Ethical Choices

Join us at Gustavus Adolphus College this spring with another in-depth mini-course series!

Both as individuals and as a nation, we face a range of economic challenges. As a way to think more deeply about relationships between Christian faith and current economic realities, the sessions in this series explore the following questions:

- What does the Bible specifically say about financial responsibility and economic justice? What are some of the central biblical texts that speak to contemporary questions about money, wealth, and justice to the poor? What wisdom does the Bible offer us in today's hard times?
- During the Reformation, when the economic landscape was rapidly changing and capitalism was emerging, what did Martin Luther and other reformers say about economic justice? How did they respond to the needs of the poor, unjust economic structures, and rising interest rates? How might their ideas and strategies help Christians today reflect on their personal finances and our country's economic policies?

By exploring these and other questions, and by mining resources from the Bible, Economics, and Theology, this series aims to help all participants reflect on ways they might best live out their faith in a complex global economy.

The course will be taught on five consecutive Monday evenings. For more information or to register, contact Sara Masters in Church Relations at Gustavus, 507- 933-7001, or e-mail church-relations@gustavus.edu.

This is a not-for-credit course organized and sponsored by Church Relations in the Center for Servant Leadership and the Bernhardson Chair

Instructors:

- **Kristian Braekkan**, Assistant Professor of Economics and Management
- **Marcia Bunge**, Professor in Religion and Bernhardson Distinguished Chair of Lutheran Studies
- **J. Blake Couey**, Assistant Professor of Religion
- **Casey Elledge**, Associate Professor of New Testament
- **Mary Gaebler**, Associate Professor of Theological Ethics
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WHEN: Mondays, February 17, 24, March 3, 10 and 17 (snow day March 24); 7-9 p.m.

WHERE: Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, Olin Hall 103

WHO: Anyone who wants to explore this topic. All are welcome!

COST: \$35/person (registration deadline: February 14, 2014)

TO REGISTER: Please complete the form below (space is limited) and return with payment to: Gustavus Adolphus College, CSL-Church Relations, 800 West College Ave., St. Peter, MN 56082

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Registration Form for the Spring 2014 Exploring Religious Questions Series

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Home Church (and City): _____

Payment enclosed with registration (check payable to Gustavus Adolphus College).

Questions? Please contact Sara Masters in the Center for Servant Leadership at Gustavus 507-933-7001