

**DM(MLC)917B, TR1: Seminar III – Engaging Culture and Context**

**2 Credit Hours**

**London, England**

**Online: September 6 – December 16, 2022**

**On-site Residency: TBD 2022**

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| PROFESSOR INFORMATION |

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Welcome to Engaging Culture and Context! The information below provides an introduction to your teaching team.

* **Winfield Bevins, D.Min.** Dr. Winfield Bevins is Director of Church Planting at Asbury Seminary. He has a passionate to equip others for missional engagement in a post-Christian context. As a seasoned practitioner, he has helped plant churches and has been instrumental in launching several church planting networks. He frequently speaks at conferences on a variety of topics and is a regular adjunct professor at several seminaries.  He is the author of several books, including *Ever Ancient Ever New: The Allure of Liturgy for a New Generation, Church Planting Revolution*, and *Marks of a Movement: What the Church Today Can Learn from the Wesleyan Revival.*As an author, one of his passions is to help others connect to the roots of the Christian faith for spiritual formation and mission. He and his wife Kay have three beautiful girls Elizabeth, Anna Belle, and Caroline and live in the Bluegrass state of Kentucky. You can find out more about him at his website [winfieldbevins.com](http://winfieldbevins.com).

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| COURSE DESCRIPTION |

This second seminar set examines the life and character of the leader, especially in relation to obstacles to organizational vision, risk and change. In addition, the class studies elements or adaptive leadership required for guiding missional churches in the dynamic, rapid-change global realities of the 21st century.

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| PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs) |

By the time students complete the D.Min Program, they will have an accomplished or exceptional ability to:

1. Revisit foundations for sustainable ministry.

* Being immersed in explicit Wesleyan practices of community-based formation around the priorities of Scripture, reason, tradition and experience, participants will discover transformational habits for sustainable ministry lifestyles.

1. Foster ministry leadership vision, ethic and practice relevant to their ministry context and world.

* By deeply engaging in analysis of one significant theme from their unique ministry context, participants establish a trajectory for life-long contribution.

1. Appreciate transformational demands within contemporary ministry organizational contexts such as congregations, non-profits and marketplace engagements through various analytic means of biblical, theological, social and cultural exegesis.

* Participants must add to their biblical and theological exegesis, cultural- situational exegesis that informs ministry leadership practice on a daily basis.

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| STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs) |

By the end of DM(MLC)917B, students will have an *accomplished to exceptional* ability to:

1. Identify personal obstacles to initiating change in ministry. (PLO #?)
2. Understand implications of change for organizational systems. (PLO# ?)
3. Evaluate their current organizational system for developing disciple-making leaders. (PLO #?)

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| TEXTBOOKS & RESOURCES |

**Required Reading**

Hunter III, George G. *The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West…AGAIN*. 10th anniversary ed. Abingdon Press, 2010. (144 pages)

$14.14 Paperback, ISBN: 978-1426711374  
 $9.99 Kindle, ASIN: B004IPPEYU

Newbigin, Lesslie. *The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society*. Eerdman’s, 1989. (252 pages)

$14.04 Paperback, ISBN: 978-0802804266  
 $11.49 Kindle, ASIN: B001E95XIA

Newbigin, Lesslie. *The Open Secret*. Eerdman’s, 1995. (200 pages)

$14.59 Paperback, ISBN: 978-0802808295  
 $14.42 Kindle, ASIN: B001E95TCA

Price, Charles P. and Louis Weil. *Liturgy for Living*. Revised ed. Morehouse Publishing, 2000. (240 pages)

$4.00 Hardcover, ISBN: 978-0816404223   
$25.69 Paperback, ISBN: 978-0819218629

Richardson, Rick. Which text???

Schmemann, Alexander. *For the Life of the World*. Classics Series, Vol. 1. St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 2010. (186 pages)

$18.00 Paperback, ISBN: 978-0881416176  
 $9.99 Kindle, ASIN: B003ICXJGY

Something on Wesley or sermons on revitalization, liturgy, evangelism, the Holy Spirit?

Wigger, John. *American Saint: Francis Asbury & The Methodists*. Oxford University Press, 2012. (558 pages)

$33.65 Paperback, ISBN: 978-0199948246  
 $13.79 Kindle, ASIN: B0052566ZQ

Total pages: 1,580 (not including highlighted above)

**Suggested Reading (Optional)**

(none)

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| ASSIGNMENTS |

To successfully complete this class, students must satisfactorily complete and submit all assignments on time and actively participate and contribute to the learning community.

**1. Missional Strategy Project for Your Context (80 points)**

Due Date: ???

Points/Percentage: 80

Learning Outcome: ???

Have text here.

**2. Dissertation Progress Report (20 points)**

Due Date: ???

Points/Percentage: 20

Learning Outcome: ???

Have text here.

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| Post-Residency | | | | |
| Assignment Description | SLO | Method of Assessment | Value /Due Date | Evaluator |
| **Assignment #1:** Missional Strategy Project for Your Context | #??? | Have text here | 80%  Due Date: ??? | Faculty |
| **Assignment #2:** Dissertation Progress Report | #??? | Have text here | 20%  Due Date: ??? | Faculty |

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| ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES |

See next pages.

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| **Student Learning Outcomes** | **Method of Assessment** | **Exemplary=4** | **Accomplished=3** | **Developing=2** | **Beginning=1** | **Evaluator** |
| **SLO #1:**  Understand dynamics of missional leadership from a sacramental perspective. | Assignment Title | *Understand, at an exemplary level, dynamics of missional leadership from a sacramental perspective.* | *Understand, at an accomplished level, dynamics of missional leadership from a sacramental perspective.* | *Understand, at a developing level, dynamics of missional leadership from a sacramental perspective.* | *Understand, at a beginning level, dynamics of missional leadership from a sacramental perspective.* | Faculty |
| **SLO #2:**  Develop a contextual, missional strategy. | Assignment Title | *Develop, at an exemplary level, a contextual, missional strategy.* | *Develop, at an accomplished level, a contextual, missional strategy.* | *Develop, at a developing level, a contextual, missional strategy.* | *Develop, at a beginning level, a contextual, missional strategy.* | Faculty |
| **SLO #3:**  Research a local context through ethnographic research. | Assignment Title | *Research, at an exemplary level, a local context through ethnographic research.* | *Research, at an accomplished level, a local context through ethnographic research.* | *Research, at a developing level, a local context through ethnographic research.* | *Research, at a beginning level, a local context through ethnographic research.* | Faculty |

**Late Assignments:** Any assignment submitted after the due date and time will be reduced one numerical point for every day late. For example, two days late would reduce the grade from a 90 to an 88, unless the student talks to the professor ahead of time and receives permission to turn in the assignment late, based upon a legitimate excuse (such as illness).

**Incomplete Work:** “A grade of ‘I’ denotes that course work has not been completed *due to an unavoidable emergency.* Delinquency or attending to church work or other employment (i.e. being too busy) does *not* constitute an unavoidable emergency. Without an approved ‘I,’ a letter grade will be recorded based on grades received for completed work and an ‘F’ grade assigned to incomplete work” (ATS 2015-16 Student Handbook, page 67).

**Format of Papers**: Students must use MLA academic style for completing papers; this is also the required style for your dissertation.

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| GRADING |

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| **Assignment** | **Weight/Point Value** |
| Missional Strategy Project for Your Context | 80 |
| Dissertation Progress Report | 20 |
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**Grading Scale**

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| **Letter** | **Lowest** | **Highest** |
| A | 95.00% | 100.00% |
| A- | 90.00% | 94.99% |
| B+ | 87.00% | 89.99% |
| B | 84.00% | 86.99% |
| B- | 80.00% | 83.99% |
| C+ | 77.00% | 79.99% |
| C | 74.00% | 76.99% |
| C- | 70.00% | 73.99% |
| D+ | 67.00% | 69.99% |
| D | 64.00% | 66.99% |
| D- | 60.00% | 63.99% |
| F | 0.00% | 59.99% |

The unit of credit is a semester hour, which is defined as one hour of classroom work per week for one semester, or its equivalent. The 4.00 point system is used to compute grade point standing. The grading system is:

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| GRADE | EVALUATION CRITERIA |
| A | Exceptional work: surpassing outstanding achievement of course objectives |
| B | Good, accomplished work: strong, significant achievement of course objectives |
| C | Acceptable work: basic, essential achievement of course objectives, developing potential |
| D | Marginal work: inadequate, minimal, beginning achievement of course objectives |
| F | Unacceptable work: failure to achieve course objectives |

Note: For the Doctor of Ministry Program, 80% or above is required to meet the program standard.

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| CANVAS (LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM) |

Canvas is the new learning management system that Asbury is in the process of transitioning to for seminary classes. To access Canvas for the fall semester, log into <http://connect.asburyseminary.edu> and click on the **Online Courses** tab (upper right corner) to access each course you are enrolled in. In the gray Navigation block on the left, click on **My courses** and then the desired course. You will see a link that will direct you to the Canvas website. Once you have logged in, it is recommended that you bookmark this page for easy access. The courses that you are enrolled in should appear as “course cards” on this page. You may navigate to your desired course here.

Information is arranged on the Canvas homepage as follows:

1. A banner introducing your course and instructor
2. **Course Related:**
   1. **Announcements** – class news and information
   2. **Course Questions** – students can post questions about the course and even answer each other
   3. **Student help link** for navigating Canvas
   4. **Prayer forum**– a forum where students can post prayer concerns and a great way to build community
   5. **Office Hours** – your instructor’s scheduled office hours availability (please note that this may vary based on your instructor)
   6. **Request a Conference** – additional information about your instructor’s conferencing availability
3. **Course Syllabus**
4. A reminder to access your course materials through the Modules section
5. Any further information and/or resources about the course from your instructor

In the Modules section, you will see the course materials labeled either by topics or weeks, depending upon the course organization. Assignment information, group discussion forums, and links to documents and class resources are located within the modules.

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| COURSE EVALUATIONS |

Course evaluations are a vital part of Asbury Seminary’s efforts to achieve excellence in the classroom. At the end of the semester, you will receive an email with information and directions for completing course evaluations. Your responses are completely anonymous, and your participation is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or encounter problems accessing the evaluations, contact the Help Desk at [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu) or by phone at 859.858.2100 or toll-free at 800.2ASBURY.

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| TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS & SUPPORT |

To take an online or hybrid class, you should be comfortable using e-mail, web browsers, word-processing software and be able to download files and create attachments. You will need the following in order to participate online:

* A computer with Windows 7 or MAC OS 10.6 or above
* An account with or regular access to an internet service provider (ISP)
* Reliable, high-speed internet (recommended)
* Word processing software
* A webcam (built-in or external) for video conferences, as needed
* A headset with microphone (preferable)

Contact the Help Desk for technical assistance accessing the online class, using electronic resources, or with other technical issues related to Asbury Seminary coursework.

* Email: [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:student.support@asburyseminary.edu)
* Phone: 859.858.2100 or 800.2ASBURY (toll free)

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| LIBRARY RESOURCES |

Library resources, research support, and library loan are available via:

* Website: [asbury.to/library](file:///C:\Users\michael.kuney\Downloads\asbury.to\library)
* Email: [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu)
* Phone: 859.858.2100 or 800.2ASBURY (toll free)

**Materials Requests**

Use the links on the library website to search the library catalog for available materials. Students on the Kentucky or Florida campuses can use their student ID cards to check out materials in person. Books can be returned or mailed to the library at either the Kentucky or Florida campus.

Students may request books, photocopies, or emailed attachments of journal articles or portions of reference books from the library. Allow 3-10 business days for requests to be filled. Contact the library for costs and instructions on how to make requests, or view the online tutorial at [guides.asburyseminary.edu/libraryloan](http://guides.asburyseminary.edu/libraryloan).

**Online Resources**

* ***Asbury Scholar*** *–* Find library books, ebooks, journal articles, and other media at [asbury.to/library](file:///C:\Users\michael.kuney\Downloads\asbury.to\library).
* ***Databases*** – Access links to online resources including the library catalog, online journal databases, encyclopedias, and more at [guides.asburyseminary.edu/az.php](http://guides.asburyseminary.edu/az.php).

**Research Assistance**

Students should contact Research Services in the library for research assistance. Help is available for general research questions, including how to find course materials online or navigate library resources. Training for supported Bible software or bibliographic management software is also available.Appointments can be made via:

* Website: [asbury.to/library](file:///C:\Users\michael.kuney\Downloads\asbury.to\library)
* Email: [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu)
* Phone: 859.858.2100 or 800.2ASBURY (toll free)

**The Writing Center**

* The goal of the Writing Center is to help students improve their graduate-level writing. Assistance is available both online and on the Kentucky campus to help with various aspects of the writing process, including structure and organization, grammar, punctuation, and citation formatting. Appointments can be made by contacting the library via:
  + Website: [asbury.to/library](file:///C:\Users\michael.kuney\Downloads\asbury.to\library)
  + Email: [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu)
  + Phone: 859.858.2100 or 800.2ASBURY (toll free)
* Students can sign up for 30-minute sessions on the library website at [asbury.to/library](http://asbury.to/library).

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| POLICIES |

Each student is responsible for being familiar with seminary policies. Asbury Seminary reserves the right to change policies when necessary. Below are brief descriptions of a few seminary policies. For more detailed information regarding school policies, please refer to the ATS Student Handbook at [asburyseminary.edu/students/student-services/student-handbook/](http://asburyseminary.edu/students/student-services/student-handbook/)

**Attendance/Participation**

To progress satisfactorily and achieve learning outcomes in this class, students must meet the course requirements. D.Min. students are required to attend all classes during each residency.

**Disability Accommodations**

Asbury Theological Seminary provides reasonable accommodation on an individualized basis for qualified students with disabilities. Students are required to provide documentation of a disability prior to receiving classroom accommodations. Since accommodations may require early planning before or at the start of the term and are generally not provided retroactively, students need to contact an Accommodations Officer as soon as possible. If you are a student with a disability and believe you require reasonable accommodations in this class, you will need to make an appointment with an Accommodations Officer in the Office of the Registrar on the Kentucky campus or in the Enrollment Management Office on the Florida campus. Students attending the Tennessee site should contact the Kentucky Registrar.

**Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is expected of every student. Plagiarism, that is, “presenting … another’s ideas or writings as one’s own,” is considered a serious violation of integrity and is unacceptable. Detailed information, including the penalty for plagiarizing, is in the Student Handbook. For additional information about plagiarism, go to [plagiarism.org](http://plagiarism.org/" \o "Plagiarism Spectrum)

In this course we may utilize Unicheck, an automated system that compares students’ assignments with websites as well as a database of previously submitted student work. After the assignment is processed, instructors receive a report from [unicheck.com](https://unicheck.com/) that states if and how another person’s work was used in the assignment. For more information, see [www.unicheck.com](http://www.unicheck.com). If you have questions about academic honesty, please contact the library at [helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:helpdesk@asburyseminary.edu).

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