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## MI 745 Seminar in Missiology

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Terry Muck, Facilitator  
Wednesday, 8:15-9:30 - ESJ Forum

Asbury Theological Seminary  
ESJ School of World Mission and Evangelism

### Reading: Selected Articles

The Seminar in Missiology meets each Wednesday morning, 8:15-9:30, with the full ESJ School Faculty and all graduate students enrolled in the Th.M., D.Miss., and Ph.D. programs. This is a three-hour credit course in which students attend throughout the academic year but for which they enroll for credit only in the Spring. Second and third year students who have already received credit for the course are nevertheless required to attend and meet all requirements of the seminar while they are in residence at ATS. They should enroll for **MI 745b** (non-credit). If you have not done this, go to the Registrar's Office and sign up for it today.

The focus of the seminar is on community building, spiritual formation, development of academic skills such as reading and writing, and integration of the various sub-fields of the discipline of missiology such as theology, mission history, evangelism, anthropology, religious studies, and church growth. The seminar provides a forum for open debate and discussion of contemporary missiological issues.

The primary readings for this semester will be a bit different than it has been in recent semesters. Because of (1) the growth of the ESJ school and (2) student and faculty input, we have decided to take a new look at what might be done each week during this important hour and fifteen minutes. Although the goals of the seminar (stated in the preceding paragraph) are the same, we would like to take a fresh look at the format of the course and use this semester as a time of experimentation. We will do the following:

1. Appoint a four-person student committee, the Seminar in Missiology Task Force, to work with the facilitator to plan each week's class time.
2. Use a variety of formats, some old, some new, so that possibilities can not only be talked about but put into practice. Formats might include guest presentations from people in the missiological field who visit our campus, presentations of academic research and writing by ESJ Faculty, sharing of dissertation research by doctoral students, and the discussion of articles and chapters from books in the field of missiology. We will try using different classroom techniques such as lecture, small group discussion, student reports, video, etc.
3. At the end of each class session we will ask students to fill out an evaluation of the class time. The Seminar in Missiology Task Force will use this input to develop a recommendation for the ESJ Faculty to consider for next year's seminar format. This will be a weekly opportunity for everyone to contribute to the future of the course.
4. Our goal is to develop a course plan based on student and faculty input, approved by faculty, by the last class meeting in May.

For this semester, Seminar Expectations are:

- Attend the seminar faithfully, on time. We will take attendance.
- Complete whatever week-to-week assignments the Seminar in Missiology Task Force may make.
- Complete an evaluation form of each weekly class. Some will be administered in class and collected then. We may ask for others to be completed after class and turned in at Prof. Muck's ESJ School mail slot **no later than Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., the day of the seminar**. You may email comments to Prof. Muck or Task Force members.

Simple refreshments will be provided each week (and the Wednesday morning coffee is free!). A sign-up sheet will be distributed in order to arrange for the refreshments

**Spring 2003 Schedule**

**2/12 Introduction**

**2/19** \_\_\_\_\_

**2/26** \_\_\_\_\_

**3/5** \_\_\_\_\_

**3/12** \_\_\_\_\_

**3/19** \_\_\_\_\_

**3/26** \_\_\_\_\_

**4/2** \_\_\_\_\_

**4/9 No Class: Reading Week**

**4/16** \_\_\_\_\_

**4/23** \_\_\_\_\_

**4/30** \_\_\_\_\_

**5/7** \_\_\_\_\_

**5/14** \_\_\_\_\_