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What is the Mission of the Church? **“Anthropological Insights for Diaspora Ministry”** **Dr. Steven Ybarrola** **Overseas Ministry Study Center, New Haven, CT** **January 16-20, 2012**

The John Leland Center will sponsor the participation of masters students in a five-day seminar at the Overseas Ministry Study Center in New Haven, CT. The topic of the week is “Anthropological Insights for Diaspora Ministry.” This seminar will apply the insights from the anthropological study of migration, urbanization, diasporas, transnationalism, and identity to the relatively recent field of diaspora missiology.

Students who participate will earn two credits in IS5129 – What Is the Mission of the Church? All students will be graded pass/fail. This course is a requirement for the M.Div. degree and can be used toward the Integrative Seminar requirement for the MTS and MCL degrees.

Speaker and Facilitator

Dr. Steven Ybarrola will be the featured lecturer. Dr. Ybarrola is professor of cultural anthropology in the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism, Asbury Theological Seminary. Steve has research experience in the southern Basque Country in Spain, in Estonia, among Cajuns in southern Louisiana, and among Latino immigrants in a small Iowa town. He was a missionary with Operation Mobilization, taking Bibles and Christian literature to believers behind the Iron Curtain in the late 1970s, and working with churches along the east coast of Central and South America on the ship Doulos. Steve is the United States representative of the Lausanne North America Diaspora Educators Forum.

Dr. Daniel Dapaah will be the Leland professor of record, who will facilitate discussion and analysis of the week’s learning and oversee completion of the Leland course syllabus that Leland students will follow to earn course credit.

Cost

This seminar will cost \$400 over and above the standard tuition cost for two credit hours. That cost will cover the OMSC registration fee, four nights lodging (shared double room) and all meals during the seminar (four continental breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners). Students will be responsible for their own transportation. Often the students and faculty will car-pool to share costs for travel, leaving Northern Virginia early Monday morning. **This fee can only be guaranteed through November 18**, when the block hold on housing will be released. We will try to accommodate late registrations and requests for single room or additional nights of lodging, but additional costs will likely be incurred.

Registration

Leland masters students should register for “IS5129 – What Is the Mission of the Church?” along with their registration for the Spring term. Registrants will receive an invoice from Leland for tuition plus the seminar fee. Leland will then coordinate all registration and housing reservations for the student with OMSC.

More Information

Following is a copy of the Leland syllabus for the course followed by a copy of the seminar schedule published by OMSC.

IS 5129: What is the Mission of the Church?

2 Credit Hours

J-Term (Jan 16-20, 2012)

Facilitator: Daniel Dapaah, Ph.D.: ddapaah@leland.edu

Course Description and Objectives

“What is the Mission of the Church?” is an integrative seminar designed to develop a global vision of the Church’s mission in the world, with a special emphasis on shaping future leaders to meet this task. Integrative seminars provide students an opportunity to assimilate and combine the knowledge to which they have been exposed in the foundational disciplines of Christian thought into a coherent and harmonized body of belief.

This course is a week-long intensive seminar on world mission sponsored by the **Overseas Ministries Study Center (OMSC), New Haven, CT**. The theme of the week is “Anthropological Insights for Diaspora Ministry.” The seminar will apply the insights from anthropological study of migration, urbanization, diasporas, transnationalism, and identity to the recent field of diaspora missiology. Dr. Steven Ybarrola, professor of cultural anthropology in E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism, Ashbury Theological Seminary, will be the featured lecturer. The course will be taught at Mercy Center, Madison, CT.

The Units

Mon, Jan 16 1:30 p.m. Registration

2:00 p.m. Defining Diasporas

Tues, Jan 17 9:00 a.m. Worship, led by Dr. Ybarrola

9:30 a.m. Anthropological Approaches to Diasporas and Transnationalism

2:00 p.m. Types of Diasporas and Ministries

Wed, Jan 18 9:30 a.m. Diasporas and Liminality: Living In-Between

2:00 p.m. Diasporas and Cultural Identity

Thurs, Jan 19 9:00 a.m. Worship, led by OMSC Resident

9:30 a.m. Diasporas and Power

2:00 p.m. Diasporas and Power (cont’d)

Fri, Jan 20 9:00 a.m. Researching Diasporas: A New Partnership Between
Anthropology and Missiology?

Requirements and Evaluation

1. **Attendance (10%):** Students must attend all sessions.
2. **Reading:** In preparation for the seminar, the student will read **three** books (see required text) and review the rest of the bibliography. Even though a reading report is not required, the student is urged to read all three books before January 16 in order to enjoy and fully participate in the program
3. **A Journal (30%):** The student will write a personal journal of the week. The seriousness and depth of the journal will be evaluated by the professor. Entries in the journal do not need to be long, but meaningful. Entries should include reflections on readings and discussions, reactions to papers presented, conversations with speakers and peers, personal experiences, and other issues that would have encouraged the student’s vision for world mission. Students are encouraged to write their entries for each day in the evening before going to bed. **Due** February 6, 2012.

4. **Personal Folder (20%):** The student will prepare a personal folder from the activities of the week, including handouts from speakers and any other materials researched on world mission during the seminar. **Due** February 6, 2012.
5. **Written Paper (40%):** The student will write a 12-15 double-spaced paper on a particular theme related to the seminar (in consultation with the professor). **Due** March 5, 2012.

Required Texts

1. Adeney, Miriam. "Colorful Initiatives: North American Diasporas in Mission." *Missiology*, XXXIX (1): 5-23, 2011.
2. Dufoix, Stephane. *Diasporas*. University of California Press, 2008.
3. Glick Schiller, Nina, Linda Basch and C. Blanc-Szanton. "Transnationalism: A New Analytic Framework for Understanding Migration." *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 645: 1-24, 1992.
4. Howell, Brian. "Multiculturalism, Immigration and the North American Church: Rethinking Contextualization." *Missiology*, XXXIX (1): 79-85, 2011.

Recommended

1. Evans Brazier, Jana and Anita Mannur. *Theorizing Diaspora*. Malden, MA: Backwell Publishing, 2003.
2. Geertz, Clifford. "Shifting Aims, Moving Targets: On the Anthropology of Religion." *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 11:12-13, 2005.
3. Glick Schiller, Nina, Ayse Caglar, and Thaddeus Guldbrandsen. "Beyond the Ethnic Lens: Locality, Globality, and Born-Again Incorporation." *American Ethnologist*, 33 (4): 612-633, 2006.
4. Lee, Jung Young. *Marginality: The Key to Multicultural Theology*. Fortress, 1995.
5. Levitt, Peggy. *God Needs No Passport: How Immigrants are Changing the American Religious Landscape*. New York: The New Press, 2007.
6. Tira, Sadira Joy, et al. *Scattered to Gather: Embracing The Global Trend of Diaspora* (produced for the Lausanne Conference in Capetown, S. Africa: LifeChanging Publishing, Inc., 2010).
7. Udotong, William. *Transnational Migration and the Reverse Mission of Nigerian-Led Pentecostal Churches in the U.S.A.: A Case Study of Selected Churches in Metro Atlanta*. Dissertation, Ashbury Theological Seminary, 2010.
8. Walls, Andrew. "Mission and Migration: The Diaspora Factor in Christian History." *Journal of African Christian Thought*, 5 (2): 10, December 2002.
9. Ybarrola, Steven. "An Anthropological Approach to Diaspora Missiology." Evangelical Missiological Society North Central Meeting, February 26, 2011 (available at conference).



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Anthropological Insights for Diaspora Missiology

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Seminar Outline

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Seminar Schedule:

Mon.,	Jan.	16	1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Registration Defining diasporas
Tues.,	Jan.	17	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship, led by Dr. Steven Ybarrola Anthropological approaches to diasporas and transnationalism. Types of diasporas and ministries.
Wed.,	Jan.	18	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Diasporas and Liminality: Living In-Between Diasporas and Cultural Identity.
Thurs.,	Jan.	19	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship, led by OMSC resident Diasporas and Power Diasporas and Power (cont'd)
Fri.,	Jan.	20	9:00 a.m.	Researching Diasporas: A New Partnership Between Anthropology and Missiology?

Resource Person: Steven Ybarrola is professor of cultural anthropology in the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism, Asbury Theological Seminary. Steve has research experience in the southern Basque Country in Spain, in Estonia, among Cajuns in southern Louisiana, and among Latino immigrants in a small Iowa town. He was a missionary with Operation Mobilization, taking Bibles and Christian literature to believers behind the Iron Curtain in the late 1970s, and working with churches along the east coast of Central and South America on the ship *Doulos*. Steve is the United States representative of the Lausanne North America Diaspora Educators Forum.

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- Michael Rynkiewich, "Pacific Islands Diaspora Studies," in *Pacific Islands Diaspora, Identity, and Incorporation*, eds. Jan Rensel and Alan Howard, in preparation.
- Pantoja, Luis, Jr., Sadira Joy Tira, and Enoch Wan, eds., *Scattered: The Filipino Global Presence*, Manila, Philippines: LifeChange Publishing, Inc.

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- Vertovec, Steven, "Conceiving and Researching Transnationalism," *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 22(2): 449, 1999.
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