

Theology and Public Life, TP 2321

**Time:** Fall 2011  
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**Purpose:**

The course will enable students to construct a viable public theology. To that end, we will probe various theological issues and their relevance for living out one's faith in the contemporary public space. A special emphasis will be given to theory of public vocation.

**Required Texts:**

Mathewes, Charles T., *A Theology of Public Life*, 0521539900.  
Placher, William C., editor, *Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation*, 0802829279.

**Requirements:**

The course will meet for four days, Friday and Saturday first week, and Friday and Saturday the week after. Every student will submit an argument paper, 15-20 pages long. The thesis should be approved by the instructor. In addition, students are expected to do a presentation on their argument and contribute to class discussions.