Micah Program

Donald Stump, PhD.
http://micah.slu.edu

Faculty:

Olga Arbelaez, Ph.D.
Jonathan Jacobs, Ph.D.
Chryl Laird, Ph.D.
Benjamin Looker, Ph.D.
Ian McReady-Flora, Ph.D.
David Meconi, S.J., Ph.D.
Clyde P. Ragland, Ph.D.
Brian Sholl, Ph.D.

Freshman Community
Upon arrival at the University, freshmen enroll in special sections of introductory courses that encourage interdisciplinary study and reflection and, in most cases, satisfy University core requirements.

Since enrollment is limited, classes are small, allowing participants to work closely with their instructors and their fellow students.

In the fall, we explore ideals of justice and social order in the Classical and Christian traditions. Students take the following two courses:

THEO 100  Theological Foundations
PHIL 105  Intro to Phil: Self and Reality

These courses sections are co-taught and consist of only students participating in the Micah Program.

In the spring, we turn to social problems that hinder the realization of the ideals that we studied in the fall. Students take at least one of the following:

ASTD 322  The Urban Crisis
AAM 201  Contemporary Black America
LAS 300  Introduction to Latin American Studies

Micah freshmen who have not fulfilled their English writing core requirement also take

ENGL 190  Advanced Strategies Of Rhetoric and Research

Companions
Students not affiliated with the Freshman Community may enter the program by attending Micah co-curricular activities, taking at least one course approved for the interdisciplinary Minor in Urban Poverty Studies, and performing at least 30 hours of community service with us.

Minor in Urban Poverty Studies
The interdisciplinary Minor, which is administered by the Micah Program, is open to all undergraduates at the University, regardless of their school or major. No affiliation with the Micah Program is required.

Requirements:

• At least four terms (or their equivalent) of community service, averaging at least 30 hours per term
• At least 18 hours of approved courses, of which no more than 6 hours may be at the 100-level
• MH 490 Senior Capstone (or equivalent).

Approved courses: Students are required to distribute their 18 hours in the following four categories:

General
Choose at least one of the following courses on the nature of justice and social ethics:

PHIL 105 Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality (Micah)
THEO 100 Theological Foundations (Micah)
THEO 260 Christian Morality (Micah) *
THEO 361 Social Justice *
THEO 367 Poverty, Wealth and Justice *
THEO 467 Social Ethics: Christian Faith in the Public Sphere *

*Or, these four courses can apply in an Area of Specialization instead.

Applied
Choose at least one of the following courses on urban social and political problems:

ASTD 315 American Social Movements
ASTD 320 Making the American City
ASTD 322 The Urban Crisis (cross-listed with AAM and HIST)
ASTD 324 Workshop in the City
CVNG 203 Sustainability and Environmental Engineering
ECON 410 Urban and Regional Economics
ED 220 Today's Diverse Educational Environment: Trends and Issues
EDF 304 School as a Social System
ENGL 190/195 Advanced Writing about Urban and Social Problems (Micah)
HIST 357 U.S. Social and Intellectual History Since 1861
HIST 361 Civil Rights in America, 1865-1965
NURS 432 Public Health Nursing (Nursing capstone option for the Certificate)
NURS 491 Community Project (Nursing capstone option for the Certificate)
NURS 492 Community Project (Nursing capstone option for the Certificate)
POLS 221 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice  
POLS 293: Urban Politics  
POLS 309 Aldermanic Internship  
POLS 321 - Shelter in America  
POLS 380 The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally  
POLS 397 Metropolitan Environment  
POLS 425 Urban Classics  
PPS 200 Government and Politics of City and Suburb  
PPS 408 Urban Issues: Poverty and Unemployment  
PPS 420 Urban Ecology: Communities and Neighborhoods  
PPS 426 Census and Neighborhood Analysis  
PPS 465 Urban Criminal Justice Policy  
SOC 250 Current Social Problems  
SOC 254 Urban Sociology  
SOC 410 Introduction to Urban Economic  
SOC 420 Urban Ecology: Neighborhood  
SOC 453 Urban Ethnography  
THEO 360 Christian Morality and Health Care

**Area of Specialization**

Choose at least two courses in one of the following areas:

**A. Cycles of Exclusion**

AAM 200 Introduction to African American Studies  
AAM 201 Contemporary Black America  
AAM 250 - Intergroup Dialogue  
AAM 320 African American Culture  
AAM 327 Diversity and Anti Oppression  
ASTD 330 Prisons in American Culture  
AAM 350 Social Inequality  
AAM 427 U.S. Anti-Black Racism  
AAM 483 Post 1900 African American Literature  
AAM 490 Black Women in Society  
CMM 432 Communicating Across Racial Divisions  
ENGL 324 Literature and the City  
ENGL 331 African American Literary Traditions II: After 1900  
FSTD 420 African American Cinema  
PHIL 482 Philosophy and Race  
POLS 215 Black Politics  
POLS 221 Civic Renewal: Service Learning and Community Justice  
POLS 393 Special Topics: Power in U.S. Society  
PPS 300 Current Urban Political and Governmental Problems  
PPS 410 Introduction to Urban Economics  
PPS 411 Urban Employment and Training Policy  
PPS 460 Law, Courts, and Urban Change  
PSY 434 African American Psychology  
SOC 218 Cities and Space  
SOC 355 Juvenile Justice  
SOC 336 Racial and Ethnic Relations  
SOC 440 Race, Gender, Class and Criminal Justice  
SOC 450 Social Stratification: The Sociology of Inequality  
SWRK 302 The American Social Welfare System  
SWRK 327 Diversity and Anti-Oppression Practice  
SWRK 407 Child Welfare Services  
THEO 226/335 African American Religious Traditions

**B. Immigration and Globalization**

IB 302 Latin American Business  
ECON 379 Economic/Political/Social Development--Latin America  
ENGL 485 Latino American Literature  
HIST 318 Modern Latin America  
LAS 300 Introduction to Latin American Studies  
OCS 372 Critical Perspectives of Culture, Occupation, and Justice  
PHIL 475 Latin American Philosophy  
POLS 257 Introduction to Latin American Politics  
POLS 258 Politics of Mexico  
POLS 354 Latin American Social Movements  
POLS 356 Political Process – Latin America  
POLS 357 Third World Development  
POLS 360 Problems of Globalization  
POLS 381 Latin American-U.S. Relations  
PUBH 235/ CMH 235 Contemporary Issues in Global Health  
SOC 318 Immigration  
SOC 345 The Sociology of Development--Latin America  
SPAN 223 Latin American Culture and Civilization  
SPAN 224 Meeting the Other--Hispanic Experience  
SPAN 419 Three in One--The Hispanic Experience  
SPAN 425 Cultural Stereotypes--Latin American  
THEO 260 Christian Morality (Micah sections only)  
THEO 337 US Hispanic Theology  
THEO 468 La sangre de los mártires  
THEO 469 La teologia del martirio en Latinoamerica: God of the Martyrs  
THEO 488 Nicaragua: Theology and Culture  
THEO 357 Studies in Faith and Reason, The Theology of Gustavo Gutierrez  
THEO 349 Hispanic Theology

**C. Health Care**

BSHS 200 The U.S. Health Care System (open only to students in the Program in Health Sciences)  
CSDI 300 Characteristics of Multicultural Populations  
DIET 430 Foundations in Community Nutrition  
NURS/SOC 236 Diversity and Health Disparities  
NURS 428, 429, or 432 Public Health Nursing (Nursing capstone option)  
NURS 491 or 492 Community Project (Nursing capstone option for the Minor)  
OCS 372 Critical Perspectives of Culture, Occupation, and Justice  
PUBH 235/ CMH 235 Contemporary Issues in Global Health  
PUBH 365/CMH 365 Public Health and Social Justice  
PUBH 462 Politics and Public Health Advocacy  
THEO 360 Christian Morality and Health Care
Theory of Social Justice
AAM/SOC 350 Social Inequality
AAM 433 Psychology of Oppression
AAM 481 Philosophy and Race
ENGL 415 Ethnic and Race Studies
PHIL 436 Topics in Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 475 Latin American Philosophy
PHIL 482 Philosophy and Race
PHIL 484 Catholic Social Thought
POLS 201 Ethics and Politics
POLS 352 Communism, Capitalism, and Social Justice
POLS 374 Capitalism, Racism, Patriarchy: Theorizing Structural Power
POLS 380 Structures of Poverty: Globally and Locally
PSY 433 Psychology of Oppression
SOC 450 Social Stratification: The Sociology of Inequality
THEO 260 Christian Morality (Micah sections only)
THEO 349 Hispanic Theology
THEO 357 The Theology of Gustavo Gutierrez
THEO 360 Christian Morality and Health Care
THEO 361 Social Justice
THEO 367 Poverty, Wealth, and Justice
THEO 382 Spirituality of Nonviolence
THEO 461 Spirituality and Political Commitment
THEO 467 Social Ethics: Christian Faith in the Public Sphere.

Senior Capstone
Complete MH 490 or an approved 3-hour senior capstone, practicum, or seminar in the student’s major. The course must culminate in an 8-10 page paper and an oral presentation on a topic involving urban poverty in the chosen Area of Specialization for the Interdisciplinary Minor.

Courses taken to satisfy the requirements of the core or of a major or minor in another discipline may also be counted toward the Interdisciplinary Minor. Courses, however, counted toward another interdisciplinary minor (such as African American Studies or Women's Studies) may not be included.

In unusual circumstances, students may (at the discretion of the Director) count relevant courses not listed above by contracting with the instructor to write a substantive paper related to urban problems or community service. Contracts must be approved no later than the fourth week of classes.

Study abroad:
Students pursuing the track in Immigration and Globalization have the option to study for a semester in Latin America. Courses taken there on the history and culture of the region may be counted toward the 9 hours required in that track. As soon as possible (and no later than the term before departing for Latin America or taking MH 490), students studying abroad as part of the concentration in Immigration and Globalization must fulfill a prerequisite of 3 hours of college Spanish or its equivalent.

Language study does not count toward the 18 hours required for the Interdisciplinary Minor.