

*Perkins School of Theology
Global Theological Education
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Contemporary Christians and their churches are engaging more directly than ever before in ministry to persons beyond their cultural and religious worlds. The United States has become a country of diverse cultures and religions. And churches are forming more direct partnerships with their Christian brothers and sisters outside the United States as they work with short-term mission groups in realizing the Gospel.

The Perkins Global Theological Education Program helps prepare pastors and other Christian leaders to guide congregations into more culturally sensitive, competent, and effective mission both within and outside the United States. Our program has three important aspects.

1. We offer significant immersion experiences in cultures other than those of the student. Through these experiences Perkins

students gain firsthand knowledge about building cross-cultural relationships and learning from others with a different life outlook.

2. We offer both Perkins students and interested lay persons seminars and workshops in Cultural Intelligence. These workshops prepare church leaders and short-term mission teams to enter into cross-cultural ministries with the greater awareness of cultural difference and the skills in cross-cultural communication necessary for fruitful partnerships and personal growth.

3. Both through course work at Perkins School of Theology and through public seminars we guide Christian leaders through the process of engaging in grass roots inter-religious dialogue for the purpose of building healthy religiously plural communities. Workshops in inter-religious dialogue include proven models for dialogue, hands-on experience, and contacts with neighbors of different religious faiths.



Registering for GTE Immersions Courses

Go to smu.edu/globaltheology. After carefully reviewing the course offerings and travel registration procedures please complete the online travel registration form and download and complete the paper forms.

Non-degree students and auditing students may apply for immersion courses using the same procedure. Policies are found at the GTE website.

Upcoming Immersion Courses

Summer 2011

Taizé, France - Worship and Liturgy in the Taizé community - Dr. Michael Hawn, Dr. Mark Stamm.

Durban, South Africa - Stories of the People of South Africa, Dr. Evelyn Parker and Dr. Alyce McKenzie

January 2012

Palestine Territories/Israel - Understanding Christianity in the Middle East - Dr. Robert Hunt, Dr. Valerie Karras

Waco, Texas - Living Among the Homeless - Dr. Hugo Magallanes

Spring Break 2012

El Salvador - Dr. Hal Recinos

Summer - 2012

Cuba - Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi

France - Early Twentieth Century Innovative French Theology - Dr. Billy Abraham

Iona - Monastic Spirituality - Dr. Elaine Heath

**Immersion Courses Upcoming in
2013—2015**

Philippines - Dr. Ruben Habito

China - Dr. Sze-kar Wan

India - Dr. Robert Hunt, Dr. Sze-kar Wan

Kenya - Dr. Elaine Heath, Dr. Ruben Habito

Moscow - Dr. Robert Hunt

Waco - Homeless Immersion - TBA

Texas Borderlands - Dr. Hugo Magallanes

Workshops for Church Leaders

Cultural Intelligence Seminars prepare leaders and teams to engage in cross-cultural ministries whether within the U.S. or abroad. Participants in these seminars learn the three key aspects of cultural intelligence: knowledge of one's own culture, mindfulness of the culture of others, and behavioral skills appropriate to engaging new cultures. The day-long seminars feature lectures, case studies, and group and personal exercises. They are based on the latest research by missiologists, sociologists, and psychologists, as well as the experience of generations of missionaries working across cultures.

Inter-Religious Dialogue Seminars prepare church and lay leaders to plan and engage in dialogue with their non-Christian neighbors. Participants will learn the etiquette of inter-religious dialogue, how to overcome common problems, and proven models for successful dialogue between laypersons. Depending on the community the seminars may provide the opportunity to meet non-Christian religious leaders directly discuss possible future dialogue opportunities.



Please send more information on Perkins School of Theology and its Program of Global Theological Education.

My primary interest is in:

- Perkins School of Theology degree programs
- GTE Seminars in Cultural Intelligence for VIM Group
- GTE Seminars in Inter-Religious Dialogue.

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