Spring 2027 Course Offerings

CCS 301 **Introduction to Chaplaincy Studies**
Dr. Cody Sanders

CCS 434/534 **Prophetic Care: Chaplaincy and Social Activism**
Dr. Kate Lassiter

Important Dates:

Spring Registration: November 20-December 18
Spring Term Begins: February 1
Course Drop Deadline: February 16 (last day for home school Registrars to inform CCS of student drops)
Spring Break: March 29-April 2
Spring Term Ends: May 14

CCS 301 Introduction to Chaplaincy Studies

Course Description: This foundational course introduces chaplaincy studies. Chaplains are rooted in their religious traditions yet serve diverse populations. Students explore ministry resilient to pluralistic demands, complex suffering, and institutional challenges. The course covers five chaplaincy contexts: hospital, military, prison, campus, and hospice.

Zoom Meetings: Thursdays February 18, March 18, April 15, and May 6, 6:30-8 PM Central Time

Book List:

- Cadge, Wendy and Shelly Rambo, eds. *Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care in the Twenty-First Century: An Introduction.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2022. ISBN: 9781469667607; Price: $27.95
- Hansen, Danielle Tumminio. *Trauma-Informed Spiritual Care: Interventions for Safety, Meaning, Reconnection, and Justice*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2024. ISBN: 97815064855836; Price: $29.64
- Helwig, Maggie. *Encampment: Resistance, Grace, and an Unhoused Community*. Toronto: Coach House Books, 2025 ISBN: 9781552455043; Price: $18.95
- Jobe, Sarah C. *No Godforsaken Place: Prison Chaplaincy, Karl Barth, and Practicing Life in Prison*. New York: T&T Clark, 2026. ISBN: 9780567719485; Price $29.95
- Page, Cara and Erica Woodland. *Healing Justice Lineages: Dreaming at the Crossroads of Liberation, Collective Care, and Safety*. Berkeley: North Atlantic Books, 2023. ISBN: 9781623177140; Price $19.95
- Stace, April. *White Knuckle Love: A Memoir of Holding*. Eugene: Resource Publications, 2020. ISBN: 9781725275065C; Price: $36.00

Instructor: Dr. Cody J. Sanders is Associate Professor of Congregational and Community Care Leadership at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, an affiliated faculty member in Pastoral Theology and Chaplaincy Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary, and a faculty member at the Center for Chaplaincy Studies. He is a former parish pastor and chaplain serving both Harvard and MIT. He has published a number of books, including, *Spiritual Care First-Aid: An All-Hands Approach for Church and Community* (Fortress, 2025), *Corpse Care: Ethics for Tending the Dead* (Fortress, 2023), and *A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth* (Westminster, 2019). Cody is an ordained Baptist minister (Alliance of Baptists and American Baptist Churches).

CCS 434/534 Prophetic Care: Chaplaincy and Social Activism

Course Description: Social movements require prophetic care emerging from core pastoral functions: healing, sustaining, guiding, reconciling, nurturing, empowering, and liberating. This course equips chaplains to accompany leader-full movements addressing systemic injustice and to offer compassionate and prophetic care throughout the social movement cycle.

Chaplains will reflect on their care work as sacred activism through pastoral image and theological metaphor and will have the opportunity to develop skills in healing and leadership.

Zoom Meetings: Fridays 10-11 AM Central Time

Book List:

- Stephanie M. Crumpton, *We 'Gon Be Alright: Resistance and Healing in Black Movement Spaces*, 2012-2021 (University of Arizona, 2025).
- Deepa Iyer, *Social Change Now: A Guide for Reflection & Connection* (Skinner House, 2024).
- Cody J. Sanders, *Spiritual Care First Aid: An All-Hands Approach for Church & Community* (Fortress, 2025).
- Pamela Ayo Yetunde, *Casting Indra's Net: Fostering Spiritual Kinship & Communi*ty (Shambhala, 2023).
- All other readings provided as PDF or permalink.

Instructor: Dr. Kate Lassiter is a feminist pastoral theologian with interests in disability rights, criminal justice reform, and sustainable agriculture. Her scholarship includes work on the role of religious practices in public strategies for healing and justice, theories of recognition, and feminist and queer theology. Her book *Recognizing Other Subjects: Feminist Pastoral Theology and the Challenge of Identity* identifies interpersonal, structural, and theological barriers to advancing care and justice and strategies for personal and social transformation.

Dr. Lassiter is the Senior Director of Lifelong Learning and Doctor of Ministry at Meadville Lombard Theological School. She has served as Visiting Instructor for the M.A. in Social Justice and Community Development at Loyola University Chicago, Associate (and Assistant) Professor of Religious and Pastoral Studies at Mount St. Joseph University, and Director of Theological Field Education at Chicago Theological Seminary. She holds a Ph.D. in Religion, Psychology, and Culture from Vanderbilt University where she was a fellow in the Program for Theology and Practice. She is also a yoga and meditation instructor and an avid outdoorswoman.