

THEO5948 Theology and Counseling Theories

ZOOM

12/1, 19/1, 26/1, 2/2, 9/2, 16/2, 23/2, 2/3, 9/3, 16/3, 23/3, 13/4, 20/4

* No Class on 30/3 (University Reading Week)

Tuesday 7pm

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Course Outline

Aims: The core of this course is built around the interface between theology and “secular” (or general) counseling. It aims to

1. familiarize students with a range of (“secular”) therapeutic models;
2. enhance students’ competence to read these models theologically.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1 Students will gain basic understanding on several models of secular counseling;
- 2 Students will learn the critical skills to theologize counseling theories with a mutually critical correlational perspective.
- 3 Students will start to appreciate the possibilities of integration between social scientific theories and theological traditions.
- 4 Students will gain a basic understanding on the meaning and how-to of reflective practice.

Assessment:

- 1 Take Home Examination 50% (deadline: Open Book; 2 weeks after the last lecture; sources used must be footnoted; Submitted to VeriGuide)
- 2 Book Review 40% (deadline: 2 weeks after the last lecture; Submitted to VeriGuide)
 - 2.1 Choose any one book among the following:
 - 2.1.1 Cooper, T. D. (2003). *Sin, pride, & self-acceptance: the problem of identity in theology & psychology*. Downers Grove, Ill.: IVP.
 - 2.1.2 Cooper, T. D. (2006). *Paul Tillich and psychology: historic and contemporary explorations in theology, psychotherapy, and ethics* (1st ed.). Macon, GA: Mercer University Press.
 - 2.1.3 Cooper, T. D. (2007). *Dimensions of evil: contemporary perspectives*. Minneapolis: Fortress.
 - 2.1.4 Cooper, T. D. (2009). *Reinhold Niebuhr and psychology: the ambiguities of the self*. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press.
 - 2.1.5 Cooper, T. D. (2012). *Grace for the injured self: the healing approach of Heinz Kohut*. Cambridge, U.K.: Lutterworth.
 - 2.1.6 Lester, A. D. (2003). *The angry Christian: a theology for care and counseling*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox.
 - 2.1.7 Webb, M. (2017). *Toward a theology of psychological disorder*. Eugene OR: Cascade.
 - 2.2 Number of words: not more than 2000
 - 2.3 Suggested Book Review Format:¹

¹ Swanson, D. M. (2010). Appreciating and Writing Book Reviews. Accessed 1 December 2020. <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/36966757/appreciating-and-writing-book-reviews-the-nam>

The following is a suggested format for a book review. There are no particular rules here, but all of the items in this outlines should be covered somewhere.

- *Introduction*: Introduce the issues under discussion and the book to be reviewed.
- *Part One*: Introduce the Author (background, education, experience, general qualifications to write this book).
- *Part Two*: Examine and evaluate the physical structure of the book.
- *Part Three*: Examine and evaluate the contents of the book with critical interaction.
- *Conclusion*: Pull all of your work together and write a concluding summary. Also, don't forget to tell the reader if you liked the book and recommend it or not, who might or might not benefit from the book.

2.4 Assessment Rubrics:²

Criteria	Unacceptable Lacking basics	Basic Adequate, but more is expected at this level	Proficient Well informed and skillfully executed	Exemplary Worthy to be imitated	Weight
Writing Style and Format	Regular and widespread violations of the Style Guide. Poor sentence and paragraph construction that interfere with clarity.	Largely adheres to the Style Guide, a few minor errors. Writing is essentially correct grammatically; syntax doesn't interfere with understanding.	Well executed in terms of style. Grammar and syntax commensurate with graduate-level work. Varied vocabulary and use of technical terms.	Well executed in terms of style. Excellent grammar; precise vocabulary and use of technical terminology.	10%
Evaluation of Book Structure	Superficial or no evaluation of the structure of the book in terms of back matter.	Limited evaluation of back matter, but little evaluation of its relevance or thoroughness (esp. in bibliography).	Thorough discussion and evaluation of back matter and bibliography. Shows some outside research into the field.	Thorough and well thought out discussion of back matter. Evidences thorough evaluation of the bibliography and references.	15%
Evaluation of the Author(s) Purpose, Goals, and Methodology	Superficial or little interaction with the author's actual purpose and goals. Unwarranted assumptions by the reviewer. Few or no quotations from author	Useful evaluation; quotes the author in appropriate places. Concerned with the author's actual purposes.	Thorough presentation of the author's purpose, goals, and methodology. Excellent and appropriate quotations.	Excellent and detailed examination of the author's purpose, goals, and methodology. Argumentation is presented in a solid, logical manner, well documented and insightful.	25%
Evaluation of the Content and Argumentation	Superficial evaluation, self-evident or banal comments (either positive or negative). Lacks quotations. Shows little grasp of the author's argument.	Acknowledges and grasps the author's arguments, makes an attempt at proper evaluation, and begins to ask good questions. Some quotations, but only marginally used.	Detailed evaluation of the content and argumentation. Asks and begins to answer penetrating questions. Demonstrates a clear understanding of the work. Excellent use of quotations.	Excellent and detailed examination of the content and argumentation. Probing questions and answers presented in a solid, logical manner; well documented and insightful. Excellent use of quotations.	25%
Critical Interaction and Conclusion	Superficial or self-obvious conclusion. Does not ask and answer penetrating questions, little or no interaction with the books critical issues.	A clearly presented but unremarkable conclusion. Minimal interaction with the material, but a start.	A clear and coherent presentation; a proper critical evaluation. A thoroughly thought-out and logically presented conclusion.	Demonstrates a compelling grasp of material. Makes an excellent evaluative presentation of the contents. The conclusion is clear and compelling.	25%

3 Class Discussion

10%

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² Ibid.

Plagiarism:

- 1 Proven plagiarism will earn you a failing grade in this course. You may visit <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/> to see how *plagiarism* is defined in the CUHK context.
- 2 Students must submit their written assignments also to the VeriGuide. A print out of receipt and signed Academic Honesty Declaration Statement from VeriGuide (received via e-mail after you have submitted your assignment) to their lecturer.

Contents:

Topics
1. Introduction: class discussion on Soul and Afterlife
2. On Person Centered Therapy— <i>Acceptance and God's Nature</i>
3. On Gestalt therapy— <i>Theological Reflection on "Presence"</i>
4. On REBT— <i>the experiential language of sin</i>
5. On Logo-Therapy— <i>Meaning of Suffering</i>
6. On some forms of healing associated with the Postmodern Spirituality 1: Family Constellation— <i>Theology and Paranormality/Parapsychology</i>
7. On some forms of healing associated with the Postmodern Spirituality 2: Past Life Regression Therapy— <i>Theology and Paranormality/Parapsychology</i>
8. Common Techniques in Some Postmodern Therapies— <i>Evangelical Faith, Truth, and the Postmodern</i>
9. Narrativity in Counseling— <i>Reconceiving Biblical Truth</i>
10. Emotion-Focused Therapy— <i>Role of Emotions in Christian Faith</i> (16 March)
11. On "Common Factors Debate"— <i>therapy as religious experience and God as the Healer</i>
12. Theologizing Intellectual Disability: <i>Coming to faith for people with severe intellectual disabilities</i>
13. Class Discussion

Book List (Selected):

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- Benner, D. G. (1987a). *Christian counseling and psychotherapy*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker.
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- Browning, D. S. (1966). *Atonement and psychotherapy*. Philadelphia: Westminster.³
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- Cormier, L. S., Nurius, P., & Cormier, L. S. (2003). *Interviewing and change strategies for helpers: fundamental skills and cognitive behavioral interventions* (5th ed.). Pacific Grove, CA: Thomson/Brooks/Cole.
- Dryden, W. (2002). *Handbook of individual therapy* (4th ed.). London; Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage.
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- Ellis, A., & Bernard, M. E. (1985). *Clinical applications of rational-emotive therapy*. New York: Plenum.
- Erwin, E. (1978). *Behavior therapy: scientific, philosophical, and moral foundations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Fagan, J., & Shepherd, I. L. (1970). *Gestalt therapy now: theory, techniques, applications*. New York: Harper & Row.
- Fleck, J., & Carter, J. D. (Eds.). (1981). *Psychology and Christianity: integrative readings*. Nashville: Abingdon.
- Forsyth, J. (1997). *Faith and human transformation: a dialogue between psychology and theology*. Lanham, Md.: University Press of America.
- Fowler, J. M. (1981). *Stages of faith: the psychology of human development and the quest for meaning*. San Francisco: Harper & Row.
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- Hubble, M. A., Duncan, B. L., & Miller, S. D. (1999). *The heart & soul of change: what works in therapy*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
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