

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY **COURSE DESIGNATOR:** SAT 2701HF

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TITLE: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION **TERM:** F **YEAR:** 2009-2010

PROFESSOR: DR. PAMELA J. REEVE

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO 12 students UNLIMITED _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A systematic study of several main topics in the philosophy of religion: faith and reason, divine attributes, petitionary prayer, the problem of evil, miracles, religious experience, the relationship of religion to ethics, and the problem of religious diversity.

CLASS OBJECTIVES: Students will gain a well-founded understanding of different views on select topics in the philosophy of religion. The course aims at developing skills in the use of conceptual analysis and clarification in understanding and articulating religious ideas.

PREREQUISITES: None.

REQUIRED TEXT: Readings will be taken from ancient, medieval, and contemporary sources.

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

– 2 short essays (35% each), discussion participation (10%), final exam (20%)

ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Brümmer, Vincent. *What are we Doing When we Pray?: A Philosophical Inquiry*. SCM Press, 1984.
Corner, David. *The Philosophy of Miracles*. Continuum Press, 2007.
Hick, John, ed. *Classical and Contemporary Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*. Prentice Hall, 1990.
Mann, William E., ed. *The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Religion*. Oxford UP, 2005.
Peterson, Michael L. *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Religion*. Blackwell, 2004.
Swinburne, Richard. *The Coherence of Theism*, revised edition. Oxford UP, 1993