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THRS 325: Providence, Suffering, and Freedom

Spring 2018: Dr. Howard Ebert

Students in this course examined various possibilities for “making sense” of traditional Christianity’s belief in an omnipotent, all loving, providential God in light of contemporary awareness of the tragedy not only of personal suffering but also of social suffering, and of the radicalness of human freedom. As a Community Engagement and Academic Service-Learning course, students read various theological and literary texts on the topic coupled with reflecting on this central theological issue in light of their engagement working with various constituencies in the local community.

“This course allowed me to explore my spirituality and add an additional component for what it means to perform meaningful service. Having the opportunity to meet, connect, and grow with the guests at St. John’s Homeless Shelter has opened my eyes to what it means to truly take the preferential option for the poor, and how I can help find meaning in circumstances that seem senseless.” -Briana Scott, '19

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Students



540
Hours of
Service

"Through the Providence, Suffering, and Freedom course I worked with the shelters of Green Bay, and these places have allowed me to learn a lot about myself. Better yet, help enhance the Green Bay community. Service is one of the prime components that has allowed many of us to grow within ourselves or in our faith. I hope to continue service work even when I graduate."
-Ernie Beltran '20