

STMA 593 – Case Teaching in Religious Education

2 credits

June 18 - 23, 2006

Unique Opportunity. The nationally recognized Case Teaching Institute selects a different Theological School or Seminary for its summer teaching institute using the Case Method. This is the first time for the Institute to be held at the School of Theology and Ministry.

Courses Description: Religious education in the church setting seeks to foster theological imagination in the congregation as it does its work of healing, encouraging, teaching, and social justice-making. Case teaching offers an important set of skills and practices that can help the pastor lead her or his church in such a direction. This course, a workshop of teaching and writing cases in multiple educational settings, draws on faculty from several universities and seminaries to teach, equip, coach, and model case teaching.

Syllabus: A detailed syllabus for STM Students will be available spring quarter. It will include but not limited to the following:

1. Students will be expected to fully participate in the Case Teaching Institute and meet the requirements of the participants as outlined in the Case Teaching Notebook.
2. Participation in a special lecture / discussion on the uses of the Case Teaching method in churches and parachurch organizations. Other issues may include Religious Education, globalization and theological reflection for change using a Case.
3. Students will be required to submit and teach a case appropriate for a church or parachurch setting.
4. A reflection paper on their experience will be required.

Student Text: One Student Text will be required reading:

- *The Globalization of Theological Education:* ed Alice Frazer Evans, Robert A. Evans, and David A. Roozen. Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York 10545 –[ISBN: 0883449188]
- The Case Teaching Institute Notebook [available by registering with the Case Institute]

Faculty: For STM students taking the course for credit, Richard Cunningham will be the faculty for this course. He will also provide information about the Case Method and steps to register with the Case Teaching Institute.

Visiting Faculty Include: Dudley Rose, Associate Dean, Harvard Divinity School, Mark Hamilton, Hebrew Bible, Abilene Christian University, SamJung Kang-Hamilton, Religious Education Abilene Christian University, Potential assignments and principles for the course

Case Method: School of Theology and Ministry is hosting the annual Case Teaching Institute sponsored by the Association for Case Teaching (ACT). The Case Method was developed in the early 1900 by professional schools to prepare students for the world of practice. The Harvard schools of law, business and medicine concluded that the Case Method was one of the best ways diagnose, decide and act on real world problem and change.

Registration for STM Academic Credit: Students taking this 2 credit course for credit will need to register for STMA 593 using the regular STM registration process. This course may be taken for degrees that require a Religious Education course or may be used as an elective.

Registration for the Case Teaching Institute: Students will register and pay for the Case Teaching Institute. Richard Cunningham will have complete registration materials.

For additional information correspond with

Case Teaching Institute: e-mail: act@acu.edu Phone: 325.674.4807.

The Case Teaching Institute will provide as part of the registration all preparatory materials, and detailed instructions for the Institute. A Case Teaching Notebook: The cost of the notebook is included in the registration fee.

Daily Schedule: The institute begins Sunday afternoon Sunday June 18 and concludes at noon on Friday, June 23. Because it is an institute it meets daily with a long lunch break.