

SALAAM ALAYKUM - PEACE BE UPON YOU

Course HRHM 4816

Sufi Storytelling and The Art of Sermon

Thursdays 7:10 PM-9:40 PM

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

All students are required to attend all classes.

If the need to be absent is necessary, please let me know as soon as possible.

All students should participate in each class session to the best of their abilities.

Mid-term paper- Due Wednesday, March 19th (1-2 pages; brief summary of what you have learned so far and how you might apply it in your ministry)

Final Project- Sermon Presentation. 10-12 minute sermon presented in class with instructor feedback following. Written sermons or outlines to be handed in at time of presentation. Presentations will begin March 31st, and will be the focus of the second half of the semester.

There is no required reading. Course will be based on lectures.

A suggested reading list will be available.

CLASS SESSIONS:

Lecture Sessions: February 3, 10, 17, 24,

March 3, 10, 17 (Mid-term paper due)

SPRING RECESS: March 24 NO CLASS

Presentation Sessions: March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5

Lecture and Review: May 12 & 19

Limit: 15

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Our primary text will be the book **LIBERATING THE SOUL: A GUIDE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**, Volume One, by Shaykh Nazim Adil al-Haqqani.