Summer 2022

IDIS 290 B

Title: Muslim-Christian Engagement and Learning

Description: Learn together virtually with students from Cairo, Egypt in this unique 1-credit June term. Calvin folks and Al Azhar University students in Cairo will have the opportunity to build connections and friendships through learning together about their faith cultures and the sacred texts in their religious traditions. The course includes Scriptural Reasoning, an interfaith practice in which folks from diverse religious backgrounds read selected texts from their respective traditions and explore how these excerpts might illuminate contemporary global issues. The virtual Scriptural Reasoning sessions are organized by the Al Amana Centre in the Sultanate of Oman and partners in the United Kingdom. Calvin students will also encounter and engage with persons of different religious traditions in their own communities. This course meets virtually and synchronously June term (May 31-June 25, 2022) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 – 11:30 am EDT and fulfills the CCE (cross-cultural engagement) graduation requirement for heritage core students. Led by Jeffrey Bos, Doaa Baumi, and Joel Pierce.

Fall 2022

IDIS 290 A / AA

Title: Exploring Race in America

Description: Exploring Race in America describes and analyzes race and racism in the USA historically and currently. It highlights important events, movements, people, ideas, social patterns, and policies critical for understanding the race landscape and issues of today. It includes examination of the evolution of identities such as “whiteness” and “blackness.” Students engage with a variety of media and written texts and participate in in-person facilitated discussion sections once a week. They also complete 6 hours of approved cross-cultural engagement events/activities. 0-1-credit. Pass/fail. This course fulfills the CCE graduation requirement for heritage core students. Course offered for full semester in person on the main campus, Tuesdays, 6-6:50 pm. Led by Dr. Eric Washington