

## **THE 3040 Theology of Creation Care (3 Units)**

This course explores various views of creation and the natural world within Scripture and the Christian tradition with the goal of helping students understand the importance of creation care as the responsibility of all Christians. This course will also identify and assess ways that individuals and churches can advocate for and participate in practices that support sustainability and ecological justice.

Attend / partic occasional quizzes

Class presentation on a day's reading

5-6 page response to one book

Present summary of that response during finals

One hands-on activity for creation's good

Trip to Julian and journaling

Aug 29 – Introduction to the course, and of ourselves.

Aug 31 – Essays by Lynn Write and Laurel Kearns.

### ***African Perspectives:***

Sept 5 – *God and Creation*, Preface, Chapters 1 & 2

Sept 7 – *G&C*, Chapter 3

Sept 12 – *G&C*, Chapters 4, 5, & 6

Sept 14 – *G&C*, Chapter 7

Sept 19 – *G&C*, Chapters 8 & 9

Sept 21 – *G&C*, Chapters 10 & 11

***Default Hands-On Activity:*** (If this doesn't work with your schedule, you will need to find an acceptable replacement activity approved by professor.)

Join us at the 2nd Annual PLNU Sunset Cliffs Clean Up on **September 23, 2023** from **9 a.m. to noon**. PLNU will once again partner with [\*I Love A Clean San Diego\*](#) and the [\*Point Loma Association\*](#) Mean Greeners.

All PLNU students, faculty, staff, alumni, family, and friends are welcome. You don't need to sign up for this event, just show up ready to have fun and clean up the coast! There is a free T-shirt for the first 200 to arrive.

At 9 a.m., we'll kick off the morning at the *Sunset Cliffs Natural Park* (Ladera Street parking lot) with coffee, light snacks, and a warm welcome. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes, closed-toed shoes, and sun protection. Staying hydrated is highly encouraged so be sure to bring a water bottle.

### ***A Feminist-Phenomenological Perspective:***

Sept 26 – Sallie McFague, *Super, Natural Christians*, Chapters 1 & 2

Sept 28 – *SNC*, Chapter 3

The Student Sustainability Fair will take place on Wednesday October 4th, as part of Creation Care Week. Our own Ally Gilmeister finalized the details and the options for projects will be:

- A sustainability related project that you are working on; or
- A sustainability related issue and your proposed solution; or
- How does sustainability relate to your major or career path?

Students will be allowed to run a booth solo or with a partner. A few of the other environmental-related classes that I've reached out to are offering this as an extra credit opportunity- is that something you'd like to do for Theology of Creation Care as well?

***YEP!***

Oct 3 – *SNC*, Chapters 4 & 5

Oct 5 – *SNC*, Chapter 6

Oct 10 – *SNC*, Chapter 7 & Epilogue

Oct 12 – Catching up, catching our breath

**Oct 13-15 – Proposed weekend in Julian: nature hikes, Sallie McFague-style journaling, and apple pie!**

***A Catholic Feminist-Dialogical Perspective***

Oct 17 – Elizabeth Johnson, *Creation and the Cross*, Introduction & Book I

Oct 19 – *C&C*, Book II. **Journal reflections from weekend retreat due at class time.**

Oct 24 – *C&C*, Book III

Oct 26 – *C&C*, Book IV, 4.1 – 4.5 (pp. 113-141)

Oct 31 – *C&C*, Book IV, 4.6-4.9, Book V, 5.1-5.5 (pp. 142-183)

Nov 2 – *C&C*, Book V, 5.6-5.7 (pp. 183-194); excerpt from Lodahl, *Renewal in Love*

Nov 7 – *C&C*, Book VI

Nov 9 – A little wiggle room.

***A Wesleyan Perspective:***

Nov 14 – Sharon Delgado, *Love in a Time of Climate Change*, Acknowledgements, Chapters 1 & 2

Nov 16 – *LTCC*, Chapters 3 & 4

Nov 21 - Thanksgiving Break

Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Break

Nov 28 – *LTCC*, Chapters 5 & 6

Nov 30 – *LTCC*, Chapters 7 & 8

Dec 5 -- *LTCC*, Chapters 9 & 10

Dec 7 – *LTCC*, Chapters 11 & 12

**Final Exam Session Scheduled for Thursday, Dec 14, 1:30-4 p.m. Students will give an oral presentation summarizing their book response paper.**