TERM: Summer II, 2013

COURSE TITLE: "Literature and Faith in the Holy Land"

COURSE NUMBERS: JWST 398.01

Students will be able to adjust this course to meet THST or ENGL requirements. If you intend to request a CAPP adjustment to have the class count for your upper division THST core requirement, you must first get approval from Prof. Tracy Tiemeier (Fall 2012) or Prof. Charlotte Radier (Spring 2013) in THST BEFORE you enroll in the course. The course can be CAPP adjusted to count for the ENGL upper division literature requirement after successful completion of all requirements.

SECTION TIMES/DAYS: Class meets at LMU for the first week, then travels together to Israel for a 2-week study tour.

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Holli Levitsky.

CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED, CONTACT DR. LEVITSKY AT hlevitsk@lmu.edu or 310.338.7664 for the consent permission.

COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS:
In this engaged learning course, students will investigate the common roots and divergence of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam through a close study of literature about and authors from these faith traditions. The class begins in Los Angeles, and then travels as a knowledge-building learning community to Israel for a two-week Study Tour. Along the way, students will read great literature, visit significant sites, and engage with people of diverse faith traditions. Energized by learning that is challenging, authentic, integrative, interdisciplinary and interfaith, they will become producers of knowledge. Interwoven with the curriculum and instruction, the students' on-site experiences will generate collaborative and empathetic discussions and productions. Students will reflect on these complex issues through blogs, and the creation of a collaborative website and class literary journal.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Students will know about great literary traditions within Judaism, Christianity and Islam;
Students will value the literary traditions of these 3 Abrahamic faiths and the commonalities and divergences of those traditions;
Students will be able to recognize and identify significant sites on the landscape of Israel and Palestine that are found within the literary traditions of these faiths;
Students will be able to reflect upon and to analyze, through oral and written communication, the value of all 3 literary and faith traditions.

PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND
Upper division standing. Permission of instructor. The Jewish Studies Program will subsidize most of each student's on-site and travel costs; additional fees will apply (TBD) and be paid by the student in the form of a lab fee. The Jewish Studies Program offers a limited number of scholarships for tuition.

REQUIRED TEXTS
A course pack of readings will be provided to students, which they will carry with them throughout their Israel study tour. The cost will be included in the lab fee for the course.